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Dear Colleagues,

As I write this message it is the centenary of the Representation of the People Act which gave some women the vote after a long struggle. We have moved a long way towards equality for women but are still way off the mark. If you look at Birmingham City Council, in over 100 years there have been only eight women Lord Mayors and one woman Leader. I know that the generation of young women coming through school now know much more about their rights and responsibilities and it was apposite that my first call early on Tuesday morning was to Bordesley Green Girls’ School where lives are, literally, being transformed by the power of education. Meanwhile, at the Council House later on Tuesday, female councillors wore rosettes and Suffragette colours at the Full Council meeting where a series of announcements were made, including plans for a book celebrating the lives of inspirational women who shaped the city. The book, which will be published in the autumn, aims to find and profile the extraordinary achievements and lives of ordinary Birmingham women. Please do get in touch via social media (@BhamCityCouncil on twitter) with any suggestions.

Tuesday was also Safer Internet Day and it was good to see so much activity taking place at schools across the city and Amanda Daniels shares a resource below.

On Monday evening it was the termly meeting of Chairs of Governors at the MAC. Full house with standing room only to learn about two powerful school collaboration models in the city: The Learning Trust for Excellence co-operative and the Erdington “Seven” Collaborative. Two models with much in common and distinctive differences. Chairs were very interested and we will share more via School and Governor Support. We know of other similar developments in the nursery, primary and special schools. As Richard Green, Headteacher at Coppice said, “I’m not sure why any headteacher would want to be on their own” and the reasons to join formal collaborations become more compelling.

As you will be aware, Birmingham City Council offers a range of traded services for all schools, academies and other educational establishments. We want to ensure those services offer good quality, cost effective services. With this in mind, I am pleased to advise that Julie Newbold will be utilising her expertise and relationships with schools and academies to progress this corporate priority. This is a lead role and Julie will be reviewing the full range of BCC traded services and working to ensure that those services add value and meet the needs of our schools and academies. I would urge you to meet with Julie so she can advise how BCC may be able to offer support and, hopefully, save you money! Further details are included in the Noticeboard below.

Big congratulations to St Laurence Junior School for reaching the national finals of the English Schools’ Butterfly Table Tennis Championship to be held on Saturday 10 March. Good luck and let us know how you get on.

Out and about, a wonderful visit last week to Hall Green Infants School and Nursery. So many happy children who really know what their learning is about and they knock out some great art work like the Sparkatron picture above. The school has a pupil council, UNICEF RRA group and eco warriors, all of whom understand their special roles in school. What better preparation for our Connecting Globally, Acting Locally, Leading Compassionately Conference on Friday at Birmingham City Football Club?

Finally, congratulations to Phil Steele all at St Edmund Campion for their recent Ofsted inspection. The report was published earlier this week and saw them move to Good. The report says ‘Senior leaders have successfully created an inclusive and caring school, in which every pupil, regardless of faith, religion or ethnic background, is valued and supported.’

YNWA

Colin

[@anfieldexile]
Local Authority Headteacher Briefings: March 2018

As Colin mentioned above, the next Headteacher briefings will be taking place in March. The agenda will be shared with you in upcoming Noticeboards. Please book a place using the links below:

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CSE Survey

The Child Sexual Exploitation Survey forms part of our Schools CSE strategy and asks a series of questions which aim to gain an insight into a pupils’ understanding of Child Sexual Exploitation. As a result of the survey we hope to have a clearer picture of how school age children perceive CSE. The overall survey results will be openly available to schools and individual school results will be shared with schools that make a request for the outcomes of their school survey. We anticipate that the results will benefit individual schools informing them of the strengths of their individual CSE curriculum delivery, confirming best practice and providing detail to inform the School Development Plan.

We expect that the survey will add to your PSHE programme and will be completed by: a form, a year group, or by a number of forms across year groups. Please do not prompt the children; it is important that we get their perception of what CSE is, to be able to provide the most appropriate support and resources moving forward. We understand that CSE is a sensitive subject and completing the survey may raise difficult questions for pupils so further support maybe required in school following completion of the survey. We are also available if further support is wanted.

Our intention is to use the survey results to inform our CSE awareness day which will take place in the week running up to 18 March or the week after. We look forward to working with primary and secondary schools on our day of awareness, developing bespoke school resources, giving schools “a hand on” understanding of the steps that a CSE referral goes through once it has been submitted, and working together on a schools CSE strategy for 2018/19.

The survey tool is available now and will close on 2 March 2018. Please click on the link below to take you to the survey. [https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/c91d28ef](https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/c91d28ef)

CONTACT: David Bishop, Head of Service: Alternative Provision, Attendance and Independent Schools
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**Safer Internet Day resource: Bedtime Stories**

To mark World Safer Internet Day, PAPYRUS launched its Bedtime Stories campaign with a hard-hitting film to raise awareness of the impact of online bullying. We know from calls to our helpline, HOPELineUK, that online bullying is a contributing factor for many young people having thoughts of suicide. Over 200 schoolchildren die by suicide every year in the UK. We need everyone to be aware of the impact that online bullying can have on children and young people’s mental health. This Safer Internet Day, we want to unite against bullying and consider what we can do to make our online environment safer.

This new film is part of the charity’s year-long campaign to Save The #ClassOf2018. Over 200 schoolchildren die by suicide every year in the UK. Suicide is the main cause of death of all young people under 35 in the UK.

The message through this film is to say to parents ‘a better internet starts with you’ and to encourage them to ‘Create, Connect and Share Respect’ by engaging with their children in a conversation about their online activity.

**LINK TO FILM:** [https://youtu.be/yuqlg_pyZks](https://youtu.be/yuqlg_pyZks)

**RESOURCES:** [https://www.papyrus-uk.org/help-advice/resources/bedtimestories-online-bullying](https://www.papyrus-uk.org/help-advice/resources/bedtimestories-online-bullying)

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**TEL:** 0121 303 0100

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**Budget Planning and Management of Deficit Budgets: 2018/19**

With the new financial year approaching schools should now be starting to consider their Budgets Plans for 2018/19 and Head Teachers and Governing Boards are reminded of the need to ensure that their spending plans for the forthcoming year, and beyond, can be contained within the delegated funding that has been allocated to them.

Whilst it is accepted that funding for schools is becoming tighter and that there are ever increasing expenditure pressures to consider, schools are asked to keep in mind their responsibilities around the management of public money, the accountability for how it is being spent and the requirements for taking swift and appropriate action to avoid or properly manage a deficit situation.

As a Local Authority, we also have a responsibility for the management of public money and ensuring that financial probity is being maintained in all of our schools. Where it can be seen that schools are setting or predicting deficit budgets the appropriate challenge will be made to Head Teachers and Governing Boards with the expectation that collaborative working can take place with relevant Local Authority officers to enable schools to make the necessary decisions for reducing expenditure and being in a position to set and maintain a balanced budget.

Schools that are facing financial difficulties for 2018/19 and beyond must make contact with Schools Financial Services (SFS) who will provide some initial advice and guidance before arranging further support for the school, as appropriate, from other colleagues from across the Directorate. Schools that are already working with SFS do not need to make any additional contact with SFS at this point.
CONTACTS:
Sue Beer, Head of Schools Financial Services 0121 303 2678 sue.beer@birmingham.gov.uk
Leigh Farmer, Area Finance Manager 0121 303 2565 leigh.farmer@birmingham.gov.uk
Julie Hobbins, Area Finance Manager 0121 464 0117 julie.hobbins@birmingham.gov.uk

Early Years Noticeboard

The latest Early Years Noticeboard is available at https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1869/school_noticeboard_spring_term_2018_updates.

The most recent Birmingham Forward Steps bulletin is attached at the end of this Noticeboard.

Great British Spring Clean: 2-4 March 2018

Birmingham City Council continues to support the Great British Spring Clean this year. We will be delighted to hear from you if you would like to support this event again by staging a litter pick in your community as part of the Great British Spring Clean event. To help you carry out your event, we can where possible offer the loan of litter pickers, gloves, provide sacks for the litter to go in and arrange a collection from a prearranged point.

If you could contact us to discuss your specific requirements, we will be happy to assist. Please email Greatbritishspringclean@birmingham.gov.uk

Resources are available on the Keep Britain Tidy website at http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/resources

Birmingham NQT Pool 2018

Primary

The Birmingham NQT Pool opens to schools on 1st March 2018. HR Services for Schools hold a register of NQTs actively seeking their first teaching appointment in Birmingham for September 2018.

Schools using the pool will save precious time and money by avoiding advertising, responding to enquiries, and chasing references.

NQTs will be selected by area and phase, with their details provided via a secure email containing application forms and references.

The team communicate regularly with teachers to ensure the information available is as up to date as possible, and can also assist with calls to shortlisted candidates. To request details or to find out more, contact Kevin Tetley on 0121 303 2369 / Email: nqt@birmingham.gov.uk. The charge is £235 for schools who purchase our HR services and £286 for those that do not. Please complete the search pro-forma and return it to us.

Secondary

We do also receive applications from secondary NQTs – if you are looking to recruit for September please contact the team on 0121 303 2369 for further information/costs.
Regional UTC information for Birmingham

In accordance with Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, the council is writing to parents of current Year 9 pupils to inform them of the options for their child from Year 10 in September 2018 in respect of 14-19 providers of education.

The letter has been mailed directly to the home of parents of pupils in Year 9 making them aware of the following providers in the local area who admit pupils into Year 10. Each specialises in a range of academic and specialist vocational subjects and the council co-ordinates the admissions round for Year 10 entry:

- ASTON UNIVERSITY SIXTH FORM Birmingham
- BIRMINGHAM ORMISTON ACADEMY (BOA) Birmingham
- WEST MIDLANDS UTC Wolverhampton
- HEALTH FUTURES UTC West Bromwich
- WAVERLEY STUDIO COLLEGE Birmingham
- WMG ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERS Solihull and Coventry

The letter advises parents/guardians to get in touch the providers directly for further information. Details about open evenings and contact details can be found in the letter that is attached at the end of this Noticeboard for your information.

CONTACT: 14-19 Participation and Skills
EMAIL: 14-19@birmingham.gov.uk

Post 16 Mental Health Survey 2018: 5
February – 5 March 2018

The Post 16 Forum is a city-wide strategic group of senior leaders from schools, colleges, training providers and the council, working together to develop the strategy and improvement of Post-16 provision and pathways.

The Post 16 Forum is gathering evidence from Birmingham schools and Post-16 providers regarding the mental health and wellbeing of students. There is anecdotal evidence from schools and providers that mental health issues among young people are rising. These issues impact on young people’s attendance, participation and engagement in education, training and employment.

This survey aims to collect data and qualitative evidence from schools and Post 16 providers about the current mental health support available and to identify any gaps in provision and training. The results of the survey will be presented to health commissioners and education providers to help them to better plan and deliver services to improve outcomes for young people that live and/or study in Birmingham.

To take part in the survey, please access the link below. For further information or to speak to a member of the 14-19 Participation and Skills Team, please call 0121 675 0157 or email 14-19@birmingham.gov.uk.

WEB LINK: https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/93076b1e
Traded services to schools

As Colin mentioned above, Julie Newbold has been asked to provide strategic leadership to the expansion of Birmingham City Council’s Traded Services and, most importantly, ensure the traded services meet the needs of schools and academies.

Julie will be contacting you over the next few weeks, to identify the school's traded requirements and offer a Relationship Manager function to those schools who purchase traded services.

BCC’s aim is to support children and young people in attaining the best possible educational outcomes and we want our services to work in an integrated way to ensure that this is achieved. We are committed to delivering the highest quality services and work in partnership with schools.

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Link2ICT School News: February 2018

The latest issue of the Link2ICT School Newsletter is available at www.link2ict.org/schoolnews.

In this edition, we celebrate our success as a BETT Awards 2018 winner, introduce a fantastic free resource for BGfL 365 - a complete computing curriculum scheme of work, bring you the latest blog post from Bren, our Senior Education Consultant and that the blog will also include regular online safety contributions from Safeguarding Manager, Andy Pyper, highlight our new Events page on the Link2ICT website, invite you to submit applications for the 2018 "Innovation in Schools Award", introduce Spell Blast, yet another fantastic free resource available on BGfL 365, offer amazing virtual reality experiences with ClassVR, reveal a new web/app design service for schools, and much more, not forgetting those all-important dates for your diary.

We hope you find this newsletter of interest. If you do, pass it on to your colleagues in school. Our aim is to keep you up to date with new developments and to help you get the most from the services we provide.

WEB LINK: www.link2ict.org/schoolnews
CONTACT: Link2ICT
EMAIL: info@link2ict.org
TEL: 0121 303 5100

Link2ICT Innovation in Schools award

Link2ICT is looking for schools with forward thinking teachers who are utilising ICT in a unique/creative way to make a difference in education. The Innovation in Schools award offers you the opportunity to showcase your innovative/inventive use of technology. We want schools to share their ideas and inspire colleagues with the many benefits that ICT can bring to the classroom.

If you would like to nominate your school, please tell us in no more than 1000 words, why you deserve to win. Your school will receive a trophy, £500 from Link2ICT and bragging rights for your unique approach to teaching and learning!
Please tell us:
- What ICT resources, services, or solutions you use that are new, original or different
- How ICT has enabled teachers and learners to work and learn in a more effective way
- How ICT has added value to your curriculum
- Any other supporting evidence you may have to prove this

Completed entries to be submitted by emailing info@link2ict.org by Friday 23 March 2018. The winning school will be notified personally, presented with their award and featured in the Link2ICT School newsletter and on our website.

**Link2ICT events**

Please visit [www.link2ict.org/events](http://www.link2ict.org/events) for a full list of all our conferences, seminars and workshops addressing Online Safety, Mental Health, Network Management and Teaching and Learning with Mobile Devices, just to name a few.

You can also visit [www.link2ict.org/training](http://www.link2ict.org/training) for a full list of training courses covering GDPR - Data Protection, Safeguarding, and getting the most out of your SIMS MIS.

For now, please add the following dates to your diary and we look forward to welcoming you at our upcoming events and continuing to support you with new learning and training opportunities:
- **Network Managers and School Technicians’ Event** – Wednesday 7 March 2018
- **Mental Health Event: Support for schools** – Tuesday 24 April 2018
Raising attainment in primary science: 8 March 2018

Summary
Where there has been a drop in attainment in science it is important to identify and evaluate possible causes and consider strategies for making good lessons outstanding. During this course you will make use of self-evaluation strategies to develop an understanding of the key issues relating to the raising of attainment in your school.

Outcomes
You will be able to:
• develop an understanding of key issues relating to raising attainment
• become familiar with a range of activities to use in the classroom to support raising attainment
• appreciate how to create a learning environment that meets children’s needs

To apply, please follow the web link [bit.ly/2E2Snpr](http://bit.ly/2E2Snpr) or email our Science Partnership [Sciencepartnership@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Sciencepartnership@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

Original booking fee- £175, but use our 50% off discount code: NSLN1718FFT2 to book for only £87.50

EMAIL: Sciencepartnership@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Developing Highly Effective Leaders

The theme of the two day programme, aimed at Aspiring Leaders or those already in middle or senior leadership positions, is the central issue of school performance, accountability and outcomes, and will explore the relationship between these challenging aspects of school leadership. This programme covers:

• Leadership skills and attributes
• Roles and responsibilities – the day to day essentials.
• Definition of Leadership and Management
• Exploring Visions and Values.
• The Leadership Challenge – Kouzes and Posner.
• Learning Centered Leadership.
• Leadership habits
• Leadership styles
• Leading people through building trust
• Team motivation
• Responding to conflict
• Having challenging conversations and giving feedback

VENUE: Professional Development Centre, Parkfield Community School B8 3AX
DATE: 13 February 2018 and 20 March 2018 (Delegates must attend both dates)
COST: £300 per person, refreshments and buffet lunch provided

To book a place, email Linda on [pdc@excelsiormat.co.uk](mailto:pdc@excelsiormat.co.uk) or telephone 0121 464 1131
**Link2ICT training courses**

**BGfL 365 – Exploring the j2e Tool Suite: 13 February 2018**
This course will explore the tools in the BGfL 365 environment, looking at ways the online tools can be used to enhance teaching and learning and what they have to offer in the delivery of the cross curricular elements of the computing curriculum.

**Leading Science in Primary Schools: 13 February 2018**
As a core subject, leadership of science is an important aspect of primary school management. This course provides an opportunity for science leaders to develop or consolidate their leadership skills and to ensure that their leadership covers all the essential elements to ensuring the best possible provision for science in their schools.

*The above courses qualify for a discounted promotional offer. Plus, book now to save up to an additional 50% on your second delegate.*

**Word Intermediate 2016/Office 365: 12 March 2018**
This course is designed for staff looking to improve their knowledge of Microsoft Word. You will be guided around the new features and functions and learn how to create tables, templates and discover how to manage sections, incorporate graphics and merging to documents or email.

*Book this course now to save up to 30% on the delegate rate.*

**WEB LINK:** [www.link2ict.org/training](http://www.link2ict.org/training)
**CONTACT:** Link2ICT
**EMAIL:** info@link2ict.org
**TEL:** 0121 303 5100

**Link2ICT monthly Training Digest**

Link2ICT provides a comprehensive programme of high quality professional development opportunities covering a wide range of systems and services. Our termly Training Guide (www.link2ict.org/trainingguide) contains a full list of courses to help you plan in advance and identify the training courses for you and/or your colleagues for the term ahead.

However, you may prefer a more regular update or reminder which details what’s coming up in the month ahead. With this in mind, we are now able to bring you our new Monthly Training Digest. Each month, this will highlight what training is available in the month to come, and will include any discounted offers that we are currently offering. The digest will be emailed to schools each month.

To ensure you receive this information, please take a moment to confirm your details: [www.link2ict.org/updatedetails](http://www.link2ict.org/updatedetails).

We will also publish the monthly Training Digest on the website, located under the “School Improvement” menu, or via [www.link2ict.org/trainingdigest](http://www.link2ict.org/trainingdigest).
Drama in the Primary Curriculum

This one-day drama CPD course for KS1 and KS2 teachers in the Midlands immerses you in activities and ideas to use immediately in the classroom. The focus is on integrating drama across the primary curriculum including STEM subjects through the use of drama strategies such as freeze frames, teacher in role, hot-seating, ten-second objects, thought-tracking and many more.

David Farmer, director of Drama Resource and Margaret Branscombe, director of Learn Through Drama are both experienced teachers, drama practitioners and workshop leaders. David has a background in theatre in education and is the author of four popular drama books. Margaret has researched the teaching of KS2 science through drama and has had several schemes of work published in Teaching Drama magazine. The course will give practical ideas for infusing drama in a meaningful way that enhances learning and motivates students.

To book, visit: https://dramaresource.com/courses/

Coming soon - Permission to Smile

Smiling should be natural, automatic; friendliness lights up the atmosphere of a neighbourhood and it opens the door for people to care for one another, address isolation, look out for neighbours’ children – and start doing together some of the things (like starting a youth club) that councils are increasingly unable to do.

So a new campaign coming from a consortium including street associations, BVSC, BCU students, chamber of commerce, Birmingham Civic Society, Birmingham Mail, faith groups and others, is coming to our city. Its aim is to shift a ‘keep yourself to yourself’ culture into something much more positive.

Schools, especially primary schools, are actually the nearest thing there is to a social hub. Each school could be instrumental in helping this to fly in its area. Assemblies, citizenship lessons, the display of banners like this one are all on offer. The campaign will launch in Birmingham’s High Street, outside M&S, on Saturday 19 May, with a massive ice sculpture with this logo frozen inside! More on this in subsequent issues of Noticeboard. But feel free to contact Martin Graham at office@permissiontosmile.org and the relevant social media handles are:

Twitter URL: https://twitter.com/PermissionSmile
Facebook URL: https://www.facebook.com/PermissionToSmile/
Instagram URL: https://www.instagram.com/permissiontosmile/

#PermissionToSmile
GREET SOMEONE TODAY
Voluntary Sector Partner Update

City-wide partners
A key part of the Birmingham Forward Steps model is our partnership with four voluntary sector partners. Home-Start, KIDS West Midlands, Pre-School Learning Alliance and Thrive Together Birmingham all provide services which will greatly enhance our core offer by supporting and developing community and volunteer-led provision.

Home-Start
Home-Start will now be offering family support interventions across Birmingham. There are six different Home-Start schemes within Birmingham and the table below shows which scheme will be covering which areas of the city. Some schemes are fully ready to accept new referrals, whilst others need to undertake some recruitment both of staff and of new volunteers, so may only offer a reduced service in the first instance. Please make contact and start a dialogue with the relevant Home-Start scheme for
your area and ensure they are invited to the Children’s Centre allocation meetings. The Home-Start referral form can be found on their website: 
[http://www.homestartbirmingham.co.uk/referrers.html](http://www.homestartbirmingham.co.uk/referrers.html)

Referrals should be made through the allocation meeting process where possible, but please note that a referral form will still be required.

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The Jewellery Business Centre, Suite 328  
95 Spencer Street  B18 6DA  
Email: admin@homestartbcsw.org  
Tel: 0121 794 7225 | Bartley Green  
Edgbaston  
Harborne  
Ladywood  
Quinton  
Soho |
| **Home-Start Birmingham North West**  
United Reformed Church  
1 Brassington Avenue  
Sutton Coldfield B73 6AA  
info@homestartbnw.org.uk  
Tel & Fax: 0121 321 2277 | Kingstanding  
Oscott  
Perry Barr  
Sutton Four Oaks  
Sutton Newhall  
Sutton Vesey  
Sutton Trinity |
| **Home-Start Cole Valley**  
116 Church Road  
Yardley B25 8UX  
info@homestartcolevalley.org.uk  
Tel & Fax: 0121 572 0800 | Acocks Green  
Hall Green  
Moseley & Kings Heath  
Sheldon  
South Yardley  
Sparkbrook  
Springfield  
Stechford & Yardley North |
| **Home-Start Birmingham South**  
Hampstead House  
Condover Road | Billesley  
Bournville  
Brandwood |
Pre-School Learning Alliance and Thrive Together Birmingham (PLA and Thrive)
PLA and Thrive will be working together to support Stay and Play provision which is provided by community organisations and volunteers. More detail about this approach can be found in the Interim Guidance issued last week. By supporting existing community-led Stay and Play groups and promoting and encouraging the growth of new groups across the city PLA and Thrive hope to create a ‘Birmingham Community Stay and Play Network’.
Both organisations are in the process of developing the new service and it is anticipated that both services will be up and running by the start of April. In the meantime PLA are keen to hear from you. Service Manager Kerry Armitt is starting to gather information to inform an audit of existing provision and identify target areas for the development of new groups.

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Please contact kerry.armitt@preschool.org.uk to share your local knowledge of:

- Existing community or volunteer-led Stay and Play groups (or similar groups with different names, such as mother and toddler groups or Messy Play sessions)
- Parents or other volunteers who have expressed an interest in leading groups (for instance parents who came forward to express an interest in maintaining groups that were due for closure)
- Areas where Stay and Play provision has stopped due to Children’s Centre closures
- Areas where there is no community-led provision which could be targeted for development

**KIDS West Midlands**

KIDS will be working within our Children’s Centres to provide support groups for families with children with special needs. It is anticipated that there will be group in each district of the city. In the long term they want parents to be leading and steering these groups so your existing relationship with parents will be very helpful in developing this new model. KIDS are developing the staff team to deliver this service and are now recruiting to posts. More details about the vacancies are available on their website: [www.kids.org.uk/west-midlands](http://www.kids.org.uk/west-midlands)

**Health Visitors**

1. Health Visitors have continued to deliver support to children and families throughout the period of induction for our partners across the Children’s Centre’s. The service is continuing to work within the localities to provide baby clinics and developmental assessments.

**BFS Contacts**

1. The contact details for Birmingham Forward Steps children’s centres are on the new website and also available via reception of the sites. The BFS website contains a postcode checker directing users to their local children’s centre and providing the phone number. [A full list of phone numbers is also available on the BCHC website here.](http://www.bchc.org.uk)
2. Referral forms and consent forms are also available on the website to be completed and discussed directly to the Children’s Centres for any ‘requests for services’.
3. The Health Visiting Directory can be found on the BFS website which provides full details of Health Visiting contacts.
4. Secure email addresses for all partner communications relating to children are being arranged
and will be communicated to local stakeholders and multi-agency partners imminently.

5. The Birmingham Forward Steps website is live to support information for public and professionals and will be developed with further service information and resources for professionals going forward.

### Upcoming Events

1. **30th January 2018** - Operational Managers/District Managers ‘getting to know each other’ event with discussions regarding operational related matters, (invites sent via email).

2. **13th February 2018** – Team Leaders/Children’s Centre Managers to ‘getting to know each other’ event with discussions regarding operational related matters, (invites to be sent via email).

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We want to hear from you! Please send comments, requests and queries to earlyyears@bhamcommunity.nhs.uk
This information has been sent out from Birmingham City Council’s 14-19 Full Participation & Skills team in compliance with Local Authority statutory duties encouraging the full participation of young people in education and training. For further information go to https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/fullparticipation

Dear Parent

Providers of Education from age 14

National Government has introduced new legislation which requires all Local Authorities to contact parents who have a child due to move into Year 10 from September 2018. This is to make you aware that there are a range of local education providers offering places starting in Year 10.

Our information suggests that your child is currently in Year 9 and therefore would be eligible to apply for a place with any of these providers from September 2018. This does not mean that you are required to move your child if staying at their existing school is the best option for them.

Listed below are the schools in the area who admit pupils into Year 10. Each specialises in a range of academic and vocational subjects and more information is listed below, alongside a website address where you can find further details.

University Technical Colleges are set up by universities and businesses and specialise in one or two technical subjects. At GCSE they offer a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 secondary school, including English and maths as well as their specialist subject.

Studio schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing the skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience, alongside a similar curriculum to a typical 11-18 school.

ASTON UNIVERSITY SIXTH FORM - Birmingham
Sponsored by Aston University, the UTC is prestigiously based on the edge of Aston’s campus in central Birmingham adjacent to the brand new National College for High Speed Rail, making it the prime place to launch your career, including into High Speed Rail, Construction, Automotive, Aerospace, Pharmacology and Medicine. Now in its 7th Year the UTC specialises in all aspects of Engineering and Science resulting in over 80% of its graduates at 18 years old progressing to University or apprenticeships. With direct pathways to Aston University (including their recently announced Medical School) along with the National High Speed Rail College there has never been a better time to start your UTC journey.

- Visit the UTC’s website: www.auea.co.uk or email us at admissions@auea.co.uk
- Book via our website onto our Year 9 Information Evening Monday 5th March 2018

BIRMINGHAM ORMISTON ACADEMY (BOA) - Birmingham
Located next to Birmingham City University’s city centre campus, Birmingham Ormiston Academy is an Academy Sponsor Led school, who specialise in the arts. The Academy accepts young people from the ages of 14-19. BOA is a regional academy of excellence for the teaching of creative, digital and performing arts, combining academic and vocational teaching.
For more information please visit www.boa-academy.co.uk

WEST MIDLANDS UTC - Wolverhampton
Specialises in ‘Innovation, Design and Build’ and is sponsored by the Construction Industry Training Board and the University of Wolverhampton. The programme at the UTC prepares students for careers in technical fields such as Architecture & Interior Design; Civil Engineering; Building, Land and Quantity Surveying; Project and Business Management; CAD CAM & Network Engineering;
Software & Hardware Development - The UTC state of the art building is based a short walk from Wolverhampton Train Station at the University of Wolverhampton’s ‘Springfield Campus’.  
- Visit the UTC’s website: www.westmidsutc.co.uk or email us at info@wmcutc.co.uk  
- Book an appointment to Meet the Principal via our website or by calling 01902 872180  
- Please come along to one of our open days:  

Wednesday 28th March 16:30 – 19:30  
Saturday 30th June 10:00 – 15:00

HEALTH FUTURES UTC – West Bromwich  
Established in September 2015 with the support of health employers across the West Midlands including all the NHS Trusts, the Cooperative Pharmacy and Compton Hospice. Health Futures is backed by the University of Wolverhampton and offers the qualifications and experiences that will help you to open the door to one of the diverse and rewarding careers in the health sector. Situated on West Bromwich High Street the UTC is handy from the tram or by bus (postcode B70 8DJ).  
- Visit our website at: www.healthfuturesutc.co.uk or email us at: admin@healthfuturesutc.co.uk  
- Come and see us at our Open Evening: Tuesday 27th February 17:30 – 19:30

WAVERLEY STUDIO COLLEGE - Birmingham  
Waverley is a Studio College designed for 14-19 year olds of all abilities situated close to Birmingham Heartlands Hospital. The Studio College offers a range of academic and vocational qualifications which prepare students for careers in Enterprise, Creative Technology, Health & Social Care and Medical Science.  
For more information please visit www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk

WMG ACADEMY FOR ENGINEERS – Solihull and Coventry  
WMG Academy in Solihull and Coventry are both state-of-the-art academies where students aged 14-19 learn the skills to kickstart their careers. Specialising in science, technology, engineering and maths, the academy works closely with the University of Warwick and businesses to offer a career-based education for students living in the Heart of England. With good transport links for both academies across the West Midlands and great destinations for our students into apprenticeships and University, it is the time to find out about what we can offer you  
- Contact Coventry on 02476 464661 or Solihull on 0121 289 3556  
- Please join us for a Tour & Explore evening (dates the same for both sites):  
  - Thursday 15th February 17:00 – 18:00  
  - Wednesday 7th March 17:00 -18:00  
  - Saturday 21st April 10:00-13:00  
- Bookings need to be made via the website www.wmgacademy.org.uk

I hope that this letter provides you with a good overview of the educational offer in the area for young people aged 14+. In Birmingham we are passionate about supporting diverse academic and vocational opportunities, which provide for the needs and aspirations of all young people. If you feel that your child would benefit from attending one of the education providers listed above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with them directly.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne Ainsworth  
Assistant Director  
14-19 Participation & Skills