



# Forest Way Teaching School Alliance News

Summer Term 2020

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## Corona Update

### Impact on School Direct

The term didn't quite start in the way we had planned and as a result the arrival of the Corona Virus significantly impacted across our alliance and beyond.

All CPD, which was cancelled as a result, will be re-scheduled in the autumn term and delegates who had signed up will be guaranteed a place then. If face to face CPD is not possible we will offer what we can, remotely: further details will follow.

Sadly, our School Direct students had their training cut short, with the teacher training course suspended as of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We are continued, in partnership with Derby University, to train our students remotely, setting weekly tasks in order to keep their pedagogy up to date and relevant. We were already very confident with the quality of our cohort this year and, as much as we are awaiting clarification from the DFE as to how they gain QTS, we are confident we will have enough evidence by July to show they were predicted to achieve the teacher standards. School Direct students who become NQTs in September will need a little more support during the first term as they transition back into classes, but further details will follow.

We are incredibly proud of our students who chose to return back to their placement schools to volunteer and help support the school remain open for our vulnerable children. We are also incredibly proud that so many of our students have already secured their first teaching job from September, despite having their training cut short: resilience and team work at its best!

### NQT/RQT training 2020/21

We have reviewed our NQT/RQT training for the forthcoming year to ensure it takes into account the current situation as well as being in line with the Early Career Framework, due out in September 2021, and are looking forward to working with our new NQTs/RQTs in the autumn term. Again, as many of the sessions as possible will be face to face, but we may need to offer some of the Autumn sessions remotely. Further details will follow.

School Direct Recruitment Event



### Teacher Training 2020 21 Recruitment

Up until lockdown we were still able to attend recruitment events in order to raise the profile of our School Direct Programme. We have met some amazing people with some fascinating back stories. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, and not wanting to miss out on recruiting the next enthusiastic batch of prospective teachers, we are pleased to be able to continue hosting these events remotely! We now offer virtual teacher training events in the form of information webinars, during which we share a presentation on our Primary, SEN and Secondary courses. Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for updates and details on our upcoming events.

For the new term we have secured 12 Primary students and 17 Secondary students who are ready to start their training in August 2020; find out which school they are in and meet their new mentors, although interviewing remotely has certainly proved interesting!



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## Link Tutors/Mentors

### Primary & Special

We have recently contacted headteachers to collate those schools willing to support our students in August and January. It is a great opportunity for schools to develop our next group of potential teachers and to develop staff in becoming a mentor or link tutor.

Thank you to all of our alliance schools who continue to support our next generation of teachers.



### SENco/SEND teachers Conference March 2020

It seems a lifetime ago but what an amazing SEN conference we had! We were joined by over 80 passionate SENCOs who do such a fabulous job in supporting our children with special educational needs. We would like to thank Lorraine Petersen, Simon Knight, Natalie Packer and Barnie Angliss for their inspiration, updates, advice and humour. Thank you also to Burleigh Court, Loughborough for providing us with an amazing venue and looked after us so well.



## Save the date !!

Our 2021 SENCO Conference is booked for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and we have a great line up planned already! Thanks again for the feedback from this year's conference as it makes planning next year so much easier!

### SEND reviews

More and more schools in our Alliance are requesting SEND Reviews and finding them invaluable. Please contact Andrea Brown at FWTSA for further details.  
abrown@forestway.leics.sch.uk

## Dyslexia Assessing

If you think a child in your school is dyslexic and you would like to organise a Dyslexia Assessment, then please contact Andrea Brown at FWTSA for further details.  
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## Educational Psychologists

We would like to welcome Maria Abijah-Liburd, who has joined our team of Educational Psychologists.

A particular focus of Maria's work is around supporting the emotional wellbeing and resilience of both the pupils and the adults who work in education settings. She offers a range of training around this too. We look forward to working with Maria over the coming months.



## Autumn CPD 2020

We are in the process of moving the summer term CPD to Autumn as well as our network meetings. New dates will be published soon on our bookings website

<https://bookwhen.com/forestwaytsa>

### FWTSA Conference 2020

We have made the decision, in light of the unknown, to postpone our TSA Conference from November to the summer term of 2021.

The conference will still take place at Burleigh Court, Loughborough and all heads, principles, and deputies will be welcome.

A new date will be issued shortly,

## Forest Way Science Learning Partnership

**Science Learning Partnership**  
There are a number of STEM courses being offered on line during the summer term: details can be found on the STEM Learning website.

Again, the autumn dates and courses will be published soon.

[www.stem.org.uk](http://www.stem.org.uk)

The screenshot shows the STEM Learning website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'PRIMARY', 'SECONDARY', 'FE', 'HE', 'EMPLOYERS', 'SIGN IN', 'REGISTER', and 'SEARCH'. Below this is a main menu with 'RESOURCES', 'CPD', 'STEM CLUBS', 'STEM AMBASSADORS', 'ENRICHMENT', and 'NEWS AND VIEWS'. A featured banner for 'STEM Clubs Week 22-26 June' is visible. Below the banner, there are links for 'Online CPD', 'Remote CPD', 'Science Learning Partnerships', 'ENTHUSE Placements', and 'ENTHUSE Partnerships'. The main content area is titled 'Online courses for teachers' and includes a video player for 'FREE ONLINE COURSES' with the text 'COOK2E2'. Below the video, there are three columns of course categories: 'Early career', 'Teaching', and 'Leadership', each with a brief description and a right-pointing arrow.



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## SENCO Net

Our SENCOnet presenters have responded to the current situation by successfully hosting their first on-line sessions. SENCOs who had booked onto the scheduled face to face meetings this term were invited to attend one of two sessions for Primary and a Secondary session on-line.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty around restrictions it was decided to hold the Autumn term SENCO Net sessions ONLINE too.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 4 – 5:30pm

PRIMARY

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 4 – 5:30pm

PRIMARY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 2 – 3:30pm

SECONDARY

The following terms will be face to face meetings at the usual venues. (See dates below).

Details will be out shortly to SENCOs and schools via email.

<b>Forest Way</b> 4.00 to 5.45pm Monday 1 March 2021 Monday 7 June 2021	<b>Birchwood School</b> 4.00 to 5.45pm Wednesday 3 March 2021 Wednesday 9 June 2021	<b>Ashmount School</b> 4.00 to 5.45pm Tuesday 2 March 2021 Tuesday 8 June 2021
<b>Birkett House</b> 4.00 to 5.45pm Tuesday 9 March 2021 Tuesday 15 June 2021	<b>Dorothy Goodman</b> 4.00 to 5.45pm Wednesday 10 March 2021 Wednesday 16 June 2021	<b>Park House Glenfield</b> 2.00 to 4.00pm Thursday 11 March 2021 Thursday 17 June 2021 <i>For Secondary and FE SENCOs only</i>

Bookings can be made on –line at

<https://bookwhen.com/senconet>



On behalf of Forest Way Teaching School we would like to wish you all a well earned summer break and we look forward to working with you all again in the Autumn.