

Subject: WELL - Cluster Wellbeing Grant Funding - Update

Good morning,

I have spoken with a couple of cluster leads, recently who have asked whether the deadline of 20th April to return the cluster grant agreement has any flexibility. As long as we know that you intend to participate in this WELL element, we can extend this deadline but it is important that work gets underway this academic year.

It may be helpful to reaffirm the key principles for approval of The WELL Board, including our sponsors, to make this cluster grant offer. The grant is being made available to clusters to identify an approach collaboratively that have an external or local evidence base. Therefore, we will not provide a grant to be divided, for every individual school within a cluster to choose what they do. It might be that two approaches are proposed by the cluster, but these approaches should be based on evidence and support the building of internal capacity

We have provided a [webinar](#) to be viewed and considered when identifying the choices made. We have also asked for the submitted plans to identify opportunities for sustainability. WELL would not consider one off days, or short term extension of staffing hours in individual schools to undertake existing work for example to meet our criteria. A key ambition of WELL, and some essential aspects that will be robustly evaluated to inform future funding decisions, is the extent to which schools feel that WELL supports them to make evidence informed choices of priorities and approaches, and the extent to which schools come together to share learning and success.

I do recognise that every school is unique but tight areas of focus and a collaborative approach will offer the best bet for the most efficient and effective use of the resources available. If individual schools or a cluster opt not to participate in this element we will fully respect this decision.

As outlined in our previous communication, we have sent details of the process to cluster communication leads and we will follow up to ensure it has been received as we know how challenging it is out there.

Best wishes and take care,

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