



CPD and Safeguarding Update

Fortnightly Roundup Issue 10: 09/02/24

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If you have anything you would like to share across the Trust, or any suggestions for future roundups, please forward to roddanj@aletheiatrust.org.uk and armstrongn@aletheiatrust.org.uk



Trust Day 2024 **‘Hope and Belonging’**

Tuesday 12th March 2024
Arrival 08:30 | Finish 13:00 (approx)
Refreshments provided

With Exceptional Key Note Speakers:
Bruce Daisley
Chris Lubbe
Rev. Simon Burton-Jones

Time to Relax
it's
Half Term

Location:
Mercure Maidstone
Great Danes
Hollingbourne,
Maidstone,
ME17 1RE

Important Notices/Reminders for Schools

Disciplinary Training (Browne Jacobson)

Tuesday 27th February 3.45pm-5.00pm

Location: P7 at Saint George's Primary Phase

All school senior leadership teams are being offered the opportunity to attend an interactive face-to-face session with Browne Jacobson representatives, People & Culture, and the School Improvement Team.

KS2 Online Writing Moderation Briefing

Date and time: Thursday 29th Feb 3.45-4.15pm

Location: Online on Teams

Audience: Year 6 teachers and supporting school leaders

Purpose: To give an update to key staff on KS2 moderation processes, key areas of assessment and an opportunity to ask questions and build a network

Sign-up using this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7qMN3tZFMB>

KS2 Writing Moderation Briefing for Year 6 Teachers and Leaders

An online update on KS2 Writing Moderation - a briefing on what to expect and a breakdown of key areas of the Teacher Assessment Framework, followed by a chance to share and discuss practice with colleagues and create networks.

Suitable for Year 6 teachers and supporting school leaders. Trust Writing Moderators are welcome to join and share too.

Sign up via the Microsoft Form or email prests@aletheiaacademies.org.uk



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**Thursday 29th February 2024
15:45 - 16:30
Microsoft Teams**

Led by Sarah Prest &
Natasha Armstrong

Kagan Training for New Staff

Date and time: Wednesday 20th March 9.30am – 2pm

Location: Saint George's Primary Phase (P7)

Audience: Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Leaders, and any other relevant staff new to the Trust or who haven't previously attended Kagan training.

Purpose: An introduction to Kagan, including theory and practical application in schools.

Sign-up using this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/9fU3c1ieES>

Kagan Training for New Staff



A fun, interactive introduction to **Kagan Co-operative Learning** for teachers, teaching assistants, leaders and any other relevant staff new to the Trust!

Sign up via the [Microsoft Form](#) or email prests@aletheiastrust.org.uk



Wednesday 20th March 2024
09:30 - 14:00

Saint George's Primary Phase (P7)
Westcott Avenue, DA11 7HP

Led by Sarah Prest

Picture News:

After the half-term break, Picture News are offering 50 free places to trial Picture News for 4-weeks! Each week, you'll receive a new Picture News PowerPoint, exploring a current story to use as a ready-made form time resource.



To request a free place, send **PN4** to help@picture-news.co.uk and they'll let you know if you've been successful!

Training Reminders

Little Wandle Training Opportunities:

Little Wandle Blog: Top Tips for TAs and their Teachers

Teaching assistants play a huge role in the effective teaching of early reading. What are the best ways to make sure precious TA time is being used effectively? Access **this blog** on Little Wandle's Website for more information.



Training for TAs:

Date and time: Wednesday 13th March 2-3pm

Location: Online (Zoom) via Little Wandle website

Audience: Teaching Assistants

Description: In this webinar we will discuss what adaptive teaching in whole class teaching looks like, give you top tips for working with children with gaps in their learning in the lesson and in Daily Keep-up, and support you to deliver repeated practice throughout the day.

How to book: Some TAs across the Trust are already booked onto this online training event, but for any others that may wish to book, speak to your school leaders. Here is the booking link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/littlewandle/959784>

Making it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning

We are excited to offer an activity-fused webinar around the 'Science of Learning'. Drawing on the experience of Chris Quigley, we will unpack the webinar and explore the content using a variety of Kagan Structures.

Making It Stick Training
The Science of Successful Learning

This exciting interactive training will present evidence around **5 cognitive principles**.

For just £30 per person, you will take away 76 strategies to support:

- Cognitive Load Theory
- Spacing
- Interleaving
- Metacognition
- Retrieval Practice

Sign up via the Microsoft Form

Monday 18th March 2024
13:30 - 16:00

Saint George's Primary Phase
Westcott Avenue, DA11 7HP

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Please follow the link below to book places for your staff:

<https://forms.office.com/e/M77UnS66S5>

DfE Attendance Webinars:

You can watch the recording of November's 'Monitor Your School Attendance' webinar [here](#).

This month's webinar:

Date and time: Wednesday 28th February at 11am

Description: We will be providing updates on the following and more:

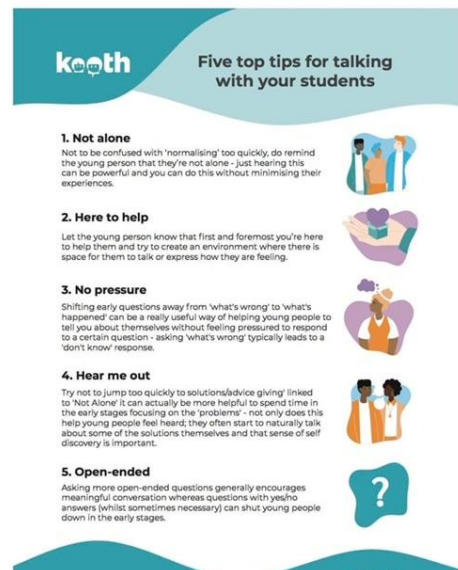
- New functionality to let you compare your attendance with schools across the country.
- Local Authority and Trusts data export functionality.

How to sign up: Click here: [Sign up for the webinar](#).

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Top Tips for Talking: Kooth

Kooth have shared 5 simple tips for talking to young people about how they are feeling encouraging engagement rather than providing ready-made solutions. For more information, please visit their helpful website: <https://www.kooth.com/>



What is Doxing?

Southwest Grid for Learning have published a guide for professionals and parents giving information and support around this topic. In recent years, the practice of doxing has made considerable headlines within online circles, particularly on social media as well as in gaming communities. In short, it is a practice where individuals or groups expose and publicise private information about a person on the internet without their consent, often for the purposes of causing distress or creating malicious intent.

Follow the link to read the full article:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/what-is-doxing-a-guide-for-professionals-parents-and-carers/>

Information: senior mental health lead training – extension of funding to July 2024

Eligible schools and colleges can now claim a **senior mental health lead training grant** of £1,200 for their mental health lead to attend the DfE quality assured training due to start by 31 July 2024.

The training will help your mental health lead develop your setting's holistic approach to promoting and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils, learners, and staff.

If you previously claimed a grant and your trained lead has left your setting, you can also now apply for a second grant. Information on eligibility and how to claim is available in **the conditions of grant**.

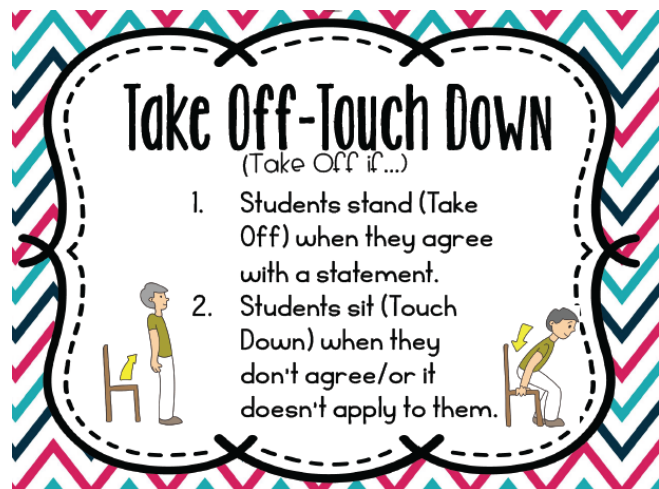
Kent Rewards

Please can we remind you that if you haven't already, to sign up to **Kent Rewards** as there are some amazing discounts and offers available for those working in education.

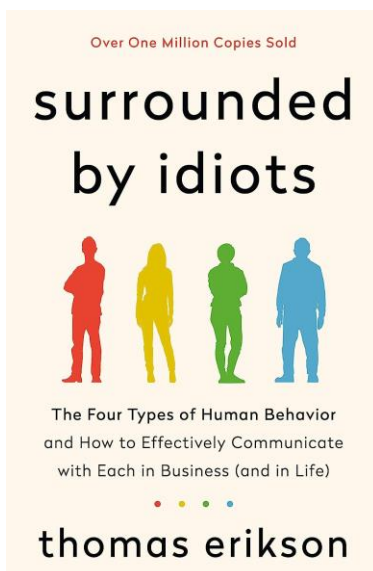
CPD for the Week

Kagan strategy to try:

Take Off-Touch Down



Book to help teacher development:



Surrounded by Idiots:

<https://amzn.eu/d/1aa5C99>

This book by Thomas Erikson explores 'The Four Types of Human Behavior and How to Effectively Communicate with Each in Business (and in Life)'. It is a great read to better understand ourselves, our colleagues, our parents, our children, and generally have social awareness of the environment we live and work.

Suggested blog and/or podcast: Early Excellence

<https://earlyexcellence.com/eex-podcasts/>

Early Excellence podcasts are platforms for learning from leading professionals in Early Years and Key Stage 1 education. Recent topics include ECTs' experiences, autism, outdoor learning, EYFS spaces and self-regulation.

Best Practice Teams

Please communicate any changes in membership to IT.

Team	Meeting Dates	Location
Phonics	1/3/24	TBC
English	8/3/24	TBC
History	11/03/24	Online (4 - 5.30pm)
Pupil Voice	13/3/24	Online 1.30pm
CAS Community	13/3/24	Online 4pm-5.30pm
PE	22/03/24	TBC
RE (SIAMs)	19/04/24	TBC
Staff Voice	29/04/24	Saint George's Primary 2pm
Science	20/05/24	St George's Primary

Please find all agendas and minutes for BPT here:

[Best Practice Teams](#)