



**Mansfield and Ashfield
Schools and MATs
Newsletter
February 2022**

Part of the place based planning project

Welcome to the Mansfield and Ashfield Place-based planning newsletter

Welcome to the February Newsletter.

We hope you are all well and coping under the current circumstances. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the children in your schools and for doing your best to engage with the DFE funded improvement offer. We recognise the challenges of releasing yourself or other colleagues to join our activity and as promised will do our best to accomodate late bookings where possible. Thanks to those who have joined in with our sessions so far. We have included in this newsletter the recording of the Ofsted session held on 20th January for those were unable to attend.

This newsletter contains update on each of the key strands of our work and please keep a look out for our regular emails and social media posts promoting opportunities.

Information about how to book onto the available school improvement opportunities are detailed below but if you are would like support registering for any of the opportunities below please feel free to email **info@inspiringleaderstoday.com** and we will do our best to help. *It may also be worth adding this email address to your safe senders list to ensure that emails are reaching you and not being blocked by your server.*

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



School Visits Programme - BOOK NOW

As you will be aware from our last Newsletter in January 2022 we are hosting a number of Primary School Visits with the following focuses:

- SEND and Inclusion
- Literacy Improvements
- Leadership Development

Our school visits are hosted by schools with a specialism around these areas. We are still accepting bookings for all these visits and for each visit you attend your school will receive **£300** to support supply and travel costs. Each school visit will last a full day and there will be an expectation that the attendee will join a further meeting within a two months of the visit, to review the impact of this work and discuss any joint practice opportunities that have arisen.

The 8 visits scheduled are detailed below:

- 22nd February 2022 at Brocklewood Primary School (SEND/Inclusion Focus)
- 24th February 2022 at Sneinton CE Primary School (SEND/Inclusion Focus)
- 4th March 2022 at St Matthews Primary School (Literacy Focus)
- 11th March 2022 at Wyndham Primary Academy (Focus TBC)
- 21st March 2022 at Djanongly Sherwood Academy (SEND/Inclusion Focus)
- 22nd March 2022 at The Carlton Infant & Junior Academy (Literacy Focus)
- 25th March 2022 at Mowmacre Hill Primary School (Leadership Focus)
- 29th March 2022 at Leamington Primary School (Leadership Focus)



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To book your place and receive £300 for your attendance please click the icon below:

Secondary Schools

Headteacher network sessions

Headteachers met for the first time on 25th January and there was a real enthusiasm for working collaboratively to develop improved practice in the area. The group have agreed some strands of work which are currently being developed by Inspiring Leaders. Minutes for the meeting are available on request.

The next meeting will be held 24th February between 8:30am - 10:30am, we will be joined by **Mary Myatt** education adviser, writer and speaker. She trained as an RE teacher and is former local authority adviser and inspector. Author of several well respected educational books, and most recently *Huh: Curriculum conversations between subject and senior leaders* John Tomsett.

Dates for the coming network sessions and venues are below.

Follow up sessions will be on:

- Thursday 24th February (Holiday Inn, Sutton in Ashfield)
- Tuesday 29th March (Online) - **With Mandy Coalter, author of Talent Architects**
- Thursday 28th April (Forever Green, Mansfield)
- Thursday 26th May (Online)
- Thursday 30th June (as a part of the area wide summit event)



Quarryale Academy have developed some **subject leader training** and have offered to share the planning and resources with any schools in the area. If you are interested in knowing more please contact info@inspiringleaderstoday.com and we will put you in touch with school to discuss more details.



All Schools - SEND Project

The SEND review aspect of the Inclusion project continues to move at pace with the majority of schools having now completed the self evaluation and full day review. Leaders and SENCOs have described how supportive the process has been, helping them to reflect and celebrate provision in their setting and plan positive next steps on their journey as an inclusive school. There are still 5 spaces available for schools to be part of the review project so please contact [Emily Walker](#) & [Alistair Crawford](#) if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

60+ colleagues are already signed up for the Every Teacher a Teacher of SEND sessions. There is still time to book places on what always proves to be a very popular, informative session. Please click the icon below to register your place now.

We are delighted to share information about the responsive CPLD strand of this project which covers emerging themes from the self audits and SEND reviews. Further detail, dates and booking links for sessions around Curriculum & Assessment, Transition, TA Deployment & Subject 'Deep dives' through the lens of SEND & Inclusion will be released in the coming days.

Huge thanks for the continued engagement with this project through the most challenging of times and your ongoing commitment to SEND & Inclusion.



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All Schools - Early Language Training

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.

One of the schools who are hosting a school visit noted above have kindly provided a **case study** of how they have use Speech and Language Therapy in thier school. This may be of some help to schools in the area and can be downloaded here:



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 has we have finer details.

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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>



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All Schools - Ofsted Briefing

Thank you to everyone who attended the session led by Ofsted on Thursday 20th January 2022. The session has been recorded and you can find the link here:

During the session Ofsted shared advice and guidance on the following topics:

Phonics for EY/primary practitioners

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

EIF revisited

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

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.

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](#)**

CLICK HERE



All Schools - Funded Reviews of Governance

The DFE have provided additional resources for schools in the area to receive fully funded reviews of governance as part of the DFE's NLG programme.

Details about NLG reviews can be found by clicking here.



For academies interested in this offer please contact Inspiring Leaders and we will liaise with the DFE to organise this support. If you are a maintained school please access the support directly.

CLICK HERE

All Schools - Teaching School Hub Update

Welcome to the our first Ashfield & Mansfield newsletter from the Flying High Teaching School Hub. Our remit is to ensure that all Ashfield and Mansfield schools have access to a professional continuum of high-quality, national programmes and support.

We are developing an online platform which will link you with all our resources and events, look out for this launching in the next month. In the meantime we've summarized some of our key activity below with details of how your school can benefit.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want further information or to talk about how the Hub could support your school further.



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Initial Teacher Training



- This year we are training 120 new teachers through our delivery partnership Inspiring Leaders.
- We are also beginning to map other local provision and will aim to link providers with host schools as well as signposting potential trainees.

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Look out for ITT provider networking opportunities.

- Could your school benefit from hosting initial teacher trainees in 2022/23? Look out for our host school recruitment events in Summer term.

Contact Sarah Heesom
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Early Career Framework



- This year we are delivering to 187 Early Career Teachers and 169 Mentors.
- Are you likely to be recruiting an Early Career Teacher in 2022?
- Look out for registration for ECF 2022/3 – this begin in Summer 2022.

Ofsted have piloted inspection of national ECF providers.

- We are working to DFE have pledged to improve the ECT registration process for the future after complaints from Teaching Schools.
- We are working with EDT to make the materials and platform for ECTs and Mentors fit for local purpose following feedback from schools.
- Look out for our final sessions of 21/22 in May 2022.

Positive feedback on ECF facilitation and events.
Greater differentiation of national material requested.

Appropriate Body



- 165 Early Career Teachers registered with Flying High Appropriate Body.
- Access the Induction Tutor Handbook.

100% of 1st Progress Reviews submitted.

- Look out for Spring Term Induction Tutor training – March 2022 – tbc.

National Professional Qualifications



- 140 Leaders began NPQs on our first cohort 1 – NPQH, SL, Leading Teaching, Teacher Development & Leading Behaviour – this month.
- We are delivering 70 NPQELs as part of a National Model.

- For information about the 6 revised NPQs and who they are suitable for, use this link:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Watch our recording for information on NPQs

[CLICK HERE](#)

- NPQ in Leading Literacy and Leading Early Years – coming in September.
- Watch this space for the next application window.



<p style="text-align: center;">English Hubs</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training - Reading Books and Parental Engagement – 23 March. • For details of this and all other upcoming events CLICK HERE 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Curriculum Hubs</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying High host a themed, guided curriculum conversation each month. • See below for details of our next curriculum conversation - on Maths. • Zoom Link: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For details of Whole School SEND fully-funded events. CLICK HERE 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 3rd March, 1:45 - 2:45pm - Creating a whole school Maths Curriculum together. 	

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