

School Improvement Service

Daily Covid Support briefing
Thursday 25 February 2021

Good evening everyone

MODERATION

Lindsay Miller has had a few emails this week regarding Pobble and what NYCC LA moderation will look like in summer 2021. In case other people have the same questions but haven't yet asked, she has produced a short video (9 minutes) to answer some of the questions that have been raised. Please click on the link to view this here [Q & A Moderation](#)

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

The DfE have updated their guidance for [parents and carers to keep children safe online](#).

THE NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME (NTP) WEBINARS NEXT WEEK

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) is a key part of the Government's Covid-19 catch-up response for schools and is available for schools to access within both the academic 2020/21 and continuing into 2021/22.

The programme has had a successful start, supporting schools, teachers and pupils in some North Yorkshire schools by making high-quality tutoring available to them to help disadvantaged pupils, through two pillars: Tuition Partners, and Academic Mentors.

If you have not yet signed up to this programme or would like to know more, across the country from 2 – 4 March there are a [series of 4pm webinars taking place](#) aimed at different regions. The North Yorkshire session is at **4pm on Thursday 4 March**, you can [book online here](#). You can also see a recording of the national webinar held on Wednesday 10 February [here](#) or access the presentation slides [here](#).

The NTP is a fantastic opportunity for schools to provide additional subsidised routes for positively impacting on the outcomes of vulnerable and underperforming pupils.

NYCC School Improvement are currently compiling a register of schools using, or interested in using the service. Our intention is to facilitate the opportunity for schools to engage in information sharing and best practice regarding NTP. If you have already signed up to the NTP or are interested in pursuing this further, please complete this [brief online form](#) and we will be in touch.

OFSTED PAUSE INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8 MARCH

[Remote monitoring inspections of schools](#) graded 'inadequate' or 'requires improvement' and [further education providers](#) began on 25 January, with a particular focus on how well children and learners are being [educated remotely](#). These inspections are not graded.

Ofsted will pause their inspections of schools and colleges for the week beginning 8 March, while they are focused on reopening to all pupils and students.

For the rest of the term, Ofsted will continue to carry out monitoring inspections remotely by default. However, they will carry out on-site inspections if they have any immediate concerns – for example, about safeguarding or the leadership of a school or college.

MENTALLY HEALTHY SCHOOLS

This March, Mentally Healthy Schools is building upon its current digital library of resources to add over 100 additional resources for secondary school pupils alongside their existing resources for primary school pupils.

These free resources will support teachers to help children, young people and their families get the support they need, when they need it.

To find out more about the free evidence-based mental health resources for students aged 11 to 19, [sign up to the mentally healthy schools newsletter](#).

SCHOOL & COLLEGE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Please click to read the latest [guidance to explain how school and college accountability will operate in 2020 to 2021](#).

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 session 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:

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- 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

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.

PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS FAQs – FEBRUARY 2021

Please go to our COVID school improvement page to view our current guidance on carrying out [Parent consultations](#)