

Communication to Partners: 25th November 2020

Dear Colleague,

We wrote to you recently about the proposed travel window set by the government to enable students to travel home for Christmas. We have today been made aware by the DfE of an update to their student movement guidance in relation to trainee teachers. Specifically,

As critical workers providing support to schools/settings during this challenging time, postgraduate trainees and undergraduate trainees in their final year can continue their placement in person until the end of term, where they are operationally essential and content to do so.

For those students currently completing a professional placement this update means their placement **can continue to the end of term**, as planned, **where they are happy to do so**. For those who have already organised travel home they can continue to travel following the earlier guidance. If appropriate, trainees can continue to support settings virtually. If students choose to finish their placement on 4th December this will not impact on their course outcome. Placement end dates will remain unchanged for all cohorts.

I apologise for any confusion this may cause however as you can appreciate guidance is changing regularly and is sometimes significantly lagging behind national announcements. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Thank you again for your support, flexibility and positive approach to working with our Hope teachers. It is very much appreciated.

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