

## Regional Update: March 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (#10 2019/20)

### Introduction

Welcome to the tenth Lancashire and West Yorkshire TSC news update for 2019/20. Our aim is to connect to all system leaders and TSAs across our region; to share, promote and progress school improvement in all its possible forms.

Previous newsletters, attachments and other resources can be accessed at [lwytscc.org](http://lwytscc.org).

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## HEADLINE UPDATES

### Gavin Williamson – response to Covid-19 - thank you letter

Please find attached [Gavin Williamson's 25/03/20 letter of appreciation](#) to School leaders and their staff.

Click [here](#) or on the image to the right for the full letter.

Mr Williamson's view on the longer term can be read in [his recent speech to the ACSL](#).

Please also see Chair of the TSC, [Richard Gill's thoughts on the current situation and appreciation of schools' response](#).



Over recent days, the Government has taken steps that are simply unprecedented in the history of this country. The decision to close all schools, except to a minority of pupils, is an essential part of our fight against the spread of Covid-19. I have enormous appreciation for the work you do every single day and recognise that, with these extraordinary measures, I am asking you to go to exceptional lengths to rise to the challenge we face.

### School Improvement Offer - Coronavirus Update

25/03/20 message from the School Improvement Team:

Thank you to NLEs for your support in delivering the School Improvement Offer. In view of the ongoing public health measures; and to reduce the burden on schools providing vital services in response to coronavirus, we have concluded that all deployments under the SI offer should be temporarily paused.

We realise that you will be in different stages of delivering your support to schools. We will issue further guidance in the coming weeks on next steps, in consultation with the Teaching Schools Council.

In the meantime, if you have any queries that do not relate specifically to the SI offer, please contact the DfE helpline below:

**DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE**  
for education related queries: anyone working in early years through to universities, plus parents

0800 046 8687

8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) – 10am to 4pm (Saturday & Sunday)

[DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

## DfE COVID-19 Update for all ITT partnerships

Please see the attached [25/03/20 ITT update](#) regarding those already in teacher training and recruitment for 2020/21.

### DfE policy statement regarding COVID-19 for all ITT partnerships

#### School Improvement and System Leadership

##### Governing in Challenging Circumstances

The NGA is committed to supporting all governing boards at this difficult time and helping governors to navigate rules, procedures and practicalities they may not have engaged with before.

To this end they have very recently published '[Governing in Challenging Circumstances](#)'.



#### Governing in challenging circumstances Business continuity and holding virtual meetings

##### Remote Learning Support and Resources

Colleagues from TSC South West have kindly shared their efforts to support schools and parents through this difficult time. To support educators during school closures, Gavin Richards has created a page on their CPD site to aggregate and share resources, experiences and guidance on how best to manage remote learning and working.

The site web address is

<https://www.remote-learning.online>.



#### Professional and Leadership Development

##### Leadership & Staff online development think-pieces

There are numerous online opportunities for planning leadership and staff CPD. Two suggested sources of starting points and think-pieces are linked to here:

1. [Teaching and Learning Research Summaries: A collection for easy access.](#)

## 2. THEMED ARTICLE COLLECTIONS

THEMED COLLECTIONS OF OPEN ACCESS ARTICLES FOR USE BY EDUCATION READING GROUPS

3. [Distance learning through the lens of disadvantaged pupils](#)

Marc Rowland reviews distance learning and the impact on disadvantaged pupils and offers some strategies to consider



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