

Dear Colleagues,

HOPE Headlines – 2022/23 Term 1

Welcome to new readers and welcome back to all those who continue to work in partnership with us to support Bristol's children in care at all educational stages, from Early Years to University.



Each term we use the HOPE Headlines to share key updates and reminders with you to support our work together.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to all those young people who received GCSE, A Level and other qualification results over the summer. Our thanks once again to the foster carers, social workers, teachers and school leaders whose support made this possible.

We look forward to working with you all this academic year.

Best wishes,
The HOPE Team

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[The HOPE has information and guidance online](#)

1. HOPE staff news

We would like to welcome to the staff team, Zoe Heywood who has taken up the role of Interim Virtual School Head from September. Zoe has a wealth of experience as a Virtual School Head and education consultant in many other local authorities. Zoe will be hoping to meet many professionals over the next few weeks and can be contacted by email: Zoe.Heywood@bristol.gov.uk

If you would like contacts for any other member of our team, our leaflet with all the details is attached to this email.

2. HOPE training offer 2022/23

Designated Teacher training

We will be our initial DT training on a number of dates this year. As a new DT we would like you to attend one of the days throughout the year. The course is free but you need to book a place using the link next to the date.

Venue: Bridge Learning Campus Professional Development Centre from 9am to 3.30pm

Monday 23rd January 2023: <https://forms.office.com/r/M58Tmj6qTQ>

Tuesday 18th April 2023: <https://forms.office.com/r/qhUJ3K7Bt4>

Designated Teacher training for previously looked after children

15/11/2022, 9am to 1pm

Venue: Bridge Learning Campus Professional Development Centre

The course is free, but you need to book a place using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Bm19jxWZva>

If you are unable to make this session, we will be running a further session on 28/03/23; 9am to 1pm.

To book onto this session please use this link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/AgVxCxx8Xm>

Early Years Briefings

This session is for Early Year Colleagues with responsibility for Children in Care. The course is free, but you need to book a place using the form below. Each session is limited to 20 participants and you will be sent a link to join the briefing.

Online Briefings via Microsoft TEAMS:

- Thursday 8th December 2022: 10am-12pm

Please book using this link : <https://forms.office.com/r/EdWdrRghiK>

- Tuesday 25th April 2023: 2pm -4pm

Please book using this link : <https://forms.office.com/r/UZyjsqS1h5>

Trauma informed training

After the success of last year's training on Trauma informed Practice, the HOPE will be teaming up with Bristol's Educational Psychology Service to offer the sessions again this year:

The course is titled: 'Practical ways to support children who have experienced trauma' and we will be running sessions specific to school phases. This course is suitable for Designated Teachers, SENCO's, Designated Safeguarding Leads, or Pastoral Leads. The course is a chance to develop some knowledge on strategies or ethos that could be embedded in school. To book onto one of these courses please complete the online form for the specific date.

Venue: Bridge Learning Campus Professional Development Centre from 9am to 3.30pm

Primary Schools Trauma Informed Practice – 8th November 2022:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XuTpvemZTz>

Secondary Schools Trauma Informed Practice – 1st Dec 2022:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MBdROSEnUb>

Social Worker Training:

We will be running online training: Introduction to THE HOPE and supporting education for children in care and previously looked after children. This is suitable for any social care practitioners. If you

are new to your role or you would just like a refresher please book via i trent for the next session which is taking place on 18th January 2023 from 2pm – 3.30pm

3. **Previously Looked After Children (P-LAC)**

REMINDER: 6th October deadline - Pupil Premium for Previously Looked After Children will be allocated to schools by the DfE based on the October (rather than the January) school census.

There is an opportunity for Bristol Secondary Schools to review and develop their offer for previously looked after children with support from The HOPE. If you would like to arrange a one-hour session, please e-mail Shelina.jerram@bristol.gov.uk

4. **The Mary Palmer Poetry Competition 2022**

We invite entries to this year's competition with the theme 'Celebration'. Please see flyer attached to this e-mail for further details and link to our Virtual Poetry Workshop! Entries by post or to thehope@bristol.gov.uk. Closing date - 7th November 2022.

5. **Attendance**

It is very important that our children and young people go into school every day. Good attendance helps them to do well in their education, improves outcomes and keeps them safe. Please can we ensure that children are in school and wherever possible make appointments outside school hours. If you have any concerns about attendance, please contact the HOPE advocate for the young person ASAP.

Holidays in term time are not agreed for children in care unless there are exceptional circumstances. In this case, Social workers will need to complete the following form [here](#) and agreement will need to be signed off by the Head of Service and Virtual School Head before anything can be booked.

More information can be found on our website <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/the-hope/social-care-staff/school-attendance-and-exclusions>