

4th February 2021

Dear Colleague,

As you know, the education sector is in the midst of not only managing the challenges posed by the global pandemic but is also on the cusp of a period of significant system reform.

We want to reassure you that your Teaching School Council South West colleagues are here to continue to support you in the coming months and help colleagues navigate the new landscape as it takes shape.

We have included some short briefing notes below that we hope are helpful, and will continue to share updates with you as and when new policy emerges:

1. Teaching School Hubs Update

Schools that applied to become Teaching School Hubs (TSH) were informed by the DfE if they were successful or not on 29 January. Successful lead schools have until 10th February to accept their offer and there is a 'standstill' period until then, during which information about applications must be kept confidential.

The DfE plans to announce all 81 new TSH as soon as possible after 10th February.

Successful lead schools will be keen to contact their partners and communicate with networks and schools within their area, once the announcement is released.

An initial welcome meeting for new TSH is planned for 25th February. The Teaching Schools Council will be supporting new TSH in writing delivery plans, establishing partnerships with lead providers for the Early Career Framework and National Professional Qualifications, and becoming fully operational by September 2021.

The Teaching Schools Council will also support existing Teaching Schools with winding down provision and/or working with new TSH as delivery partners.

2. Rapid Overview of Education Policy and timeline

Please find below an infographic (kindly provided by the Confederation of School Trusts) which provides the overview of the complementary roles that various programmes and organisations will play in the new system.



Overview of key dates

First 6 Teaching School Hubs announced	January 2020
ITT core content framework implemented	September 2020
ECF early roll out in a limited number of areas	Autumn 2020
ECF Lead Providers announced followed by delivery partners firmed up	February 2021
Teaching School hubs announced	Spring 2021
NPQ Lead Providers announced followed by delivery partners firmed up	March 2021
ITT market review reports	Summer 2021
Early Career Framework statutory duty comes into place	September 2021
Reformed NPQs rolled out	September 2021
NLE and NLG reform implemented	Possibly September 2021?
Institute of Teaching	September 2022

3. South West System

We are currently engaged in strategic discussions with Team South West, about the shape and structure of the SW system from Sept 2021. The newly designated Teaching School Hubs will of course play a key part in any evolving regional structures and we will also be connecting with the TS Hub national leads later this term about their role in the new system.

When we have formulated a strategic plan for 2021 onwards, we will of course communicate this with the system. We recently took the decision to postpone the upcoming REP Board meetings in each sub-region until we have greater clarity, and these have been moved back a few weeks to March 2021 so that they can include new TSH leads.

4. Other updates for wider sharing across your networks

Please find attached a document that provides an overview of some system and regional CPD offers for wider sharing across your networks and schools with which you work.

Best wishes,

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