

Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 16th March 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: [SIMS Circular 015/2018 – Running the SIMS Offsite Emergency Texting routine](#)

Audience: For all Schools which purchase the SIMS Text Messaging Service

Summary: Updated guidance for sending messages directly from Esendex, now including to Staff mobile numbers and replaces SIMS circular 076/2016.

Contact: Education MIS team 01823 355090 or ICTHelpdesk@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Access: restricted to ELIM Purchasers

Title: [Care First Package](#)

Audience: FAO Schools

Summary: Whilst the County Council continues with a procurement exercise for all of its 'wellbeing' contracts, which includes EAP, it has taken the option to extend the contract with Care First while the final elements of the procurement paperwork is completed. This means provision of EAP can be offered to schools to the end of the current academic year with the existing provider.

Contact: Steve Dorrall - SDorrall@somerset.gov.uk

Title: [EYFS Moderation Cluster Meetings - now available to book as of Monday](#)

Audience: *IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS WHO ARE NOT BEING MODERATED THIS YEAR*

Summary: Statutory Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYSFP) Assessment and Moderation. Please note that you are now able to book onto attend the EYSFP Cluster Meetings via the SLA on Line, please click on the attached link and it will take you through to the booking area:<http://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/Training?id=3110>

Contact: Samantha Davies – SADavies@somerset.gov.uk

[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. This week's iPost ID numbers are IPOSTID-2-6328 (Blue Sheet Vacancy Bulletin) and IPOSTID-2-6329 (Teaching Vacancy Bulletin). To follow 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.

[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.