

Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 22nd September 2017

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Below are some of the documents uploaded to Somerset iPost this week that may be required by, or of interest to, schools.

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Statutory

Non-statutory - with deadline

Information

Title: [eLIM September Online Safety Newsletter for schools](#)

Audience: Schools

Summary: The latest Online Safety Newsletter for Schools and other settings has just been published.

Contact: elimAdmin@somerset.gov.uk

Access: public

Title: [New version of Digital Parenting Magazine from Vodafone](#)

Audience: Schools

Summary: A new version of the Digital Parenting Magazine is available from Vodafone.

Contact: elimAdmin@somerset.gov.uk

Access: public

Title: [The mis-use of Twitter in schools](#)

Audience: Schools

Summary: Advice to schools in how to avoid safeguarding and personal safety incidents on the schools Twitter account.

Contact: elimAdmin@somerset.gov.uk

Access: public

Title: [Updated version of the Social Network and Parents guide booklet has just been published.](#)

Audience: Schools

Summary: Recently updated to include clear advice to schools and other educational settings in dealing with parental social network incidents.

Contact: elimAdmin@somerset.gov.uk

Access: public

Subject: Foster Care

Contact: Caroline Cook

Action: Urgent

Info:

Somerset County Council is raising awareness regarding the great need for foster carers in Somerset.

We have around 500 children currently in care and not enough foster carers available to provide safe and loving homes for them.

It has never been a better time to foster as Somerset county Council has a brand new Foster Carer offer.

Highly competitive fees and allowances, great training and support, opportunities for progression plus brilliant extra benefits and discounts available.

It's an opportunity to work in a rewarding new role or do something to make a real difference to a child in conjunction with your current job.

Even if you are not in a position to foster, there are so many ways you can help:

You can download and print off a poster [Here](#) and put it up on your noticeboard/in a the window of local business/sports club etc.

Or just like and share our posts/videos on facebook [@fosteringinsomerset](#) or twitter [@fostersomerset](#)

If you are interested in fostering, there are lots of events happening all over [Somerset](#).

[Blue sheet and Teaching Vacancies](#)

The Blue sheets and Teaching bulletin are distributed on a Friday each week. The deadlines for these bulletins are – Monday at 12 noon for the Blue sheets and Thursday at 11am for the Teaching bulletin. Adverts received after these times will not be included in that week's bulletin. IPOSTID-2-5958 (Blue Sheet Vacancy Bulletin) IPOSTID-2-5957 (Teaching Vacancy Bulletin)

[Our Somerset](#)

[Our Somerset](#) is a key internal communications tool for all staff and members. This website contains the latest news and events for staff and members, a regularly updated collection of signposts to useful corporate information and a question and answer page.

Some key sites on SLP

[Somerset eLIM](#)

Courses – courses/training for Education MIS, Education Technology and SLP

Education MIS – current activities, latest developments, advice and guidance

Education Technology – ideas and support for creative ICT across the curriculum, e-safety advice, filtering, online learning, ICT advocates, blogs etc

SLP Support – Training, parental access, FAQ's, videos, SLP mobile etc

Infrastructure Advice – advice on ICT infrastructure planning and technical resources etc.

[Support Services for Education \(SSE\)](#)

Support Services for Education (SSE) is a traded unit within Somerset County Council that offers a wide variety of support services to all education providers. Our website provides you with easy access to services, information, training and events that will support you in delivering the best possible education provision to the children and young people of Somerset.