

Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 12th January 2018

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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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Title: [SSE Conference: Change Across the Education Sector](#)

Audience: Open to all school leaders and managers

Summary: The all-day **FREE** event is taking place at Westlands Conference Centre, Yeovil on Friday 23 February 2018. Key note speakers include Lisa Mannall (Regional Schools Commissioner) and Bradley Simmons (Regional Director, Ofsted). There will also be 16 workshops to choose from, an exhibition hall and much more. Book your place now!

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Title: [SIMS Circular 071 2017 Schools and Academies with nursery pupils on roll in SIMS](#)

Audience: For all Schools, Academies and PRUs

Summary: Instructions to schools to create the Second CTF for pupils/students transferring to their next school in September

Contact: SIMS Support Helpline (01823) 355090 or email

ICTHelpdesk@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Access: Restricted to ELIM Subscribers

Title: [External Funding Summary Dec 2017](#)

Audience: EFS Purchasers, EFS Academy Purchasers

Summary: This is a summary of the funding opportunities published by the External Funding Service in December 2017.

Deadline: n/a

Contact: 01823 356640 funding@somerset.gov.uk

Access: EFS Purchasers; EFS Academy Purchasers

Title: [Trees for Schools](#)**Audience:** EFS Purchasers, EFS Academy Purchasers**Summary:** Funding is available for schools to purchase trees to plant during National Tree Week. Please see the document for more details.**Deadline:** 31 March 2018**Contact:** 01823 356640 funding@somerset.gov.uk**Access:** EFS Purchasers; EFS Academy Purchasers**Title:** [Holiday Grants for Children Henry Smith Charity](#)**Audience:** EFS Purchasers, EFS Academy Purchasers**Summary:** Grants are available for recreational trips or holidays for disadvantaged children. Please see the document for more details.**Deadline:** 28 Feb; 30 April; 2 July; 16 Nov 2018**Contact:** 01823 356640 funding@somerset.gov.uk**Access:** EFS Purchasers; EFS Academy Purchasers**Title:** [Somerset Governors 175 Safeguarding Audit](#)**Audience:** All Schools**Summary:** The Somerset Governors 175 Safeguarding Audit has been unlocked and is now ready for completion. We apologise for the glitches that there have been and the impact this may have caused you all and thank you for your patience, We are hopeful Virtual College have been able to rid the bugs that were in the system, They assure us today this has been successful.**Contact:** Jane Weatherill – JWeatherill@somerset.gov.uk**Access:** Public**[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-2-6201 (Blue Sheet Vacancy Bulletin) and IPOSTID-2-6202 (Teaching Vacancy Bulletin) will return next week.

[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](#)**[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.

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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.