



To all Headteachers

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Dear Colleague

We have several short updates for you that we hope will be helpful to you and your teams.

Test and Track

We have recently had some schools raise concerns related to inconsistent advice being provided to them or to their staff in instances where positive cases have been confirmed linked to the school or to a family member. In one case, this arose from a notification being received through the Test and Track system. Where a school is concerned that the advice received or action required does not comply with government guidance, particularly where notification has come through Test and Track, Public Health England have suggested that individual cases should be picked up by raising it here <https://www.nhs.uk/contact-us/nhs-website-contact-us> or through calling 119 to check and challenge the advice.

Summer Exams

Yesterday, Secretary of State Gavin Williamson announced the arrangements for the summer 2021 exam series. Links to his announcements are below.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2020-10-12/hcws501>

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/students-to-be-given-more-time-to-prepare-for-2021-exams?utm_source=804ca755-33da-4205-a277-7a9f4d3928c4&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Wellbeing for Education Return training

Your schools should be receiving direct communication regarding webinars that have been set up to introduce the Wellbeing for Education Return training. The webinar will outline the content of the training for schools and colleges starting in November 2020 while also

signposting local provision. They will also be recorded so that they can be accessed after the 'live' session via the TEP website.

This link will take you through to register for either of the two webinars planned.

<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/events/wellbeing-for-education-return/>

Kent Resilience Hub

New digital versions of crisis support cards have been uploaded to the Kent Resilience Hub <https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/schools-and-communities/supporting-young-people/get-help-now/>. The cards, which have clickable links to both local and national resources, can be shared widely and are suitable for use by parents and carers, pupils and colleagues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Dunkley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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