



Update for Designated Teachers from Rosemary Hooper, Virtual School Head for Shropshire

Dear Designated Teacher

Thank you for all the support this term that you have given to our children. Your creativity, flexibility and innovation have meant that our children have been provided with the stability they need. The plans captured on the online PEP have shown a significant level of care and dedication. We have particularly appreciated the way Designated Teachers have embraced the Covid19 section of the PEP and participation in the new TEAMS meeting. It has also been a new way for some of our children and contribute to meetings, any of our children have commented very positively on the use of virtual platforms.

Next term's PP+ payments will return to previous levels with each child being eligible for up to £400 upon receipt and approval of a quality Personal Education Plan (PEP). We understand that the beginning of the Autumn will be different, and the interventions and responses will be reflected the Autumn term targets as reported in the PEP. In line with guidance to schools the Virtual school attendance collection will resume

Contact from Virtual School links will remain *virtual* for the Autumn Term to lessen any burden on your settings. We aim to maintain the offer of support and guidance to Designated Teachers whether through the work of the VS link, the training offer or project work e.g. Alex Timpson Trust Research; Raising Aspirations for Disadvantaged Youth or the West Midlands Art Connect.

Wishing you all a very well-earned break when it comes.

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