



Our REF: CT/JAW

Date: 5th November 2020

RE: NOVEMBER – DECEMBER LOCKDOWN

Following the recent developments and updated guidance from the government and health authorities, I wanted to inform you about the Humber Teaching School's response within these ever changing circumstances.

The Teaching School will operate as 'normal', continuing to support local schools and colleagues with all Teaching School related business wherever possible.

Key information will be continually shared through our website and social media accounts which are accessible at:

Website: www.humberteachingschool.co.uk

Social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram): @HumberTeaching

Please keep checking these forums for updates.

What is happening during the latest lockdown?

The Humber Teaching School will continue to operate as normal. All work and business related matters will be completed in the office as usual whilst schools remain open.

Operating hours

The office hours will be as follows:

Monday: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Tuesday: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Thursday: 9.00am – 4.30pm

Friday: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Contacting HTS

Please email office@humberteachingschool.co.uk or call 01472 582557. If we are unable to take your call, please leave a voice mail and we will endeavour to respond within 48 hours.

Will meetings go ahead?

As has been the case since September, face to face meetings will not take place, however relevant updates to all associated partners will be shared via email or online meetings.

1. Initial Teacher Training

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL DIRECT COLLEAGUES

Will interviews for training places in 2021-22 still occur?

Yes, interviews will be taking place virtually, as they have been since September. If you have an application that has been or is due to be submitted to the Humber Teaching School, please rest assured that this will be processed as normal and we will be in touch on receipt of your application.

Will school experience be performed?

As communicated previously, school experience has been cancelled for the 2020-21.

Will the lockdown impact on my training year?

No, due to schools still operating and staying open during lockdown, there will be no impact on the accrual of training and development days required for the awarding of QTS. As always, HTS will closely monitor and follow any future releases and guidance given by both the Department of Education and the HEI providers in relation to any amendments/updates on the national lockdown.

2. Continuous Professional Development

All CPD courses have been taking place online since September therefore there will be no impact on the courses running. If there are any changes to the virtual dates, you will be contacted with regards new course dates.

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR NPQ COLLEAGUES

Assessment submission admin

As discussed previously, The Humber Teaching School will continue to operate as normal with deadlines remaining the same.

Assessment support

As part of the NPQ programme, you will be aware that delegates can request some support prior to assessment submissions. This is accessed and facilitated through Leading Learning Forward, as NPQ facilitation leaders for the programme. David Eaton (Director of LLF TSA) will still be providing this support and is contactable via his personal email. Please divert all enquiries to this email.

Submission dates

Submission windows for December remain unchanged due to the lockdown. As a result, you should still continue with your submission as planned.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards this, please do not hesitate to contact the Humber Teaching School administration team on npq@humberteachingschool.co.uk

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR NQT COLLEAGUES

Will I still be required to submit my tracker documents?

Yes, the pre-agreed deadlines are still in place with colleagues required to submit these electronically to office@humberteachingschool.co.uk

Will the lockdown effect my accreditation?

No, due to schools remaining open, this will not impact on your induction period and overall accreditation.

3. School to school support

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENTS ACCESSING STSS

What will happen with regards school to school support deployments?

As communicated previously, the national school improvement offer has been halted for 2020-21, therefore no deployments are active.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance of your support and understanding on the matters discussed. If you have any questions or queries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely



Justin Wakefield

Director of HTS