

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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# **BDSIP UPDATES**

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**BDSIP AT FESTIVAL OF EDUCATION SPAIN**

**HEADTEACHER CONFERENCE 2026**

**CPD**

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# BDSIP SPOTLIGHT

## DEPUTY HEADTEACHERS CONFERENCE

**LEADING CONNECTED TEAMS**



Friday 5 June 2026  
9am - 4pm



Hyatt Regency,  
London Stratford

Are you a current or  
aspiring Deputy or  
Assistant Head?

Register now  
<https://bdsip.co.uk/our-services/cpd/>

Join us for this year's Deputy Headteachers' Conference, focused on the theme Leading Connected Teams.

Deputy and Assistant Headteachers play a pivotal role in shaping the culture, cohesion and effectiveness of school teams. This one-day conference explores how leaders can build strong working alliances, foster a sense of belonging and create the conditions for teams to thrive.



**Agnus Fitzpatrick**  
Regional Director,  
Teacher Engagement Platform



**Katherine Powell**  
Coaching CEOs, Exec Leaders and  
Senior Leaders. Team Coach, AcL  
Facilitator, Leadership Consultant.

Conferences by BDSIP

**Click here to  
sign up for  
BDSIP's  
deputy  
headteacher  
conference!**

# LBBD Food Education Network: Summer Term CPDs

 **Free CPD sessions for LBBD school staff (2026):**

 **3 June (9:00–12:00) – Inclusive & Sensory Food Education**

 **Barking Park Lodge**


 **Focus on picky eaters & SEND, with practical strategies for inclusive dining**


 **Delivered by experts including TastEd and Health Education Partnership**


 **Gain classroom-ready resources, practical activities and confidence to deliver inclusive food education.**

 **Click [here](#) to book your place.**

# BDSIP at Festival of Education Spain

 Barking and Dagenham School Improvement Partnership (BDSIP) will be presenting at the Festival of Education Spain 2026 on 13 June in Barcelona.

 Helena Brooks will deliver a session on Adaptive Instructional Environments, focusing on how to design learning to better meet diverse pupil needs and support inclusive practice.

 The event brings together educators and leaders internationally to share best practice and innovation.

 Click [here](#) to book your place



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13 JUNE 2026

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BARCELONA, CASTELLDEFELS

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who inspire  
find their  
own inspiration

25 - 26 JUNE 2026 - HYATT REGENCY STRATFORD

Join the Barking & Dagenham School Improvement Service for our 2026 Headteachers' Conference, focusing on Transition—one of the most important journeys pupils experience throughout their education.

From early development through adolescence and into adulthood, pupils encounter many transitions that shape their learning, identity and future success. This two-day conference brings together leading researchers, practitioners and leaders to explore how schools can better understand and support these key moments.

Hear insights on corporate leadership from Sandra Schembri, collaborate with peers on practical transition strategies, and conclude with an inspiring reflection from children's author Christian Foley, whose work explores pupils' experiences of moving from primary to secondary school.

This conference will enable headteachers to:

- Engage with the latest research on child development and learning
- Reflect on how transitions impact pupil outcomes
- Collaborate with peers to develop effective transition strategies
- Strengthen leadership approaches that support pupils at every stage

A valuable opportunity for reflection, collaboration and forward thinking with fellow school leaders.



**Zachary Walker**



**Dr Liory Fern-Pollack**



**Dr Gisele Dias**



**Dr Rebecca Gordon**

**Click [here](#) to sign up for BDSIP's headteacher conference!**

# UPCOMING CPD

Click on the course titles to learn more and register

CPD

Mon

Tues

Weds

Thurs

Fri

w/c 18 May		SENCO Network			
w/c 1 June	Governors' role in managing allegations against staff	EYFS Profile Assessment Workshop	Inclusive Eating – Supporting Picky Eaters and Children with SEN ----- ARP Network for Autism	EYFS Profile Assessment Workshop	Deputy Headteachers' Conference 2026 – Leading Connected Teams
w/c 8 June		Primary Religious Education Network Meeting	Arbor Admin Drop-in Workshop	Science Leadership Meeting: Reflection, Impact and Next Steps	
w/c 15 June		Secondary Religious Education Network Meeting		Primary Maths Professional Learning Network	
w/c 22 June	Primary English Subject Leader Briefing		Arbor Assessment – Submitting DfE assessments	Headteachers' Conference ----- EYFS Coordinator Meeting	
w/c 29 June		Arbor Admin - Year End Support Workshop ----- Transitioning into Year one ----- Primary Computing Professional Learning Network			

This calendar shows the upcoming CPD for the term ahead, further dates can be found via [our website](#)

# CONTACT US

All feedback and questions are welcome. If you have any queries about any aspects of this briefing or any wider issues, please use the contacts below:

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# **USEFUL RESOURCES**

**LITERACY SUPPORT IN LBBD**

**SEND LOCAL OFFER EVENTS AND RESOURCES**

**KNOW SOMEONE WITH GREAT CYBER SKILLS?**

**AI & SCHOOL IMAGE SAFETY**

**STEM BURSARIES FOR SCHOOLS**

# Literacy Support in LBBD

## Literacy Pirates

Literacy Pirates is an award-winning charity supporting young people aged 9–13 who are falling behind in literacy. Through creative, pirate-themed small group tutoring, pupils build reading, writing, confidence and communication skills.

📍 Delivered in local learning hubs and online, working closely with schools to support pupils who need it most.

🤝 Get involved:

🏫 Partner as a school

👤♀ Volunteer as a tutor

💼 Workplace partnerships & fundraising

🔗 <https://literacypirates.org/>

## 📖 BDSIP Literacy Programmes

Active in 12 schools (primary & secondary), supporting pupils at different stages of need through targeted, evidence-informed interventions.

**Proven impact (based on latest programme data):**

📖 Developing Reading for Pleasure

👥 Small group intervention for pupils with low engagement and comprehension gaps

📈 +12 months progress in 12 weeks

## Literacy Skills (1:1)

🎯 Bespoke support for pupils significantly behind age-related expectations

📈 Pupils make between +18 months to 2 years progress in literacy after 20 weeks of targeted 1:1 support

## Why it works:

- ✓ Tailored to individual pupil needs
- ✓ Builds confidence, fluency & comprehension
- ✓ Engages reluctant readers through structured support

📅 **Next impact update: July 2026**

Please contact [louise.harding@bdsip.co.uk](mailto:louise.harding@bdsip.co.uk) directly for further details.



# SEND Local Offer events and resources

## Upcoming Activities, Resources & Consultations

### [Just Say Parent Carer Forum Meet Up](#)

 Wednesday 20 May, 10:30am–12:30pm

 Session with NHS Talking Therapies

### [SEND Read, Relax & Explore – Half Term](#)

 Tuesday 26 May

 10–11am or 1–2pm

 Barking Learning Centre

### [Valence House Viking Quiet Hour](#)

 Saturday 30 May, 10–11am

 Sensory-friendly SEND session

 Booking essential: 020 8227 2034

### [New Sycamore Trust Autism Family Service](#)

 1:1 advice, workshops, support groups & wellbeing events

### [10 Years of B&D Braille Group](#)

 Friday 22 May, 10am–12pm

 Dagenham Library

### [B&D Parents Newsletter](#)

 Sign up for updates on childcare, SEND, youth services & family support

### [Post-16 Transport Consultation](#)

 Share views on proposed travel support policy changes

### [SEND Resources & Community Support](#)

 [NHS NELFT CHATA Padlet resource hub](#)

 [SEND VCS Forum page with local clubs, activities & services](#)



# Know Someone with Great Cyber Skills?

## Have Concerns About How They're Using Those Skills?

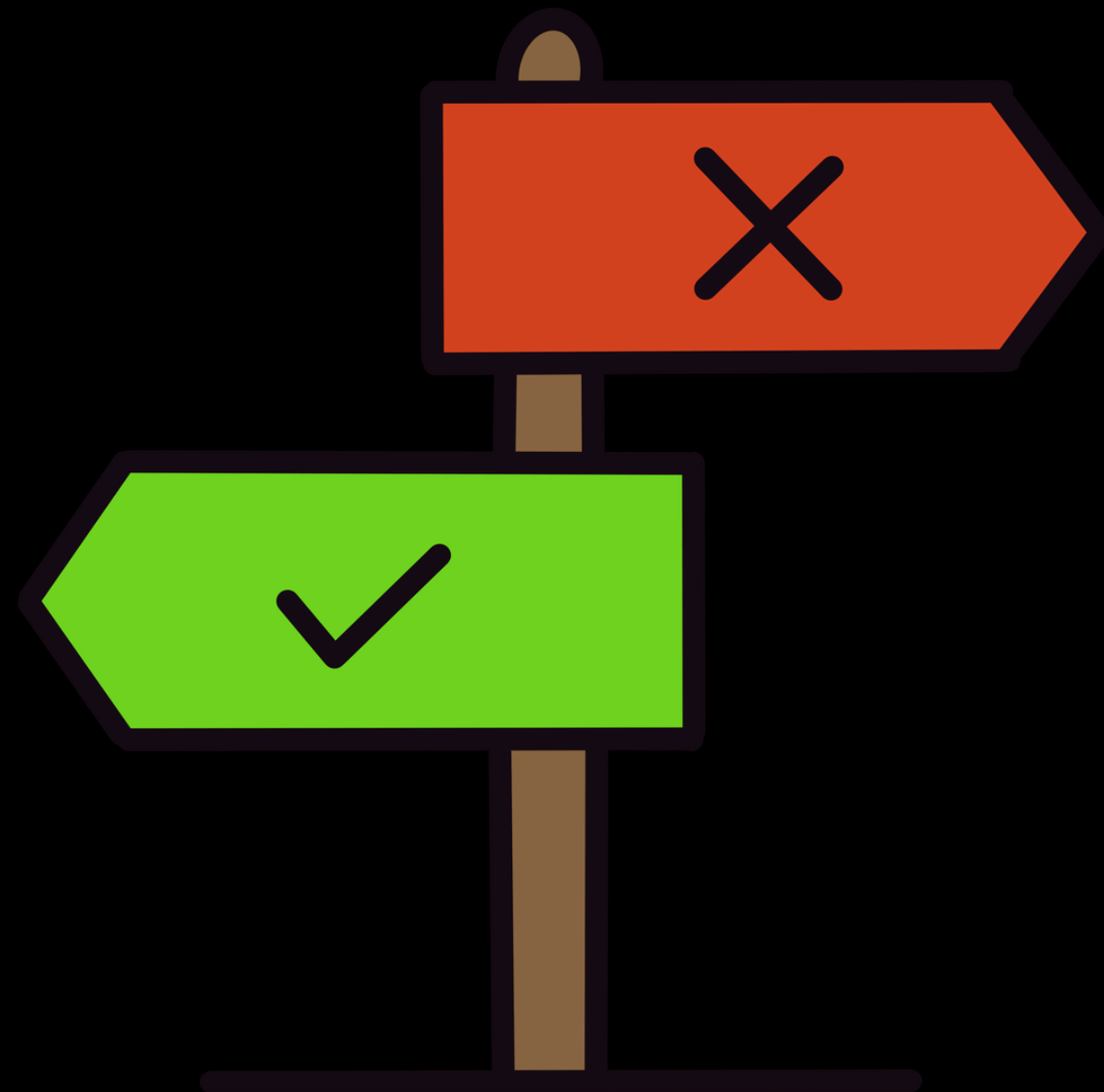
🔍 As a referral programme the Cyber Choices team can help individuals by diverting them away from cyber crime, offering a range of free services and resources to steer them onto a positive pathway.

💻 For further information about referrals, plus advice and support, visit [Cyber Choices](#)

⚠️ The Cyber Choices team can also arrange and deliver presentations in schools, youth groups or other organisations in London. The goal of these is to raise awareness of the Computer Misuse Act and point out positive ways young people can develop cyber skills.

✉️ [Contact the Cyber Choices Team](#) to:

- refer someone to the Cyber Choice team
- ask any questions
- request a presentation in school
- ask for copies of materials



# AI & School Image Safety

## New Guidance for Schools

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**⚠️** Images shared online can potentially be copied, altered or misused for abuse, harassment or blackmail.

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- Images shared on websites & social media
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**📌** Click [here](#) to access the guidance.



# STEM Bursaries for Schools

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# Experience AI

## Free Training for Secondary Schools

For many educators, the question isn't if they should teach AI, but how to do it confidently. ParentZone have teamed up with the Raspberry Pi Foundation and Google to deliver free AI training to secondary school teachers, based around the [Experience AI](#) programme.

**19 June: Streamlined 2.5 hour 'intensive'**

**7 July: Full-day 'deep dive'**

Training will be held at the Google AI Campus, London. There is no charge for the training - travel and lunch are also provided.

[Click here for further details and to register your place](#)

[Click here to explore other training opportunities](#)





# **NATIONAL GUIDANCE**

**PHONES & SMART DEVICES IN EXAMS**

**CYBER SECURITY HUB FOR SCHOOLS**

**NEW EDUCATION MISSIONS LAUNCHED**

**NORTH EAST AI DRIVE TO BOOST LOCAL SKILLS**

**WORKING LIVES OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS**

# **DFE: Thousands of Students Risk Their Qualifications by Taking Phones into Exam Hall as GCSE and A Level Exams Begin**

**Press Release - 5 May 2026**

 Ofqual has reminded students not to take phones or smart devices into exam halls as the 2026 GCSE and A Level exam series begins.

 Mobile phones remain the most common form of exam malpractice, with over 2,200 cases recorded in summer 2025.

 Being found with a device during an exam can result in:

 Loss of marks

 Disqualification from qualifications

 Students are encouraged to leave devices at home or hand them in before entering the exam hall.

 Click [here](#) to read the full press release and statistics.

# DFE: Cyber Security Hub for Schools Guidance

 The Department for Education has launched a new Cyber Security Hub for Schools to help strengthen cyber security across early years, primary and secondary settings.

 The hub includes support on:

- ✓ Backups & multi-factor authentication
- ✓ Creating a cyber incident response plan
- ✓ Responding to cyber attacks
- ✓ Staff awareness & training resources

 Cyber threats are increasing, with 6 in 10 secondary schools experiencing a cyber attack or breach in the past year.

 Click [here](#) to access the Cyber Security Hub for Schools.

# DFE: New Missions to Transform Childhoods of Most Disadvantaged

Press Release - 10 May 2026

 The Department for Education has launched Mission North East and Mission Coastal to improve outcomes for children in under-served communities.

 From September, schools in the North East, Hastings and Scarborough will receive targeted support including:

- Expert teaching & leadership support
- Mentoring and careers guidance
- Enrichment opportunities through local partnerships


 The programmes aim to address long-standing attainment gaps and improve opportunities for disadvantaged pupils.

 Inspired by the success of the London Challenge, schools will work collaboratively to raise standards and support young people to thrive.

 Click [here](#) to read the full press release.


# DFE: North East AI Drive to Boost Local Skills and Business Growth Opportunities

Press Release - 12 May 2026

 New investment linked to the North East AI Growth Zone will support skills, careers and AI opportunities for young people and workers across the region.

 **Key commitments include:**

- AI & digital skills support for 30,000 primary pupils
- Training for 80,000 students by 2029
- AI support for 1,000 teachers
- 150 work placements for young people

 The programme aims to help communities benefit directly from AI growth through education, mentoring, innovation and employment opportunities.

 The AI Growth Zone has also attracted major private investment, including a £10 billion data centre project expected to support thousands of jobs.







 Click [here](#) to read the full update.




# DFE: Working Lives of Teachers and Leaders: Wave 4 Research & Analysis - 30 April 2026

The Department for Education has published the latest wave of its national survey exploring the experiences of teachers and school leaders in state schools across England.


The research provides insight into key areas including:


-  Workload and wellbeing
-  Flexible working arrangements
-  Pay and conditions
-  Professional development
-  Pupil behaviour
-  Career reflections and future plans

 The publication includes a full research report, summary findings, data tables, and a technical report outlining the methodology. Previous survey waves are also available for comparison over time.

 Click [here](#) to read the full report

 [Working lives of teachers and leaders wave 4: research report](#)  
Ref: ISBN 978-1-83870-779-8, RR1620  
PDF, 1.67 MB, 163 pages

 [Working lives of teachers and leaders: wave 4 summary report](#)  
Ref: ISBN 978-1-83870-723-1, RR1578  
PDF, 343 KB, 39 pages

 [Working lives of teachers and leaders wave 4: data tables](#)  
MS Excel Spreadsheet, 6.84 MB

 [Working lives of teachers and leaders wave 4: technical report](#)  
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