

Dear East Midlands Teaching School Colleagues,

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General Election

Following the announcement of the General Election and subsequent vote in the House of Commons, the Cabinet Office has advised that the Civil Service will enter a period of pre-election silence (purdah) from midnight on Friday 21st April until after the results of the election are announced. This has resulted in a number of changes that Teaching School colleagues need to be aware of:

1) Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

A revised SSIF was soft launched on Friday 21 April – including the Emergency Funding element. Links to the relevant pages are copied below for your information

- Strategic School Improvement Fund <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-school-improvement-fund>. This is the main starting URL for the SSIF pages.
- Strategic School Improvement Fund: emergency funding <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-school-improvement-fund-emergency-funding>
- Strategic School Improvement Fund: eligibility criteria <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-school-improvement-fund-eligibility-criteria/strategic-school-improvement-fund-eligibility-criteria>
- Strategic School Improvement Fund: eligibility criteria for emergency funding <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-school-improvement-fund-eligibility-criteria-for-emergency-funding>

2) Sub Regional Improvement Boards (SRIBs)

You will recall that we have included in previous weekly updates, details of the two East Midlands SRIBs, East Midlands North and East Midlands South and East. Both SRIBs were due to meet this Friday (April 28th) but due to the timing of both the General Election and purdah these meetings have been cancelled. Once the outcome of the General Election has been confirmed the RSC office will let us know next steps.

However, those Teaching School and Local Authority colleagues who were invited to attend the SRIBs have decided to meet as a whole region on Friday anyway. This is in recognition of the need to collaborate over priority setting and applications into the SSIF to ensure we gain maximum advantage from the available resource and potential to significantly improve outcomes for learners. Local colleagues will be in touch to update you on the outcomes from the meeting on Friday and we will provide further information in next week's update.

3) Regional Road shows.

Due to purdah, all the roadshows will now be rescheduled to take place after June 8th, in time for Round 2 of the SSIF. We understand that the [Education Endowment Fund \(EEF\)](#) have offered to circulate their own guidance to applicant organisations (MATs, TS and LA) on how to

construct a good evidence-led bid. This will hopefully mitigate some of the risk of not holding the roadshows as originally planned.

Women Leading in Education survey

As part of the regional [Women in Leadership](#) we are asking schools to submit a profile of their Senior Leadership Teams (numbers of men and women) and provide a brief outline of the work already taking place to encourage women into leadership roles. Please feel free to forward the link below to schools in your alliance. [Click here](#) to complete the short questionnaire.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/womeninleadershipprofiling>

School led conference – Investing in Your Workforce, 27th June

A reminder that Teaching Schools have been allocated 5 funded places at the conference. Teaching School colleagues are asked to arrange their 5 people and book these places directly, however they will also be asked to confirm that they wish to accept their allocation by 12 May 2017.

Any surplus places will then be made available to those who have expressed interest in additional places on a first come first served basis. This is an ideal opportunity to consider encouraging attendance from schools who are looking to further their understanding of how the region operates, along with a mix of experienced and aspiring leaders.

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