

Director for schools and learning - update

Dear Headteacher,

As we move towards the formal Easter break, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything that you have done throughout this academic year, and in particular during the last couple of weeks.

The term 'unprecedented times' is possibly overused, but these are well and truly unprecedented times and your efforts are really appreciated. I am fully aware that both the government and county council are both asking a lot from you. For example, the risk assessments for young people with education and health care plans (EHCPs). These are designed for the benefit of the young people, but given that the government has not stood down the legal requirements with regards to provision for young people with a EHCP then they are also intended to help guide you in your thinking.

None of the safeguarding requirements on schools or local authorities have been relaxed and therefore from the start of the new term we will be asking you to inform us on a weekly basis of the names of the young people who are attending your school. I recognise this is an additional burden, but it is to ensure that we can cross reference which young people are attending and to make sure the relevant safeguarding checks can be made. Thank you for your support.

Please try to make the best of whatever break you are able to take.

Stay safe.

Regards

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