

INFORMATION FLYER

January 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the January 2021 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.



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1. Rural Teaching Partnership

The Diocese of Norwich has been selected as one of ten pilot Dioceses to seek to increase teacher recruitment into rural areas. Working with Teach First, the Chartered College of Teaching and the Church of England Education Office we are seeking to attract 6 – 10 high quality graduates to teacher vacancies in the Diocese for September. I have written to eligible schools already but Teach First have just confirmed that they are prepared to look at **any rural school** as this is a pilot.

We have examples of church schools in the Diocese who have used Teach First prior to this pilot. They wax more than lyrical about the quality of candidates recruited and how it has helped transform their teaching and learning. If you want to find out more there are several ways to do this:

1. Attend a national Zoom meeting (which includes one of our primary schools talking about their experiences). Apologies for short notice!

21/01/2021, 14.00- 15.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81476592435?pwd=UHDab1NOMkh6Z2Y0NVloWmhYVzIrdz09>

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2. Email Holly Davy to receive a link to the recording of the briefing session that we held on 11th January 2021 (holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org)
3. Email Holly Davy who can put you in touch with Adrian Crossland, Headteacher at Kessingland Primary Academy, a school who have benefited from Teach First candidates

Whilst the publicity material asks schools to commit to having a candidate by the end of February, the reality is that if you have a vacancy for a teacher in September at any point between now and May it is worth considering this pathway.

2. Upcoming training – ALL via Zoom

All our 2021 training can be accessed through the diocesan website via the following link <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/training-events/> scroll down the page to select the course of your choice.

Alternatively, please click on the link in the below table which will direct you straight to book via Event Brite. *Please ensure the email address entered when booking is that of the person physically attending the training.*

COURSE	DATE	LINK
Linking Up' Can we deliver effective RE & Spiritual Development across the whole curriculum?	04/02/2021	Linking Up
The Norfolk Agreed Syllabus 2020	09/02/2021	Norfolk Agreed Syllabus
Teaching statutory Relationships, Relationships and Sex (RSE) and Health Education in Church Schools and Academies	02/03/2021	Teaching RSHE
Collective Worship Best Practice Group	03/03/2021	Collective Worship
Subject Leadership Toolkit	04/03/2021	Toolkit
RE Local Leaders Forum	08/03/2021	RE Leaders Forum
RE for NQTs	10/03/2021	RE for NQTs
Is your RE Ofsted ready?	16/03/2021	Is your RE Ofsted Ready
Global Neighbours - An Introduction to this Quality Mark	24/03/2021	Global Neighbours
Linking and Thinking - explore connections that use the Agreed Syllabus for RE 2019	25/03/2021	Linking and Thinking
The Bigger Picture - Exploring Global Christianity and World Views	20/04/2021	The Bigger Picture
Headteachers' Conference	27/04/2021	Headteachers' Conference
The use of Art and Images in RE	28/04/2021	The use of Art and Images in RE
SIAMS Schedule for School Leaders	05/05/2021	SIAMS Schedule for School Leaders
Headteachers' Forum	17/06/2021	Headteachers' Forum
Developing LGBT+ Inclusion in Church Schools and Academies	29/06/2021	Developing LGBT
RE Moderation and Sharing of Good Practise	08/15/22 June 2021	RE Moderation

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3. SIAMS update

Following the announcement by the government on 3rd December that Ofsted graded inspections will remain suspended until the summer term we can confirm that SIAMS Inspections will not resume until summer term of 2021 at the earliest. We will be working with the Department for Education and the other section 48 providers to consider the most effective and supportive way of resuming SIAMS inspection.

4. Message for Big Start assembly users



If you are using Big Start assemblies, please read this important note sent from them to us: 'With schools now closed, we completely understand that schools want to ensure children still have access to online learning resources. Your CofE schools and academies can therefore still make use of these BSA resources during lockdown and share them with their pupils/parents through a secure portal. This could include a private Google Drive or an online learning portal, such as Moodle, just as long as it is private to their school network and not placed on platforms such as their school website where these resources are easily accessible to everyone.'

If any of your schools have any individual inquiries about the use of these materials, or encounter any problems using their account, they can email info@bigstartassemblies.org and I will be happy to answer their inquiries! Alternatively, they can also contact Emily Maguire through phone on 01825 748316.'

5. DfE message on internet access

Internet access

Get internet access

Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children

Schools, trusts and local authorities can help disadvantaged children get online using free mobile data increases or 4G wireless routers provided by the Department for Education. You can request this support for children and young people who meet all 3 of these criteria:

- does not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- is experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

DfE is working in partnership with mobile network operators to help schools support disadvantaged pupils in years 3 to 11 who rely on a mobile internet connection when their face-to-face education is disrupted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Disadvantaged families may be able to benefit from free increases to their mobile data if they're a customer of either:

- EE
- Three
- Sky Mobile
- SMARTY
- Tesco Mobile
- Virgin Mobile

More providers may join the scheme soon.

The amount of data available to families will vary by provider. Data will be increased until the end of July 2021. Schools, trusts and local authorities will be able to [request these free mobile data increases for families during the spring and summer 2021 terms](#) if they're experiencing disruption to face-to-face education.

Schools, trusts and local authorities need to [submit mobile information through our online service](#).

Each provider will vary in how quickly they process requests.

Once a network provider has processed a data increase, they'll send a text message to the account holder. It's also possible to check the status of requests through the online service.

4G wireless routers

Schools, trusts and local authorities in England can request more 4G wireless routers for disadvantaged children in years 3 to 13 who are experiencing disruption to face-to-face education and do not have a broadband connection or access to the internet at home.

The process for ordering 4G wireless routers is different to that for ordering laptops and tablets.

Routers may be dispatched separately to any laptops and tablets you order, and may arrive at a later date.

How to order 4G wireless routers

If you've already received routers or are waiting for a delivery, please read the [guidance on preparing 4G routers](#) for information on technical support, security and data limits.

6. Resources - RE



NATRE

Resources available to all schools: <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/>

Blended learning, virtual opportunities and new ways of working for 4-16s

This is a great free resource that we provides lots of high quality RE resources for remote teaching and learning.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/uploads/Free%20Resources/Blended%20learning%20virtual%20opportunities%20and%20new%20ways%20of%20working%20for%204-16s%20v2.pdf>

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Free units of work for Y1-9 in RE, they have recently added second units to many year groups. So there are now 10-20 editable lesson videos for each year group. <https://www.thenational.academy>



RE:ONLINE
THE PLACE FOR EXCELLENCE

REonline

Free CPD sessions for RE leads - at present course one self study unit on world views: <https://www.teachre.co.uk/teach-re-course/teachre-free-self-study-module/>

And one self-study course on introducing RE suitable for NQTs, HLTAs and other staff new to teaching RE: <https://www.teachre.co.uk/teach-re-course/teachre-primary/>

RE Competition

Great RE competition, take a look: <https://www.reonline.org.uk/news/pupil-blog-competition/>

7. Resources - PE

Active Norfolk have developed some e-learning modules for schools around how physical activity can help negate the impacts of lockdown and social restrictions on young people, these are now available to access here <https://www.activenorfolk.org/activity-at-school>



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8. Science Festival



The Primary Science Teaching Trust and Suffolk & Norfolk Science Learning Partnership would like to invite you and your teachers to our East of England Online Primary Science Festival which runs from **Monday 1st February until Thursday 11th February 2021**. This is a series of twilight sessions which will run each day from 4-5pm on zoom. There is **no cost** to schools to attend, everyone is welcome. **Attached flyer for full information.**

Across the fortnight there is a programme of remote workshops exploring a wide array of Primary Science topics suitable for teachers working in both the Early Years and Primary settings. The festival is sponsored by Primary Science Teaching Trust and hosted by the Norfolk & Suffolk Science Learning Partnership.

We have designed this festival so that teachers can pick and choose sessions in line with their needs. All of the sessions run 4-5pm.

BOOKING

Each workshop has an individual online link taking you to the booking page on the STEM Learning website. Simply follow the link and then book. We will then send you a confirmation email with the zoom link about 10-14 days before the event. If you have any issues please contact Jane & Karin - Training@swaveseyvc.co.uk

9. Children's Mental Health Week assembly – with BAFTA Kids and Oak National



With less than a month to go until Children's Mental Health Week 2021, Place2Be has teamed up with BAFTA Kids and Oak National Academy to create a free assembly on the theme of Express Yourself.

The assembly will be available to all schools and families on Monday 1 February – and will feature pupils and well-known faces discussing the theme of Children's Mental Health Week, as well as ways that children and young people can get involved at home. It will be hosted by Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell and CBBC Presenter and Place2Be Champion Rhys Stephenson.

For Full information please visit: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/children-s-mental-health-week-assembly-with-bafta-kids-and-oak-national-academy/>