

18 April 2023

Dear Colleagues

I hope you all had a lovely break and did some of the things you wanted to do. It is so nice to see that spring does finally seem to be here. My allotment is beginning to look loved again!

The next **Breakfast Briefing** is on **Tuesday 25 April, 8:00 – 8:15am** with the opportunity to ask questions afterwards. **Please book in the courses section of ECT Manager and joining details will be sent.** This will take place via Zoom.

Agenda:

- What to consider this half term.
- Part-time ECTs who may wish to complete at the end of this academic year.
- Starting to consider final assessments.
- Transferring ECTs from Suffolk Appropriate Body

Sadly, this is the final term of the existence of Suffolk Appropriate Body (AB), and we must make plans for what comes next. The DfE have decided that only Teaching School Hubs (TSH) will be Appropriate Bodies from September 2024. Suffolk Local Authority has taken the decision to cease activity as an AB at the end of August 2023.

Three TSHs work within Suffolk, and the DfE has specified their operating areas as follows:

- Alpha TSH: Ipswich and Babergh
- Inspiration TSH: Waveney
- Unity TSH: West, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal

As part of the reforms introduced by the DfE, schools will continue to choose which AB to use, and will be encouraged to use the TSH and TSH AB that makes the most sense for their circumstances. For most schools it is anticipated that this will be their local TSH AB, as defined by the DfE. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Statutory guidance para 5.3 states it is important for the headteacher to 'agree, in advance of the ECT starting the induction programme, which body will act as the appropriate body'. The same decision needs to be enacted for ECTs who need to transfer to a TSH AB if they will not complete statutory induction, for whatever reason, by the end of this academic year. Headteachers are encouraged to contact the TSH AB for an initial discussion. This opportunity is open to all schools receiving this newsletter.

Contact details below:

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When writing assessment reports remember that statutory induction is predicated on an ECT demonstrating 'their ability to meet the Teachers' Standards consistently over a sustained

period in their practice', statutory guidance para 1.8. To demonstrate they are meeting Standards the assessment reports need to reflect evidence of the impact of the ECT on pupil outcomes. This are not just about attainment; the Teachers' Standards are much wider than that. There is a short recording in resources on ECT Manager about including impact. It is the Appropriate Body that makes the final decision about statutory induction based on the recommendation of the headteacher or principal (statutory guidance para 2.61). To fulfil this obligation the AB needs sufficient testimony from the school to validate its judgement.

I hope everyone has a good term.
Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards
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