

# School Improvement Service

Daily Covid Support briefing  
Wednesday 24 February 2021

Good evening everyone

## **New measures announced to support education recovery**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday on the roadmap for leaving lockdown, the government has today announced further elements of the recovery support package so children and young people can catch up on missed learning and development due to the pandemic.

This will be supported with a new £700 million package for England which includes:

- £200 million (including the final £100 million from the Prime Minister's announcement) will be available to secondary schools to deliver face-to-face summer schools. Schools will be able to target provision based on pupils' needs but the government is suggesting they may want to initially target incoming year 7 pupils. This is alongside wider support funded through our holiday activities and food programme across the country
- a range of high-quality online resources will be available for all teachers and pupils, starting from the summer term and throughout the summer holidays. These will be provided by Oak National Academy, to help give pupils the confidence they are ready for the next academic year
- a new one-off £302 million recovery premium for state primary and secondary schools. This builds on the pupil premium to further support pupils who need it most. The average primary school will receive around £6,000 extra, and the average secondary school around £22,000 extra

- £200 million (from the £300 million announced by the Prime Minister in January to expand our successful tutoring programmes) will be available to fund an £83 million expansion of the national tutoring programme for primary and secondary schools, a £102 million extension of the 16-19 Tuition Fund for a further year; and £18 million funding to support language development in early years

### Oak National Resources for Catch-up Planning

Schools and teachers can visit their [Catch-up Planning pages](#) to find a range of free materials and guidance on how Oak can support you and your colleagues in catch-up efforts, including:

- new [Lesson and Resource Directory](#) – download the directory for an overview of thousands of sequenced lessons and editable resources to create your own lessons
- a [How-to Guide for teachers](#). Take a step-by-step look at some of the ways in which schools are using Oak, including to support planning, catch-up and homework.
- details about their newest feature – [quiz score tracking!](#) View quiz scores from individual pupils to gain a better understanding of progress to support with catch-up.

Oak will also be working to help reduce teacher workload by supporting virtual summer school efforts. [Sign up to receive further updates when they're available, as well as more free support resources.](#)

### SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AUDIT 2020-21

Please can all schools complete the school safeguarding audit tool and return this to the NYSCP by Wednesday 31 March 2021. To date a limited number of schools have provided their responses to the safeguarding audit and we would like to thank them for their completion so quickly given the ongoing pandemic.

The School Safeguarding Audit is an important tool for the strategic assessment of the current safeguarding arrangements within schools across North Yorkshire, which will inform a number of activities of the NYSCP. We would like to encourage and reinforce the need for all schools (whether maintained, academy, independent or special) to complete the audit and submit this by 31 March 2021.

Please submit your completed audit response in Excel format on the Safeguarding Audit for Schools 2020/2021 Safeguarding Audit tool Completed responses should be sent to [nyscp@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:nyscp@northyorks.gov.uk) no later than Wednesday 31 March 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the audit you may contact Haydn Rees Jones, NYSCB Policy and Development Officer on (07929) 827355 by email at [haydn.reesjones@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:haydn.reesjones@northyorks.gov.uk).

## **DROP IN SESSIONS- MASS ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING DROP-IN SESSION FOR SCHOOLS**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement and the published guidance regarding the full return of pupils to school from 8 March 2021, we would like to offer all secondary and special schools the opportunity to attend one of two drop in sessions over the forthcoming days in addition to our general drop-in sessions that have been advertised previously.

The intention of these sessions is to provide a forum for schools to clarify any aspects of the guidance in relation to the phased return to school due to mass asymptomatic testing, to ask any specific questions you may have and to listen to queries raised by others within the sector.

In order to ensure these sessions are highly informative and beneficial, colleagues from the following services within NYCC will be in attendance to provide direct information:

### Public Health

- School Improvement
- School Transport
- Inclusion
- Health and Safety
- Legal
- HR
- Waste
- Properties

The drop-in sessions will take place on:

**Friday 26 February at 13:15 – 14:00** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Wednesday 3 March at 13:15 – 14:00** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Please follow the links above to join either of the meetings, if you have any issues in gaining access please contact Julie Pattison [julie.pattison@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:julie.pattison@northyorks.gov.uk)

## **REMINDER TO COMPLETE YOUR DAILY STATUS FORM**

Please ensure that the DfE daily status form is completed. Please provide your data by 2pm each working day.