Information for Schools December 2023

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It is a collaborative program that aims to elicit the views of the child, parents and school, to form a meaningful action plan based on identified needs. The training will be led by Dr Maddi Popoola (MHST) and Dr Hannah Want (EPS), and is free to Nottingham City schools. Simply [click the link](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vY29udGVudC5nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeS5jb20vYXR0YWNobWVudHMvVUtOQ0NfSU5URVJOQUwvMjAyMy8xMi8xMS9maWxlX2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzLzI3MTIzMDYvQVRURU5EJTIwVHJhaW5pbmclMjAyMDIzLTIwMjQucGRmIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTIxMi44Njk4NzExMSJ9.ml2lRf8NYTH0h4Hpe3QuJty9c9TuIHXi0sUWNeHAHAs/s/376029011/br/232782059713-l) on the day of the training  on the attached information and you will be accepted into the meeting. Contact [EPS.admin@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:EPS.admin@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) for further details.  **Advance Notice - Date of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) - February and March 2024 -**The NCMP is delivered by the Children’s Public Health 0-19 Nursing Service on behalf of Nottingham City Council. It is due to take place after February half term. As usual we will be writing to all Primary Headteachers in early January asking for your ongoing support with this important public health programme.  **Nottingham’s Cultural Rucksack -**Nottingham’s Cultural Rucksack encourages the development of high-quality partnerships between our arts, cultural and heritage providers and schools, embedding a range of rich and diverse experiences to bring your curriculum to life. Children and young people will benefit from a broad range of embedded and sustained opportunities to build on their own cultural capital, creative skills and personal development. 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For more information [click here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vY29udGVudC5nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeS5jb20vYXR0YWNobWVudHMvVUtOQ0NfSU5URVJOQUwvMjAyMy8xMi8xMS9maWxlX2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzLzI3MTIyOTQvUmVxdWVzdCUyMGZvciUyMEVkdWNhdGlvbiUyMFN1Ymdyb3VwJTIwTWVtYmVycyUyMDIwMjMlMjAtJTIwRXh0ZW5kZWQuZG9jeCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzEyMTIuODY5ODcxMTEifQ.aYnizHUFuqqTdwocVTrDyif9Ti6wr7c7HqLonyKcK7s/s/376029011/br/232782059713-l) For Pupils **Young Carers in Education** -  Young Carers ‘leads’ in Schools is a Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council initiative that helps equip schools to identify and continue to [support young carers](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..ujWfnN7ZAKGy1AOpPdHOTON3LvWORQo2YNGZBAp1yYw/s/376029011/br/230677568911-l) in their educational setting.  As we are commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City, this support is provided free of charge. 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A massive well done to all of the young people and teaching teams that swam with us at Harvey Hadden last week. The engagement and excitement from all involved was evident to see. | | | | |

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Whilst we at the Council work through the implications of increased intervention, I’m assured that the incredibly hard work you all do will continue on a daily basis to deliver the best possible outcomes for city children.  For now though I wish you a very peaceful and relaxing holiday period with family and friends – and the opportunity to reflect on the difference you all make to improving the lives of Nottingham’s children and young people.  Best Wishes,  Nick Lee,  Director of Education Services |  |  | | --- | |  |  For Staff **Priority Education Investment Area (PEIA) Nottingham Attendance Project -** The Attendance Project aims to raise attendance across Nottingham City Schools by working holistically to explore barriers that may be preventing children from attending their schools. The project will focus on children whose attendance sits between 41%-70% and do not have any agency involvement. .Funding has enabled us to recruit and form a team of six new Attendance Family Support Workers (AFSWs), an Educational Welfare Service Specialist and Data Analyst Specialist. In addition to this, the funding has also allowed for the Raleigh Taskforce to increase in size, and will start in January focussing  on working with children who are vulnerable and have been excluded, or, are at risk of exclusion.  The Attendance Project team has already started working in schools in four Wards: Aspley, Bestwood, Bulwell and Clifton East. [more details](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vY29udGVudC5nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeS5jb20vYXR0YWNobWVudHMvVUtOQ0NfSU5URVJOQUwvMjAyMy8xMi8xNS9maWxlX2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzLzI3MjAyMzQvUHJpb3JpdHklMjBFZHVjYXRpb24lMjBJbnZlc3RtZW50JTIwQXJlYS5kb2N4IiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTIxOS44NzMzOTA2MSJ9.Y0G6Dm2CQlg43Tlu7O9zNvq0FxNNZbOosz5QQ0Jymcs/s/376029011/br/233374754744-l) You may wish to read [this article](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vbm90dHN0di5jb20vdGFza2ZvcmNlLWV4cGFuZGVkLXRvLXRhY2tsZS1sb3ctc2Nob29sLWF0dGVuZGFuY2UtaW4tbm90dGluZ2hhbS1jaXR5LyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzEyMTkuODczMzkwNjEifQ.7Q9DmHiS27fa-x9L5Q3XVRbSwAcnKDpcxSv2kDswjlM/s/376029011/br/233374754744-l) for more information. [karen.mcandrew@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:karen.mcandrew@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)  **EPEP Training (Electronic Personal Education Plan) - School Aged Children -** The Nottingham City Virtual School uses an electronic PEP for statutory school age children. This training will provide participants with knowledge and understanding of how the ePEP system works through a live demonstration of the portal, taking participants through each section of the ePEP system. The training will also consider professionals’ statutory responsibilities in respect to PEPs. **This training is necessary for all staff who attend and contribute to PEP meetings.**Date: Tuesday 9th January 2024  Time:10:00 – 12:00 on Microsoft Teams  To book onto training please use the following [link](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZm9ybXMub2ZmaWNlLmNvbS9wYWdlcy9yZXNwb25zZXBhZ2UuYXNweD9pZD12UkUycXF3VHJFZUNCd0Q3bnFSTzNpZUw3VnB3RktGSHVOMGgybmp1UzBSVU5scFFWamN5UjFKRVFreEdOVnBMTkVjMlIwSXhXREpVUmk0dSZ3ZWI9MSZ3ZExPUj1jQjk4QTE4Q0ItRkRGQS00QTA4LThGMTEtMkNFMjhEOUQ1MjdFIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTIxOS44NzMzOTA2MSJ9.U0SY9X7sM5aoJm1Y35nK_d5wya-IG68JqfTzoub0EOw/s/376029011/br/233374754744-l)  the link is also available on the Virtual School website [http://www.nottinghamcityvirtualschool.org.uk/](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHA6Ly93d3cubm90dGluZ2hhbWNpdHl2aXJ0dWFsc2Nob29sLm9yZy51ay8iLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMjE5Ljg3MzM5MDYxIn0.bzFNPLFfGDt721bNsAEHIwx9nPj7oi-6Y9Ft1i-pp4w/s/376029011/br/233374754744-l). If you have any issues booking onto the training please contact Paula Harrison [paula.harrison@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:paula.harrison@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)  **County Lines, Home Office Guidance** - This guidance is primarily aimed at frontline staff who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.The criminal exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults for the supply of drugs, and transportation of the associated money and weapons, has devastaing impacts. [This guidance](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vY29udGVudC5nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeS5jb20vYXR0YWNobWVudHMvVUtOQ0NfSU5URVJOQUwvMjAyMy8xMi8xNS9maWxlX2F0dGFjaG1lbnRzLzI3MjAxNTYvMjAyM19GT1JfUFVCTElDQVRJT05fLV9DcmltaW5hbF9leHBsb2l0YXRpb25fb2ZfY2hpbGRyZW5feW91bmdfcGVvcGxlX2FuZF92dWxuZXJhYmxlX2FkdWx0c19jb3VudHlfbGluZXMxLnBkZiIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzEyMTkuODczMzkwNjEifQ.v85opHZp9QhygRnwQeC94Yo33k9NAw6doFNe-9R7y9g/s/376029011/br/233374754744-l) is to enable practitioners to recognise its signs and respond appropriately.  **Homeless Families - For Information -**Nottingham City Council’s homeless service currently have an unprecedented amount of families occupying hotels.  The national housing crisis and landlords opting to leave the rental market has resulted in a large amount of families becoming homeless and little throughput in the hostels to house families.   The temporary accommodation team are doing their best to try and secure hotels within Nottingham City or on the outskirts where possible, however due to the behaviour of previous households placed, we have lost the majority in Nottingham and are limited to only 3 hotels that will accommodate homeless households.  Within these 3 hotels we have a limited amount of rooms that we can use.  The larger households require larger rooms, which are limited or 2 rooms which is an increased difficulty.  In these difficult circumstances it will be possible that children will be placed outside the City and this will place great difficulty getting them to school however with the lack of available accommodation in the City it is unavoidable   The housing teams are actively supporting the families to look for accommodation in the private rented sector and provide the financial support for them to obtain this.  In addition we are also linking in with employment services to look at income maximisation.  We are also issuing food bank vouchers to support families as they have no cooking facilities in the hotels.  Where possible we completely accept that it would be better for the children to be in school where we know they are able to benefit from school dinners etc however as stated there are going to be times where this is impossible.  **Reminder - Transition Days Summer 2024** - We usually set the first Tuesday and Wednesday in July for Y6 to Y7 transition days for Nottingham City schools. This will be **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July 2024** this year- with any schools wanting to create additional opportunities then they can run during that week. This should help both Secondaries and Primaries to be able to plan smoothly and eliminate too much uncertainty or even chaos for primaries of everyone doing different things. In principle for forward planning the City will stick to the first week of July and commend the Tuesday and Wednesday and will confirm in future via this Newsletter. For Pupils **ChalleNGe Parent and Carers Newsletter December 2023** - We hope you find fun and affordable activities for the whole family to enjoy over the upcoming holidays - whether at home and by discovering new places.  Click the link for [the newsletter](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vbWFpbGNoaS5tcC8wMmU5ZGExZDIwY2Mvd2VsY29tZS10by10aGUtcGFyZW50cy1hbmQtY2FyZXJzLW5ld3NsZXR0ZXItZGVjZW1iZXItMjAyMyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzEyMTkuODczMzkwNjEifQ.b0geeKb1gQyqb534i6luvtsJjNJr0ivnXVhT8nVKYQs/s/376029011/br/233374754744-l) | | | |

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