



# School Improvement & Training Bulletin: May 2021

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Dear Colleagues

Best wishes to you and all in your school communities. It has been wonderful for us to be able to start to book visits to your schools for after half term. Where it's important to visit in person, rest assured we will maintain strict procedures in relation to Covid safety and will share these with you before we visit.

I hope that you have now all received our [interactive pdf](#) which outlines our offer and prices for the next academic year. Thanks to those of you who have already signed up and a warm welcome to the new schools who have recently joined us.

I wanted to share with you the very good CPD offers we are hosting this term, all of which are listed below, and some of which have very few places remaining. We are also offering **3 new** courses this term.

- After-school **Writing assessment sessions** will support you in making accurate judgements.
- **Synergy: Curriculum, Learning & Pedagogy** day will provide you with the opportunity to explore the research underpinning the new inspection framework
- The **EYFS session** will provide a simple overview of the new EYFS framework.

Our first **Adult Mental Health First Aid** training was a huge success and we have 4 more sessions this term.

*"This course has been excellent. I really feel this course will support me personally and enable me to support those I work with. I am really grateful for the safe space which enabled us to be such active participants and gain so much over the four sessions. I think that this course is perfect for online learning".*

Don't forget that you can still use your Grow school improvement days instead of paying for the sessions.

- 2 people attending a one-day course = 1 Grow day
- 1 person attending a 2-day (eqvt) course = 1 Grow day e.g. Mental First Aid
- 4 people attending any of the after-school writing sessions= half a day

We are still finalising dates and course details for next year, but will keep you updated and will also put the information on the Grow website. We are very excited by the range of offer we intend to provide.

For those of you in the midst of NQT recruitment we have attached [a brief ECF overview](#) for you.

Best wishes



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<p><b><u>ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING – CERTIFICATED COURSE.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifies participants as an adult mental health first-aider.</li> <li>• Run by Mental Health First Aid England instructors.</li> <li>• Access to MHFA resources once completed</li> </ul>	<p>Session 1: <b>24th May</b>            Session 2: <b>26th May</b>            Session 3: <b>8th June</b>            Session 4: <b>10th June</b></p> <p>All at 9.30-12.30pm</p>
<p><b><u>ASSESSING WRITING: ENSURING FAIR AND ACCURATE JUDGEMENTS</u> NEW</b></p> <p>These after-school sessions will support strong validation when discussing school assessments with parents, governors and external visitors, including Ofsted. This is particularly important in the light of the disruption to pupils' writing this year. NB: please book separately for each session.</p>	<p><b>16th June</b> - KS1  <b>21st June</b> - Lower KS2  <b>22nd June</b> - Lower KS2</p> <p>All at 3.45-5.15pm</p>
<p><b><u>DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD TRAINING: CERTIFICATED</u> 2 Sessions</b></p> <p>For those new to the role, or expecting to be in September. Experienced DSLs are also welcome to attend. NB full attendance at both sessions is needed for certification.</p>	<p>Session 1: <b>17th May</b>            Session 2: <b>18th May</b></p> <p>Both at 1.30-4.30pm</p>
<p><b><u>SYNERGY: CURRICULUM, LEARNING &amp; PEDAGOGY</u> NEW</b></p> <p>The session will offer you the opportunity to explore and translate education research into practical strategies that can be implemented in school. NB spaces going fast.</p>	<p><b>24th June</b>            9.30-3.30PM  <b>Only a few places left</b></p>
<p><b><u>THE REVISED EYFS AND WHAT IS MEANS FOR YOUR SCHOOL</u></b></p> <p>This course will assist leaders, including headteachers, to understand the implications of the changes to the EYFS Statutory Framework from September 2021. At the end of the session, leaders will have a clear understanding of the changes and what it means for their school.</p>	<p><b>25th June</b>            9.30-12.30pm</p>
<p><b><u>SIAMS: A BRIEF OVERVIEW FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers, RE Leaders)</u></b></p> <p>This free session will provide an opportunity for school leaders to refresh their knowledge and understanding of the SIAMS schedule.</p>	<p><b>15th June</b>            2-3pm  <b>Only a few places left</b></p>
<p><b><u>HISTORY LEADER'S TOOLKIT</u> NEW</b></p> <p>Following on from our v successful Geography Leader's toolkit, we are delighted to offer this new course to History and Humanities leaders to support them in understanding their role. Participants will have the opportunity to consider and articulate the knowledge and understanding pupils are expected to gain by the end of each key stage and look at how the whole school curriculum hangs together.</p>	<p><b>28th June</b>            9.30-3.30pm  <b>Only 2 places left</b></p>
<p><b><u>DATA PROTECTION</u></b>  <b><u>LIVING DOCUMENTS: HOW TO KEEP YOUR INFORMATION SECURE</u></b></p> <p>This session will focus on the mandatory data protection documents and the best way to maximise their effectiveness, whilst also minimising administration time. Data Protection legislation requires continual attention and administration.</p> <p>Free if you have our Data Protection service package</p>	<p><b>26th May</b>            1.30-3.30pm</p>