



## **Alcohol Education Trust**

The Alcohol Education Trust: has produced a free 100 page Talk About Alcohol workbook of 30 lesson plans, guidance, activities and games suitable for 11-18 year olds.

For Leicestershire schools see:

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/field/pdf/faq/2020/1/14/Talk-About-Alcohol-Workbook.pdf>

Or the national link: <https://alcoholeducationtrust.org/teacher-area/download-teacher-workbook/>

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## **Time to Talk Day**

**On Thursday 6th February 2020** : 1 in 8 young people experience a mental health problem in any given year. Time to Change is changing how everyone thinks and acts about mental health problems and believes that this generation can be more open about mental health than any before.

Talking about mental health can feel awkward, but it doesn't have to. By using the game 'Would you rather?' it is hoped that by breaking the ice conversations will start to flow. For more information and lots of resources see:

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/time-talk-day?>

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## **Moderating Pupils Work**

Primary schools: moderating pupils work is an important task for schools – it needs to be got right! LCC's Early Team provides staff training and it may be that governors can ask Heads whether training has occurred.

Training for Early Years practitioners in schools and pre-schools is now available to book for the spring term.

Heads will also have received a letter informing them if your school is being [externally] moderated or not. If it is, the report will be an excellent opportunity for schools to check their expectations around progress and attainment and as external validation for governing boards in their responsibility to monitor and evaluate

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## **Hoax Text Messages**

Please be aware that a parent of a Leicester primary school pupil this week received an SMS text message at 0630am from someone purporting to be a school nurse, reminding the parent of an impending appointment.

On investigation it is clear that that this was not a school nurse from Healthy Together. The school has been made aware that this SMS text message was not from Healthy Together and will ask parents and pupils to be vigilant over the coming days.

The advice is:

- School Nurses do not send text messages as their first contact with parents.
  - If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.
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## **Local SEND services and Support – Roadshow**

The roadshow aims to bring together information and services which support families of children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

### **The next Roadshow is on**

Wednesday 29 January 2020

10:00am – 12:30pm

Loughborough Town Hall, Market Place,  
Loughborough, LE11 3EB

To find out more about the Local Offer Roadshow event please email [leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk](mailto:leicestershirelocaloffer@leics.gov.uk)

See the attached flyer for more information

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## **School governance update November 2019**

Click on the link below to read the school governance update for November 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-governance-update/academy-trusts-school-governance-update-october-2019>

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## **Local authority maintained schools: school governance update January 2020**

Please click [here](#) to read the latest DfE updates for maintained school governance.

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## **Academy trusts: school governance update January 2020**

Click [here](#) to read the DfE updates for academy school governance

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## **Safeguarding Briefing Spring 2020**

Please find attached the latest Safeguarding Briefing.

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## Headteacher Briefing

Please find attached the latest Headteacher Briefing.

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## Engaging parents with relationships education policy

Click [here](#) to read a guide for primary headteachers setting out why they must engage parents on their school's relationships education policy and tips on how to do so.

From September 2020, relationships education will be compulsory for primary schools. This guidance provides information on engaging parents on this subject.

The guidance has advice, tips and case studies on how to carry out effective parental engagement including where to go for help and the role governors and trustees can play in the engagement process.

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## Ofsted Resources - Watch these short videos

If you are getting ready for Ofsted a good resource is: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Ofstednews>

Do look at the 7 x short '1 min videos' by Matthew Purves

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## Amanda Spielman launches Ofsted's Annual Report 2018/19

Ofsted's Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman discusses the quality of education, training and care services in England at the launch of Ofsted's Annual Report today. To read more please click [here](#).

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## Teachers set for biggest sustained pay increase since 2005

Proposals put forward for teacher starting salaries to rise to £26,000 this September, building towards £30,000 by September 2022.

Under proposals submitted today (21 January) to the independent School Teachers' Review Body (STRB), the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has outlined plans to increase starting salaries to at least £26,000 in September 2020, with those in outer and inner London to rise to £30,000 and £32,000 respectively.

To read more please click [here](#).

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