



Our REF: CT/JAW

Date: 5th January 2021

RE: JANUARY - FEBRUARY LOCKDOWN

Following the government's announcement on 4th January with regards a six-week national lockdown and the closure of on-site provision for Primary, Secondary, College and HEI settings due to the coronavirus, I wish inform you about the Humber Teaching School's response to this recent announcement.

The Teaching School will operate as 'normal', continuing to support local schools and colleagues with all Teaching School related business wherever possible. All work and business related matters will be completed outside of the offices, with HTS colleagues performing 'agile working' (working from home). A member of the administrative team, will continue to operate all office administration requests and resolve these in as timely a manner as 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.

Operating hours

The office hours will be 9.00am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

Contacting HTS

The preferred means of communicating with the Teaching School is via email, **We would ask that you do not call The Humber Teaching School office.** Please contact office@humberteachingschool.co.uk and we will endeavour to respond as soon as we possibly can.

Will meetings go ahead?

Partners and associated partners will continue to be updated via email or scheduled virtual meetings. Colleagues will be notified of any changes to proposed meetings via email (if they occur).



1. Initial Teacher Training

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL DIRECT COLLEAGUES

Will second placements occur for the 2020-21 cohort?

For trainees on the 2020-21 cohort, **phase two placements have been postponed** with trainees reverting back to their phase one setting. This is to allow effective support during a period of remote learning. 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 programme of study during the January national lockdown.

What home learning would you recommend is performed in a period of closure?

Linking in with the guidance and advice given by the Department of Education and the HEI providers, the Humber Teaching School would like all trainee's to be as proactive as possible during this time.

Please see below for a list of activities that you are directed to complete during school closures.

- **Long-term planning reviews, adaptations to schemes of work / learning and evidence of planned lessons** should still be ongoing. This is evidence of good practice and are essential resources. This work will be invaluable when preparing to deliver lessons once normal 'face to face' service has resumed.
- **Teaching Standards** – allocate time each day (either in school or at home) to update and review the evidence that has been put forward towards the achievement of the teaching standards. This will be crucial for accreditation purposes.
- **Subject knowledge development** – take time to reflect and research key themes that have been identified as areas for improvement within your standards review. This may be documented by reference in lesson plans or through use of the 'weekly reflections' document.
- **Assignments** – all trainees are required to complete compulsory assignments which have been outlined by the university, this can be continued during any period of closure. The deadlines for these assignments remain fixed (unless you are independently contacted by the HEI provider), so please ensure that adequate time and effort is given to completing these to the highest possible standard.
- **Proactive planning** – Having had access to mid-term plans and resources all trainees should use any additional time to be proactive in preparing for lessons that will be delivered in phase 3 (when recommenced). Ensure that topics / learning aims are worked towards making the best use of the time available, ensuring that plans are up-to-date and of a very high standard.

We understand that most, if not all our trainees will be actively involved in the school setting in some manner, which is hugely beneficial during this period of closure. Trainees must ensure that they are evidencing all that they do, and should keep in continual contact with both the HTS and the University.

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

Yes, interviews will be taking place virtually, as they have been since September 2020. 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 upon receipt of your application.

Will school experience be performed?

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

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

The Humber Teaching School (HTS) and Leading Learning Forward (LLF) are committed to supporting colleagues who are enrolled on our NPQ courses. Thus far, no further guidance has been released by the awarding body with regards changes to assessment and facilitation protocols. If this changes, HTS and LLF will update all relevant parties.

Will session facilitation for 2020-21 cohorts (NPQML, NPQSL & NPQH) still occur?

All planned virtual sessions will go ahead as normal. If you are unable to attend any session, please contact the LLF administrative teams, whom will advise you on your future actions.

NPQH – Day 3 Working in Partnership – Wednesday 13th January 2021

NPQSL– Day 3 Working in Partnership – Wednesday 20th January 2021

NPQML– Day 3 Working in Partnership – Wednesday 27th January 2021

Will I still need to submit my NPQ assessment?

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

Will I still receive NPQ 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.

Will submission dates be effected?

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

February Deadline: Tuesday 9th February 2021

March Deadline: Wednesday 24th March 2021

April Deadline: Thursday 29th April 2021

May Deadline: Wednesday 19th May 2021

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 scheduled NQT training sessions still occur?

All planned virtual sessions will go ahead as normal. If you are unable to attend the session, please contact the HTS administrative team, whom will advise you on your next steps.

The next session for NQT's is planned for Tuesday 19th January 2021 from 2.00 – 4.00pm this session is for Safeguarding.

Will the lockdown effect my accreditation?

No, due to schools remaining operational, this should not impact on your induction period and overall accreditation. Any future and relevant updates will be shared as soon as they become available through the HTS office email.

3. School to school support

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENTS ACCESSING STSS

What will happen with regards school to school support deployments?

Any school improvement 'recovery' deployments that were due to commence have been halted with immediate effect. The Humber Teaching School will liaise with the school settings whom were due to receive 'support' and discuss next steps shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your continued support and understanding on the matters discussed. The last 10 months have brought immense challenges to education platforms across our region, with colleagues mitigating risks to enable our young people to access the quality of education they deserve. This has reaffirmed to me, and all at the Humber Teaching School, how strong our education sector is within the Humber. It is a privilege to serve this area and collaborate with you.

If you have any questions or queries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely



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