

Schools' Circular

Issue 437

Due to a CMS upgrade, there is a freeze on the Derby City website and SIP for added and new content.

The circular published Friday 13 October and Friday 20 October will not be available on the SIP. This will be a copy emailed to schools. There is no circular on the last day of term, Friday 27 October.

We aim to have the circular back on the SIP after October half term. If the dates for the website freeze change, we will notify you.

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HSLM – January 2024 – New Venue

Please note that the venue for the 19th January 2024 HSLM meeting is a new venue for this meeting. This will now be held at:

Nightingale Hall, Derby Leisure & Events Venue, The Pavilion, Moor Lane, Derby, DE24 9HY

Bookings to be made to SpecialistSupport@derby.gov.uk

schoolcircular@derby.gov.uk

Web site:
www.derby.gov.uk

The Derby Priority Education Investment Area (DPEIA)!

On Friday 20th October, the DfE held a second Priority Area roundtable event at The University of Derby. It was very well attended, with representatives from almost every trust as well as Derby City Council, PSG and SSG.

The delivery partners each hosted a session - providing an update on progress so far, including the key findings from the literacy audits. Attendees were also invited to feed back about how the programme is working on the ground so far and input into future plans for the programme in the city. Don't worry if you weren't able to attend. We have an update below:

Priority Literacy

All schools in Derby can access the [Universal Offer](#) and partner schools can access the [Targeted Support Offer](#) by clicking the links. This will take you to an interactive leaflet where you can sign up to each aspect of each of the offers easily. Be sure to bookmark it, as it will be continually updated!

All Schools can also sign up to receive the newsletter at: <https://priorityliteracy.org.uk/express-interest/>

All Schools now have access to 'The Gateway Self-Audit' to review their reading and writing practice. Access it here: [KS2](#); [KS3/4](#). For priority schools, completion of The Gateway Self-Audit will enable access to the Audit Tool Portal. This will be reviewed with a Literacy Specialist and will inform your bespoke CPD pathways. Common themes coming from the audits include monitoring, use of data and gap analysis; fluency and transcription; and a disconnect between reading diagnostic assessments and intervention, and the loop back into the classroom. These findings will help to inform both the Universal and Targeted offer.

Please email hello@priorityliteracy.org.uk if you have any queries.

Attendance and Persistent Absence

The attendance project is being delivered in partnership by Derby City Council (DCC) and Derby County Community Trust (DCCT).

DCC have recruited two Attendance Support Workers who will start their roles soon. They will support schools in Alvaston, Abbey, Arboretum, Boulton, Derwent, Mackworth, Normanton and Sinfin. Schools in line for targeted support have been identified and DCC and DCCT will be in touch soon with more details about how they can best support your school and pupils.

DCCT are recruiting a Strategic Lead for Attendance. Shortlisting has begun and an appointment is hoped to be made in the near future.

All schools will also have access to the Universal Offer, including CPD and resources, which will be made available via the Derby Direction [website](#) and [here](#).

The Respect Collaboration of Schools are leading on piloting a [Peer Review Model](#), utilising Alternative Provision (AP) and Ofsted expertise to review alternative pathways in school settings. This support is available to **all mainstream schools**, but please note there are limited places available. To express interest in a peer review, contact Rachel Brewer, R.Brewer@respectschools.co.uk

If you have any other queries regarding the Derby Priority Education Investment Area, please contact the DfE via: Priorityareas.EASTMIDLANDS@Education.gov.uk



Post-16 Marketplace Event

Tuesday 21st November 2023 (4.30pm – 6-30pm) at Transition 2, Whitaker Road, Derby, DE23 6AR

Are you either a Parent/carer or a Professional supporting a young learning-disabled person who is considering their post-16 options in Derby? If so, we would love to welcome you to join us at our forthcoming event!

This is a great opportunity to meet people from local organisations, including Education, Health, Social Care, Employment and Leisure, in our relaxed, accessible setting. Have a walk around providers' stalls and hear directly from young learning-disabled people, parents/carers, and a variety of different local providers.

For more information, please call (01332) 370 978 or e-mail info@transition2.co.uk

The poster has also been attached to the circular email.

Post SGO Support

Do you have a Special Guardianship Order? Do you work with a family where such an order has been in place?

Derby City Council have a 'Post SGO Support Team' available for you to access. If you have a Special Guardianship Order and are looking for support, advice or guidance, our team is here to support you with any issues you may have.

To read more please view the leaflet that is attached to the circular email.