

08/11/2021 WELL Update 11

To: All Universal Schools

Good Afternoon Colleagues

We hope that you were able to find a little time off over the half-term break. The waves of challenge and uncertainty require such resilience and we are in awe of the work you do.

Today's update includes important information about

- WELL Team
- Grant Offer
- Evaluation Team next steps
- Cumbrian Award
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Making the Most for Disadvantaged Pupils

WELL Team

Before half term, we secured some additional capacity for WELL. We are delighted to confirm that Sarah Johnstone has joined the team as a Project Assistant for one day a week. Sarah will support us in administering and managing the various elements of WELL and can be contacted at Sarah.Johnstone@Cumbria.gov.uk. – Welcome Sarah!

Grant Offer

Submitted plans

Thank you to all the schools (over 65) who submitted Implementation Plans and Grant Offer Letters (GOL) by the October deadline. We are in the process of reading all plans received and will provide feedback and make payments over the next few weeks. The Implementation Plan is a process, so if your returned plan has been annotated, we would encourage you to adapt this as a working document. Further support sessions on the planning process will be provided throughout the year.

Extended Deadline for Submitting Plans

We fully appreciate the number of requests and communication that you deal with. **Therefore, if you have not returned a plan and/or signed GOL, please do so by the extended deadline 30th November 2021.** If we do not hear from you by this date, we will make contact directly to ascertain if you wish to participate this academic year. **Any funding not claimed by the end of term will be redistributed within the Project.**

If you need your GOL paperwork to be sent again, please email Vicki.Clarke@Cumbria.gov.uk.

Implementation Plan Drop-in Sessions

Dale is available to support you and/or answer any questions about your implementation plans at the following drop-in sessions.

Thursday 11th Nov 08:00-09:00
Wednesday 17th Nov 08:00-09:00 & 15:30-16:30
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

You may be in the waiting room for a short period, but he will seek to give advice to any schools that need it.

Plans Going Forward

While reviewing plans we are identifying themes of priorities and approaches to be taken, with an intention to connect schools with similar areas of focus. We can then establish facilitated learning and sharing communities as part of a learning science approach. If you would prefer not to have your chosen focus area shared with other WELL schools to facilitate this collaboration, please let us know before the **12th November 21**.

Evaluation Team

In the next couple of weeks, our independent Evaluation Team will be contacting you. They will be asking you to complete a 15minute survey and we would be hugely grateful if you can participate in this. Surveys will be undertaken annually and will help track our progress and provide invaluable feedback to shape the project. The Evaluation Team will also be inviting you to be part of WELL Action Research or become a Case Study School. The quality of the team is exceptional, and we really hope that you put yourself forward for these. If you do not want your email address shared with our Evaluation Team please let us know by **12th Nov 2021**.

Action Research Workshops for participating schools will be held on the following dates
January 12th 2022 Whitehaven Golf Club 13:00-17:00 **Or January 13th 2022** St Michaels Church, Workington 08:00-12:00

And

June 28th 2022 Whitehaven Golf Club 13:00-17:00 **Or June 29th 2022** St Michaels Church, Workington 08:00-12:00

Backfill funding support will be made available for schools in need.

Cumbrian Award

Before half term, we launched the Cumbrian Award and it is great to see such interest. Danny Gee will be confirming those schools that will be involved in our pilot year over the next week and details of relevant funded training will also follow.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

As part of our ambition to have sustainable capacity in the west there is an opportunity for colleagues to put themselves forward to become accredited Instructors in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Participants need to

- have completed the 2day YMHFA Course and hold a certificate
- have capacity to attend 7 days of online training during February and March of 2022.
- Have capacity to be deployed up to 8 days a year to benefit the schools in Allerdale and Copland

This may suit Teachers, Support Staff, Governors etc. The qualification will be fully funded by WELL and Backfill costs are available for school-based staff. [Please submit expressions of interest here by 3rd December 2021](#).

The final online YMHFA 2day equivalent programme will be held on the following date.

Session 1: 6th December 09:30-12.00

Session 2: 8th December 09:30-12.00

Session 3: 13th December 09:30-12.00

Session 4: 15th December 09:30-12.00

Please contact the School Development Team on School.Development@cumbria.gov.uk or sign up directly via SLA Online before the **17th November 2021**.

Making the Difference for Disadvantaged Students

Thank you to all the schools that completed this element of WELL and have submitted their Pupil Premium strategies for Quality Assurance by the team at Shotton Hall. The QA is currently being undertaken and we will arrange transfer of £700 backfill as soon as we are notified that this feedback has been shared with you. From meetings held with clusters before half term it is evident that some schools have missed previous communications due to workload and capacity challenges. Therefore, if you completed the 8 sessions of Online training, still wish to submit your PP strategy for feedback and access £700 backfill for support for your PP Strategy lead please email your strategy to Vicki.Clarke@Cumbria.gov.uk by **17th December 2021**. **After this date we will be reallocating any unused backfill funding to other elements of WELL.**

Summary of This Terms Key Actions and Dates

11th November – Implementation Plan drop-in session 08:00-09:00

12th November - Let Vicki know if you DO NOT want to share; your priority with other schools and/or your email address with Evaluation Team

w/c 15th November – Look out for and complete the WELL Evaluation Survey and sign-up details for Action Research or to be a Case Study School

17th November – Implementation Plan drop-in sessions 08:00-09:00 & 15:30-14:30

17th November – Last day to sign up for 2day YMHFA

30th November – Extended Deadline for Implementation Plans and GOLs

3rd December – [YMHFA Instructor Expression of Interest](#)

17th December – Submit PP Strategy if you completed the Making the Most For Disadvantaged Students Modules Oct20-Feb21

Wishing you and your school community all the very best
Kind regards

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