

Dear East Midlands Teaching School Colleagues,

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We hope that you have enjoyed your Easter and any break you may have been able to take. The national political context has not taken a break and you will have seen yesterday's announcement by [Teresa May that she is calling a General Election on June 8th](#). It will be interesting to see how this impacts on the Education agenda and the work that we do to improve outcomes for all learners.

Note from the Chair of the Teaching Schools Council, Andrew Warren

"The next 9 months herald some huge opportunities and challenges for teaching schools as we prepare to play significant roles in delivering and managing projects under the Strategic School Improvement Fund and the Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund. The scale of the work is beyond anything that we have been asked to do previously and we must be ready.

Earlier this term, the Teaching Schools Council agreed to align the boundaries of the 9 Teaching School Council regions with the 8 regional schools commissioner regions. This decision was not taken lightly, but it was becoming increasingly important to align our regional structures. Whilst most regions have found these changes straightforward, we know that some concerns remain and we would ask you to bear with us as we make this work. Also, I am very conscious of the tremendous effort and goodwill which has gone into setting up sub-regional groups across the country and the increased levels of collaboration that have emerged as a result. This work will not be wasted as these groups are going to continue to play an important part over the coming months and years.

I want to pay a particular tribute to Teaching School Council representatives for all their hard work with this realignment. However, the bottom line is that in making this change we are signalling that we will do all we can to make sure that every child does indeed go to a great school.

Andrew Warren

Chair of the Teaching Schools Council"

Secretary of State speech

The Education Secretary made a speech on Thursday April 13th 2017 in support of the government policy on the education of disadvantaged children. The speech can be found [here](#).

The Strategic School Improvement Fund

A national overview

"The Strategic School Improvement Fund will open in April. The £140 million fund is for academies and maintained schools, and is aimed at ensuring resources are targeted at the schools most in

need of support, to drive up standards and deliver more good school places. We expect teaching schools will play a pivotal role in brokering, coordinating and delivering school improvement support.

Alongside the Strategic School Improvement Fund, the Education Endowment Foundation has committed to spend a further £20 million over the next 2 years to further evaluate school improvement approaches and supplement their toolkit of evidence-based programmes and interventions. In partnership with the Education Endowment Foundation, we will be running roadshows in each of the regional schools commissioner regions during May and June. The roadshows will provide guidance on how to complete strategic and evidence-based proposals and further information about the Strategic School Improvement Fund.

To find out more about the Strategic School Improvement Fund, when it opens and details of the roadshows, please register an expression of interest.

Gillian Hillier

DfE, Deputy Director - Teaching Schools and School Improvement”

LLE Recruitment and Deployment workshops

After a successful national pilot to recruit LLEs through a regional approach EMTSA has planned LLE Recruitment and Deployment workshops to share the recruitment, induction and toolkit resources.

The aim of the session is to,

- outline the recruitment process and identify key shared principles
- share the LLE induction process
- facilitate collaboration between TSAs to support the process

We are able to offer you the choice of two workshop sessions, Nottingham and Leicester.

Workshop A - Friday 28th April – Fossebrook Primary School, Holmfield Avenue West, **Leicester**, LE3 3FF

Workshop B - Thursday 4th May – Transform TSA training suite, Wildcats Arena, Greenwood Road, **Nottingham**, NG3 7EB

Sessions will start at 9.30am and aim to finish by 12.15pm.

YOU may wish to discuss with local colleagues to ensure that each mini region is represented.

To secure your place please complete and return the table below indicating your preferred workshop to katie.felstead@transformteachingschool.co.uk

Name	Email Address	TSA	Region	Workshop A - Leicester	Workshop B - Nottingham

Teacher subject specialism training (TSST) 2017/18 : Secondary mathematics, core maths, physics and modern foreign languages – Opportunity for grant funding

Applications from schools and sixth form colleges to apply for grant funding to design and deliver teacher subject specialism training (TSST) for non-specialist and returning teachers in secondary mathematics, core maths, physics and modern foreign languages in 2017/18 academic year.

Application round closes – **5pm Wednesday 26 April**. For more information please visit: [teacher subject specialism training funding for schools](#)

Flexible ITT routes networking event, Sanctuary Buildings, London, Friday 12 May

Colleagues interested in attending can contact Lisa Williams at ITTflexible.routes@education.gov.uk by Friday 28 April.

Regional Perspective - Sub Regional Improvement Boards

In our weekly update of 29th March, we signalled the establishment of two Sub Regional Improvement Boards:

- a. East Midlands North (EMN), covering Derbyshire, Derby City, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City
- b. East Midlands South and East (EMSE), covering Leicestershire, Leicester City, Lincolnshire and Rutland

Northamptonshire colleagues will be joining an improvement Board convened by the RSC North London and South Central England.

Personal invitations to SRIB planning workshops have now been sent out by the RSC. Each mini region area has been invited to send a teaching school representative (one of your two EMTSSG reps) and a local authority colleague. Others invited include a Head Teacher Board representative, Diocesan Board of Education representative, RSC and the TSC regional representative.

SRIB planning workshops for both EMN and EMSE will take place on April 28th.

The Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF)

The application round for the [Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund](#) is now open. You will need to be [registered in Redimo2](#) to view the details of the specification and to make an application. You can find background information on [Contracts Finder](#) and on [GOV.UK](#)

Primary Assessment in England: consultation launched

The DfE has launched a [public consultation](#) exercise about the future of the primary assessment system in England. Details are included in a [statement](#) made to Parliament today by Education Secretary, Justine Greening.

The consultation sets out wide-ranging proposals for improving the primary assessment system. A [parallel consultation](#), asks for views on the recommendations of the independent Rochford Review, which considered assessment arrangements for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum tests.

Those with an interest in primary education are encouraged to engage with these consultation exercises, which are open until 22 June 2017

National Leaders of Governance data for mini region use

A spreadsheet of all designated NLGs in the region has been put together by Steve Ward and Ed Wydenbach (please see attached).

National Leaders of Governance – Cohort 10 recruitment

The next NLG application round, Cohort 10, has opened for applications with a deadline of the 12th May. Further details can be found here: [National leaders of governance: a guide for potential](#)

International Teacher Recruitment

Victoria Jones and James Dumbill are working in the DfE International Recruitment team. They are currently delivering a pilot programme, with the Ministry of Education in Spain, to recruit Spanish

teachers. Interviews for the programme will be taking place in May and they are currently working on sourcing schools who are looking to recruit.

If this interests you please contact: James.DUMBILL@education.gov.uk or Victoria.JONES@education.gov.uk

EMTSA Network dates

Please note the next meeting is on **6th June 10-12.30 at Forest Way School -this is an different date to the one booked originally.**

Also meetings for next year are now booked all at Forest Way School 10.00 – 12.30 as follows:

Thursday 2nd November 2017

Thurs 1st February 2018

Weds 23rd May 2018

Mark Lambell

On behalf of Inderjit Sandhu and Charlie Furniss (EMTSSG Co-chairs)

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