

Next Inset Day

INSET 28th March 2022 – if you have not yet completed your evaluation of the day please make sure it is done by 8th April.

Tuesday 12th July Service Day

Communities of Practice

English - Monday April 11th at 12 p.m.

Diary Dates

	2022-23
INSET	Mon 5 th Sept
INSET	Fri 21 st Oct
Service Day	Thurs 8 th Dec
INSET	Wed 29 th March
Service Day	Tues 11 th July

Room Booking

Please see [HantsNews item](#) on New Room booking system and meeting room technology for hybrid meetings.

Hybrid Teams Meeting Room Technology



[Hybrid meeting room technology](#)

[Meeting room upgrades - coming next week \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Safeguarding

A reminder that all learners should receive information on safeguarding, and that we have a designated safeguarding email HAsafeguarding@hants.gov.uk for learners

Recommended:

[Questioning - Geoff Petty](#)

British Library 19th Century Collection: freely accessible

With more than 65,000 works and over twenty-five-million-page images, the British Library 19th Century Collection is now freely accessible to anyone world-wide via [Historical Texts — Home \(jisc.ac.uk\)](#)

Is disability the hidden diversity issues?
[The FE Week Podcast: Is disability the hidden diversity issue?](#)

Don't forget to share any useful webinars with your colleagues and if you have any recommendation that would support across the wider team then please let me know so they can be included in the next update.

Pool Cars

With rising fuel costs, if you are traveling for business/work you might like to book an electric pool car.

[AlphaCity Pool Car Scheme | Business and economy | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

- There are currently electric pool cars at Winchester (Capital House) and at Totton Hub.
- Staff would need to register with Alpha city to be able to use the vehicles.

Promoting Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

Some of the Themes for May

- Make May Purple/Action on Stroke Month
- National share a story month
- National Walking Month
- Time for a cuppa May 1- May 8
- Sun awareness week May 2 – May 8th
- Deaf Awareness week 3 May – May 8th
- Mental Health Awareness week 10th May – 15th May
- Dementia Action/Awareness week 17th May 0 22nd May

Colourveil

If you need a colourveil when using a computer then you can find a free version at <https://www.aurelitec.com/colorveil/windows/download/> A really helpful tool for those learners with dyslexia as you change the colour of the screen. You can change the intensity too so change how dark/light a shade it is.

Want to make you PowerPoint presentation more user friendly?

[Make your PowerPoint presentations accessible to people with disabilities \(microsoft.com\)](https://microsoft.com)

[Video: Design slides for people with dyslexia \(microsoft.com\)](https://microsoft.com)

Digital tools

Simpleshow: [simpleshow video maker](https://simpleshow.com)
It has never been easier to create your own explainer video. *simpleshow video maker* transforms any text into an animated video you will love.
More details in the attached fact sheet.

Communities of Practice



Please make sure that any resources or mins of meetings are uploaded to the VLE. All working directly with young people should be allocated to a specific community of practice, however we do not wish to limit individuals access to collaborative opportunities, if you would like to contribute to another C of P then do, please contact the C of P lead

Maths – Rachel McCarthy
English - Tammi Dollman-Havercroft
Science - Gail Mott
Post 16 - Tom Shrimpton
Art/Creative/PE - Graham Tench
PSHE - Sam Saye
Learning/skills Coaches – Bev Morse

CPD opportunities

Want to improve your use of digital skills for online delivery?

[A Guide to EdTech and Essential Digital Skills Training for Remote Working \(etfoundation.co.uk\)](https://etfoundation.co.uk)

Covid Update

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/secretary-of-state-for-health-and-social-care-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid-19) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should



try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits
- residential SEND settings may be advised by their local health protection team to re-introduce some time-limited asymptomatic testing. This would be an exceptional measure, for targeted groups of staff and pupils or students (secondary age or above) in the event of a possible COVID-19 outbreak. These settings are scheduled to receive an automatic delivery of

- contingency supply test kits during the week commencing Monday 28 March
- the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for education and childcare settings will be withdrawn from GOV.UK on Friday 1 April. The operational guidance on the [testing in education settings document sharing platform](#) will also be removed on the same day

Attachments:

- Simpleshow factsheet
- Using forums on moodle
- Tutor workshops for summer term
- National Careers April 22 workshops flyer