



Welcome to the Mansfield and Ashfield Place-based planning newsletter

Welcome back, after what we hope was a restful Christmas period.

As part of the DFE funded Mansfield and Ashfield place based planning project and in response to feedback from schools we have now agreed on a number of school improvement initiatives which your school can access over the coming two terms.

The agreed improvement objectives for the area will fall into the following categories:

- **Improving Literacy outcomes**
- **Increasing Leadership Capacity**
- **Supporting SEND Pupils**

We have developed this newsletter which consolidates the key opportunities for you and will continue to circulate newsletters during the rest of this academic year to help you stay abreast of our developments.

Information about how to book onto the various opportunities are detailed below but if you would like support in registering for any of the opportunities below please feel free to email info@inspiringleaderstoday.com and we will do our best to help.

All Schools - Ofsted Briefing

We are pleased to share details of an afternoon briefing which will be led by Ofsted on Thursday 20th January 2022 between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. The session will be held online via Microsoft Teams.

During the afternoon Ofsted will share advice and guidance for Headteachers on the following topics:

1:00pm - 1:30pm: Phonics for EY/primary practitioners

Briefly explore why phonics is so important and what it is we focus on during a reading deep dive.



1:35pm - 2:15pm: EIF revisited

Key messages about the Education Inspection Framework and principles of an effective curriculum.

2:20pm - 3:50pm: Reading in the secondary phase

The reading curriculum is complex in secondary schools.

In this brief session we explore a simple framework that helps us conceptualise priorities in reading in this phase of teaching.

To join these sessions click this icon at the time of the call.

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Additional resources for Headteachers were released by Ofsted on 16/12/21 which contain information about how schools, early years providers and further education and skills providers are responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. **These can be accessed by [visiting this site](#)**

School Visits Programme - BOOK NEW

In response to feedback from Headteachers in the Autumn term we have scheduled a number of opportunities for headteachers in Mansfield and Ashfield to access. The visits have been organised by Paul Stone the Primary leader for this project and focus on helping schools to experience different practice from schools with similar contextual challenges. We recognise the value in learning from the experiences of others and know that headteachers will gain a lot from visiting other settings.

Each visit will have the capacity to host 10 headteachers and your school will receive £200 towards supply costs and £100 towards travel costs for attending the visit. **School visits will last for a full day** and **there will be an expectation that headteachers also join a further meeting within a month of the visit**, to review the impact of this work and discuss any joint practice opportunities that have arisen.

The visits that have been scheduled so far are detailed below, with further dates to be added in the coming two weeks.

- 31st January 2022 at Mowmacre Hill Primary School (Leadership Focus)
- 3rd February 2022 at Leamington Primary Academy (Leadership Focus)
- 8th February 2022 at The Carlton Junior Academy (Focus TBC)
- 10th February 2022 at Djanongly Sherwood Academy (SEND/Inclusion Focus)
- 22nd February 2022 at TBC
- 24th February 2022 at TBC
- 4th March 2022 at TBC
- 11th March 2022 at TBC



Please click the icon below and this will take to our website which will soon contain more information about the schools and details about the focus of each visit, and access to the registration page.

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Early Language Training

Communication and language in the Early Years is an essential foundation for further development and achievement, but children too often have poor communication and language when they start school.

The Education Endowment Foundation has found that *“overall, studies of communication and language approaches consistently show positive benefits for young children’s learning, including their spoken language skills, their expressive vocabulary and their early reading skills. On average, children who are involved in communication and language approaches make approximately six months’ additional progress over the course of a year. All children appear to benefit from such approaches, but some studies show slightly larger effects for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.”*

We are pleased to offer EYFS and primary teachers, HLTAs, TAs and EY practitioners across Ashfield and Mansfield with fully funded L2 and L3 accredited training in speech and language.

The training will take place over 10 weeks of the current academic year and will involve a mix of webinars, self-directed study and a learning log amounting to 4 ½ hours each week.

If you have members of staff who would like to take up this opportunity, please register your schools interest by clicking the icon below. We will be in touch as soon as we have finer details.

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Headteacher network sessions

In order to support the development of a network of secondary headteachers for Ashfield and Mansfield, there are going to be six facilitated network sessions running for the remainder of the academic year.

Funding will be allocated to the partnership to support improvement work in one of the three priority areas:

- Improving Literacy outcomes
- Increasing Leadership Capacity
- Supporting SEND Pupils

Meetings will be a blend of face to face and online.

The first session will be online on **Tuesday 25th January 8:00am - 9:30am.**

Follow up sessions will be on:

- Thursday 24th February (Face to Face)
- Tuesday 29th March (Online)
- Thursday 28th April (Face to Face)
- Thursday 26th May (Online)
- Thursday 30th June (as a part of the area wide summit event)



Registering your place

Click the icon below and you will find more details about the network and the link to a short registrations form for booking your place.

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All Schools - Mansfield and Ashfield Summit

On the 30th June 2022 we are inviting all headteachers in the area to join us at the first area wide summit. The summit will enable headteachers to:

- Hear from inspirational speakers from the education sector
- Understand what school improvement opportunities are available to schools in the area
- Share and collaborate with other local colleagues finding ways to develop closer working partnerships
- Work together to commit to some collective actions over the coming 3 years

The event will take place from 9:00am - 4:30pm on 30th June 2022 at a venue in the area. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

This event will be developed over the coming weeks, and further information will be shared soon.

Get involved.

We would like to form a small working party of local headteachers to help us shape the event. If you are interested in supporting then please get in touch with us by emailing info@inspiringleaderstoday.com

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All Schools - Derby Research School

Established in 2018, Derby Research School (<https://researchschool.org.uk/derby>), based at Wyndham Primary Academy and backed by the Education Endowment Foundation, has provided exemplary support to schools in Derby and across the East Midlands.

The Research School is characterised by being outward facing, exploring what the research shows works best and engaged in evidence-based practice. We are delighted to announce that Derby Research School, will provide schools across Ashfield and Mansfield with a suite of CPD opportunities over the remainder of the current academic year. The support includes:

- **Secondary Disciplinary Literacy:** Following EEF's Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools Guidance Report, the sessions will focus on the critical themes around: assessing reading fluency and implementing interventions; explicit teaching of vocabulary and oracy across the curriculum; creating a 'love of reading' culture. Dates: 4 CPD sessions and 4 workgroups - Spring 2 – Summer 1
- **Leading TAs and TA Training** – Primary and Secondary: Responding to questions and reflections from previous programmes, we are offering this leadership support programme and bespoke training for TAs to support schools in how we apply a laser-sharp focus on how we are maximising funding, supporting and developing our whole staff and ultimately diagnostically meeting the needs of our learners. Dates: 3 Leadership Sessions and 6 TA sessions - Spring 2 – Summer 1
- **Primary Recovery Maths:** Working in partnership with the Maths Hub East Midlands West, Maths mastery specialists bring to life the NCETM Curriculum Prioritisation Materials. This programme will be completely asynchronous with materials to deliver within year group teams. Dates: Asynchronous material release - Spring 2 – Summer 1
- **EEF Supporting Recovery – Middle Leader and Senior Leader Professional Development:** This 6 module programme is funded by the DfE and delivered in partnership with the EEF. It focuses on evidence-informed leadership to support schools in light of the recovery agenda - support your school's approach to educational recovery, school improvement & next year's planning. Dates: 6 modules Summer Term

Expressions of Interest: A full launch of all the programmes will be unveiled in the next week – we ask that schools who are interested complete [this form](#) and follow up information, including a full booklet of information, dates and protocols will be provided. [CLICK HERE](#)

Memorandum of Understanding: Once schools confirm which programmes they wish to undertake, they will be required to submit an MOU to share their commitment to the programme - a copy of this document can be found here - [CLICK HERE](#)

For further questions, email Tammy Elward, Director – tammyelward@satrust.com

E-Wallet - For all Schools

In addition to these commissioned programmes, we are also aiming to provide all schools across Ashfield and Mansfield with an e-wallet to buy into the Research School's wide range of CPD opportunities, during the remainder of this academic year.

If you are interested to learn more about all these Research School offers, please contact tammyelward@satrust.com for further information.

<https://researchschool.org.uk/derby>



All Schools - Whole School SEND Project News

We have been delighted with the commitment and engagement of colleagues with the SEND & Inclusion project particularly given the ongoing challenges around Covid and staffing. We would like to go on record to thank all schools for finding the time and headspace to host reviews and attend CPLD sessions.

Approaching 100 colleagues attended the Every Leader a Leader of SEND & SEND governance sessions with 60+ already signed up for our Every Teacher a Teacher of SEND CPLD this term (we encourage as many colleagues as possible to sign up for this virtual training)

Family & District SENCOs have completed their SEND Reviewer training and we currently have 23 reviewers who will continue to lead and support review activity across the locality way beyond the life cycle of this project.

It has been an absolute pleasure spending time in schools and both face to face and virtual reviews are scheduled for the coming weeks.

Please look out for info about further CPLD opportunities for Primary, Secondary & Specialist that will be shared in the coming weeks and as always please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions about reviews or the CPLD offer.

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All Schools - ESFA Briefing

The ESFA are hosting a 'Power Hour' briefing in partnership with the Rainbow Education Multi Academy Trust who will be sharing their experience of strategic and financial planning, followed by the opportunity to network with peers from your region.

The session will take place online on 27th January 3.00pm to 4.30pm

Bookings can be made by clicking here **CLICK HERE** 



Further editions of this newsletter will be shared in the coming weeks.

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