

# ESSET UPDATE



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**4/12/20**  
**ISSUE 2**

Good afternoon! I hope you are all well and are managing to keep energy levels up as we approach Christmas season and the final two weeks of term.

In our upcoming Exec meeting on Monday we will be discussing the following – if there is anything urgent you want to add to the agenda, please let me know. We will finalise the full board meeting agenda too, so please do let me know if there are any other items that need to be added:

Invite reps from Essex:	30 mins	Invite Ralph for section
Essex links		Funding (FSM clarity Interim funding update Capacity update Role clarity and structure within Essex Essex links into ESSET for board meeting.
Feedback from key groups	15 mins	Steps, Therapy update, H&S incident reporting
Development plan, priorities and impact	15 mins	Funding, Therapy, STEPS development, Capacity, School to school support & challenge.
DH group & moderation, benchmarking	10 mins	Monitoring & moderation cycle. What are we asking for when – more strategic less scattergun...
PO focus for next term	5 mins	
Upcoming board meeting dates & agendas	5 mins	

You may have seen that MySafety, the new [Essex Health & Safety](#) reporting tool was launched this week. Maintained schools should have received logins on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We are working with the Health & Safety team at present to gain clarity on which incidents need to be reported. These meetings will take place in early January and information shared following this to ensure reporting is consistent, worthwhile and equitable.

## Upcoming meetings.

Date & Time	Focus	Who?
Thursday 1.30-2.30 weekly	SLD Catch up	SLD heads
7/12/20 – 10.00am	ESSET Exec	Exec
8/12/20 – 10.00am	SEND Governance Group	DW
5/1/21 – 10.00am	ESSET Full board	All
12/1/21 – 10.00am	STEPS Steering group	DW,GS, JG, SW
1/ 2/ 21 10.00am	ESSET Exec	All
23/2/21 – 10.00am	ESSET full board	All

I hope you have a good last two weeks of term and then please do make sure you get away from school for a bit and switch off.

I look forward to seeing you at the ESSET full board meeting on 5/1/21 (agenda and link will be shared next week). It's really important that we can pull together and present a professional, clear and impactful voice representative of all the special schools.

We are keen to consider inventive ways that we can support schools and improve the impact of ESSET in the county. If you have any gems, please do share ☺

Have a great weekend.

Dan Woodman

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## Feedback from Professional Officer

- Deputy/Assistant Head meetings have started. If you would like to join the group please let Di know to add your e-mail address. The group also suggested a Whatsapp group, again let Di have your mobile contact details to add you to the group. A request to have individual logins for the ESSET website has been approved by the Executive Committee.
- School business Manager group has re started - again if you have not had an invite please let Di know and your information can be forwarded to the group.
- The Free School Meals issue will be discussed with Ralph at the upcoming Exec meeting.
- Provisional dates for the ESSET conference are 25th and 26th March, please the dates in the diary free.
- The Professional Officer attended the SEN sub group for the Schools Forum when a decision was made to submit a request for additional funding for 21/22 for the ESSET schools who have the challenge of paying staff London weighting but do not have the additional funds to cover these costs.
- The request for a single ESSET membership to FLSE has been considered and will be welcomed when memberships are renewed in the next academic year, in the meantime if individual schools wish to join please contact Di.
- Headteacher coaching will continue in 2021. There is no cost to ESSET schools as part of the vision to support the well being of Heads, if you'd like to know more please contact Di.
- The Professional Officer will be reviewing the Headteacher induction module which was developed previously. If any Headteacher has notes/ideas about this please let Di have a copy.
- Capacity is one of the main challenges facing special schools and currently a review of physical capacity is being completed by Essex. Please complete the capacity survey from Essex to ensure your school's challenge is recognised.
- You may have seen that Ofsted have decided to delay their return to graded inspection. These will not start before Summer term.



## Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

Date	Focus
7/12/20	Essex STEP ON tutor training
8/12/20	Essex STEP ON tutor training
9/12/20	Essex STEP ON tutor training
Starting Jan 21	<a href="#">Training Leaders</a>

## Gary's Joke Corner

