

Communication to Partners: 18th March 2020

Dear Headteacher/PLC,

In light of the latest government announcement, the University has decided, with some regret, to suspend trainee placements. We have informed the trainees that tomorrow (Thursday) will be their last day in school. For information we have copied below the communication trainees have been sent.

We are waiting for further guidance from the DfE and when we have a clear understanding of their strategy we will be in touch.

On behalf of the Liverpool Hope Partnership we would like to thank you for all of the support you have given the trainees during this very difficult time.

If you feel there is anything we can do to support you please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes

Michelle

Dear Trainee,

As you will be aware the government has confirmed that schools will now close. This means your placement will finish tomorrow. This gives you time to collect files, return work and belongings and thank the appropriate colleagues.

Please do not worry this is obviously an issue which is affecting every trainee in the country. This means that the DfE will be finding a solution to enable ITE providers to help their trainees to progress and move forward. When it is clear what the government's plans are we will contact you to confirm details.

In the meantime, please do not worry and try to be positive about what you can do whilst not on placement. There are resources and tasks on Moodle that you can complete and there are always aspects of subject knowledge and pedagogy that you can be researching and learning about and this might include assignments. These will all help you be a better-informed teacher when you do get back in the classroom.

We would like to assure you all that your wellbeing and safety remains our paramount concern, we understand that you will be anxious and upset for many different reasons depending on your individual circumstances. Given there is no face to face teaching at the university, you can choose to return home if you wish to. Tutors remain available on email should you wish to contact them.

We want to thank you for the professionalism you have demonstrated so far and for responding so positively to the duty of care you have for the children in your class and wider school. Please keep checking your email and Moodle this will be our first point of contact on a regular basis.

Kind regards

Michelle Pearson

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