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Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

We are yet to receive confirmation regarding the opening date of Round 3 Strategic School Improvement Fund – Please keep checking www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-school-improvement-fund for further updates.

East Midlands, South Yorkshire and Humber Peer Review Resource

You will be aware that the recently published ‘Teaching school expectations and [key performance indicators document](#)’ includes the following statement:

“Each teaching school is required to pursue continuous improvement supported by the peer review process in order to develop and achieve/sustain maturity of provision” (Teaching school expectations and key performance indicators, November 2017, Page 4)

We have refreshed our regional Peer Review documentation, developed initially by East Midlands colleagues, to reflect our EMSYH new region and include reference to the KPIs. We have replaced the original version with this refreshed one on the portal. [Click here](#) to access.

Please note that it is **not** a requirement that you use this framework if you have an appropriate alternative, it is available as a resource should you find it helpful.

Research School Newsletters

- [Kyra – Lincoln](#)
- [Partners in Learning – Doncaster](#)
- [Wyndham Primary Academy – Derby](#)
- [Huntington School - Huntington](#)

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A message for the Humber Teaching Schools

Thank you to the Humber Teaching Schools who gave time on Tuesday to engage in some cross sub-regional planning in relation to both Primary and Secondary Round 3 SSIF. Information regarding future planning dates will be provided separately.

The next Joint Humber Teaching School meeting is planned for Monday 15th January 2018 10am – 12noon at Sirius North, Hull.

A message for the South Yorkshire Teaching Schools

Thank you to the South Yorkshire Teaching Schools for working together to agree a collaborative structure to support future developments. In response to this the first strategic meeting is planned for Thursday 18th January 2pm – 4.30pm at The Pod, Canklow Woods Primary School, Rotherham, S60 2XJ.

South Yorkshire and Humber Expressions of Interest for the role of Chair

In relation to both the South Yorkshire Sub-Region and the Humber Sub-Region – expressions of interest for the role of Chair of the two separate sub-regional Hubs will be sent out to all relevant Teaching Schools on Friday 15th December 2017. Please ensure you respond to this in line with the identified timeline.

EMTSA Network

As the date for the School Led Conference Workshop event is on the 6th February we realise that the EMSTA network is the week before, as the style of the conference is similar to the network meeting, we are suggesting to reduce coming out twice, we prioritise attending the school led conference.

We hope colleagues agree that's the right thing to do for February. The next EMTSA Network meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd May.

[Click here](#) to access the minutes of the previous meeting.

Teacher Recruitment Bulletin

The Teacher Recruitment Bulletin is a fortnightly bulletin for schools and initial teacher training (ITT) providers. It contains vital information, which will help support ITT recruitment. The three most recent bulletins can viewed [here](#).

Merry Christmas

Reflecting on what has been an exciting but albeit extremely busy term for us all, what with the latest rounds of SSIF, the journey towards becoming an effective 'new region' on top of continuing the quality delivery of our Teaching Schools. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the hard work and hope you enjoy a well-deserved break and we of course wish you a very Merry Christmas.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in 2018!

Regional opportunities

Please [click here](#) to visit the portal to view the latest regional opportunities.

All the best,
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