



Hampshire Achieves Update

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CPD events

INSET – 13th October 2021
Activities for INSET will be shared with managers shortly.

Promoting Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

National Inclusion Week: 27th Sept – 3rd Oct

Make sure you have read the information on SharePoint regarding National Inclusion week and activities you can sign up for.

[United for Inclusion - National Inclusion Week 27 September to 3 October \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

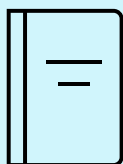
We'd like to put together a montage of activities that people have done as part of National Inclusion week. Please send in any examples of activities that you did with your learners.



IT updates

[Changes to where MS teams recordings are saved: See support available \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Latest Gov Update



Ofsted has revised its Further Education and Skills Inspection Handbook with effect from 1 September 2021.

You can view this here:

[Further education and skills handbook for September 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Thanks, and compliments

We've received the following comments from our recent surveys:

"We are grateful for all the hard work the team has put in to support D, in very difficult circumstances, the extension is gratefully received & hope that by the end of the year D will have some employment choices to make. Thank You"

"Thank you for your kind words and all the support you have given me during my Apprenticeship. I have grown in character and feel more confident in knowing more about my role as a manager and about my business."

"Great time there, Rachel was brilliant"

"Tom is a fantastic tutor, and I really could not have got through it all without his support, positivity and knowledge. He is a real credit to the team. "

VLE

Needing course templates?

You will find these at; [Hampshire Achieves Staff Information](#).

You may have noticed a few changes to the VLE. At the end of August we were upgraded to Moodle version 3.9. If you are interested in what has changed visit [New features - MoodleDocs](#) or you can watch short videos at [Moodle 3.9 Release Highlights - YouTube](#) to see what's new.

New staff parking policy

If your new work base is going to be DMF or EII you might be eligible to apply for a staff parking permit.

[New staff car parking policy \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Safeguarding

Make sure you have read part 1 of KCSIE and completed the quiz

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day

- This World Suicide Prevention Day (10 September), the theme of creating hope through action aims to encourage everyone to look after themselves and others in difficult times. Simple acts such as having a cup of coffee or taking a walk with a friend who may be struggling can help them to share their feelings.
- With the pandemic still affecting how we live and work, issues such as relationship problems, financial matters and loss can have a serious detrimental effect on our mental health. However, by encouraging open conversations around difficult feelings, we can make a difference and help save lives. Suicide is preventable and we can all play a part in looking after ourselves and others.
- You can find advice regarding urgent support at [Southern Health](#) or from [Surrey and Borders Partnership](#) for residents in north east Hampshire.
- Help is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year from the [Samaritans](#).
- You can also find information and support at [Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](#) if you are experiencing suicidal thoughts or if you are worried about someone who may be feeling suicidal.

Essential Digital Skills

The education and training foundation have launched their next series of events to support tutors in developing their own digital skills and also improving learners digital skills. There are a number of useful 30 minute 'lunchtime' events. Do have a browse of what's available.

[Events | Enhance Digital Teaching Platform \(etfoundation.co.uk\)](#)

Digital skills champions

Thank you to those who complete the digital skills survey.

A number of people have offered to support anyone who needs some help with various applications, as listed below. If you didn't complete the survey and feel that you too could help others in Hampshire Achieves, then please do let Wendy Scott and Kevin Rhodes know and we will add you to the list.

Area	Staff Member
MS Teams	David Moore
OneFile	Steve Carter
VLE	Kevin Rhodes
Creating, making and editing video content	Kevin Rhodes
OTHER	
word, PowerPoint, presentations	Laura Hamson
Slido and other apps/ strategies that can make remote teaching more interactive and encourage group working.	David Moore
MS Excel, creating Forms, Word, Reports	Liv Fallon
OneDrive app on our work mobiles	Zoe Hughes



COVID-19: new measures for a safe return to education

DFE guidance was up-dated on the 17 August.

[Further education COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/further-education-covid-19-operational-guidance)

Key points-

1. There is a clear steer on face masks

“The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where an individual may come into contact with people they do not normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to college”

2. They are also making it clear you need to do your own risk assessment and have a plan for any breakout and or local lockdown.

“You should have outbreak management plans outlining how you would operate if there were an outbreak in your setting or local area. Given the detrimental impact that restrictions on education can have on students, any measures in settings should only ever be considered as a last resort, kept to the minimum number of settings or groups possible, and for the shortest amount of time possible.

Central government may offer local areas of particular concern an enhanced response package to help limit increases in transmission.

For most settings, it will make sense to think about taking extra action if the number of positive cases substantially increases. Information on what circumstances might lead you to consider taking additional action, and the steps you should work through, can be found in the [contingency framework](#).”

Lateral Flow Tests:

Please remember that there is the expectation for those returning to workspaces that you should be testing twice weekly. Please also encourage your learners to also do lateral flow tests prior to meeting face to face. If you need any further lateral flow tests, then please contact Bob Standley as there is a plentiful supply at Four Chimneys.

Hampshire County Council has launched its Autumn campaign in relation to covid safety and are promoting the following positive behaviours

- [Take a test](#) before meeting up with family and friends, even if you don't have symptoms
- wear a face covering in crowded places
- wash your hands frequently – soap and water is best if you have access to it
- and if you're meeting up indoors, let fresh air in wherever possible

The full article can be seen at [New COVID-safe campaign - your choices still count \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

OneFile

Don't forget to make use of spell check on OneFile to proof check you feedback to learners



Reminder: Promoting Learner Wellbeing

Below you will find a link to a free training resource aimed at those working with young people with social, emotional and mental health needs.

The tool aims to improve understanding of children and young people who have both mental health needs (or social emotional and mental health needs – SEMH) and speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). This is made all the more important during the COVID-19 pandemic, as research suggests it has had an effect on everyone's mental health, including children.

The course can be accessed via the [RCSLT CPD platform](#). You do not have to be a member of the RCSLT in order to sign up – you can register on the [sign-up page](#).

The link to the website is here;
[Mind Your Words – Free e-learning course | RCSLT](#)