

# B-Comms



Diocese of Norwich  
St Benet's  
Multi Academy Trust

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**B-Comms is the fortnightly newsletter for Church of England schools who are Members or Associate Members of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust:** Alburgh with Denton Primary, Cringleford Primary (Associate Member), Dickleburgh Primary & Pre-school, Diss Junior Academy, Diss Infant Academy & Nursery, Garboldisham Primary, Harleston Sancroft Academy, Hethersett Primary (Associate Member), Morley Primary, Newton Flotman Primary, St Mary's Junior, Tacolneston Primary, Scole Primary (Associate Member).

**Schools working with us through the DfE's TSIO programme are:** Acle Primary; Catfield Primary/Hickling Infant/Sutton Infant (the Swallowtail Federation); Happisburgh Primary and St Mary's Endowed Primary Roughton (the Lighthouse Federation); Little Plumstead Primary; Worstead Primary.

**This month we are delighted to welcome Cringleford CE VA Primary School, Hethersett VC Primary School and Scole CE VC Primary School as Associate Members of St Benet's MAT.**

## Good News Stories

### Diocese of Norwich - Spiritual Garden Funding

The Diocesan Board of Education are excited to launch its latest project – creating spiritual/reflection gardens.



It has often been mentioned how both pupils and adults benefit from a designated area in the school that has been set aside to encourage reflection, find quiet, allow calm, appreciate nature, and facilitate opportunities for prayer and reflection. This is an example of a spiritual garden created by a school within the Diocese.

You can obtain a start-up fund of £100 for any Diocese of Norwich school to enable you to begin this project. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please email [holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org) with a headed paper invoice (payable to NDBF) so that you can be reimbursed with the £100 funding.

Conditions of the funds include sharing an article about the process to help inspire other schools. If you already have a spiritual garden, you can still take up this offer to develop it even further.

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/spiritual-garden-funding/>

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## Invitation to Net Zero Event from DoNESC

### Wednesday 19th October - Green Flag Awards for Schools with PECT

DoNESC's commitment to our schools after their conference in June (Your Actions: Their Future: Your Path to Carbon Neutrality) was that they would be carrying on with environmental initiatives.

The feedback received from conference attendees was that more bite-sized online sessions would be welcomed, and so they have organised 5 new events:



#### 19 October – Green Flag Awards for Schools with PECT (Peterborough Environmental City Trust) – whole school focus

This will be a online meeting at 16:00-17:30.

This session has been set up with the aim of getting pupils as involved as possible, as soon as possible.

The 2 guest speakers are :-



*Adam Flint (Eco Schools) who will be talking showing us through the stages of how we can gain the Eco Schools Green Flag Accreditation. He will be talking us through the programme which is designed to engage our pupils, and provide practical advice and inspiration to make a difference to our schools and local communities.*



*Heidi Latronico (PECT). Many of you will remember Heidi from the conference and the feedback that DoNESC received was that you would like to hear more from her about the fantastic PECT initiatives.*

**To book onto this course, click here: [Net Zero - Eventbrite](#)**

The Green Flag Accreditation programme asks you to select 3 Eco School topics to focus on over the year. One of these is Waste, so some of the information that Heidi will share lends itself brilliantly to supporting this topic and will allow schools to support 2 additional topics of choice.

Future events will take place on (further details to follow):

**1 December 2022** Energy: Business Manager focus

**18 January 2023** Teaching Resources: Teacher focus

**22 March 2023** Waste/Recycling: – Whole-school focus

**23 May 2023** Water: Whole-school focus

For further information please contact Wendy Allsop on [wendy.allsop@donec.org](mailto:wendy.allsop@donec.org).

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## Prayer for the Day

The Church of England have an app called Time to Pray, which releases a new prayer twice a day as a short podcast for you to listen to. Today's prayer can be heard [here](#).



## Reminders

### Office Move Update

The Education Team (St Benet's, DNEAT and DoNESC) have now officially taken up residence in our new office in East Tuddenham. The postal address of the new office is: **Orchard House, Hall Lane, East Tuddenham, Norfolk NR20 3LR** but our registered address remains as Diocesan House in Easton.



The central phone number for St Benet's has changed as a result of the move to **01603 550147**.

### Press & PR

Our PR Officer, **Kate Morfoot**, should be your first point of contact for any press/media enquiries or if you have any good news stories from your academy which you would like to publicise. Her contact details are: **07803 590 728** (inc out of hours) and [press@stbenets.org](mailto:press@stbenets.org).

### Footprints & Schools Flyer

Footprints magazine and the Schools Flyer are circulated to all Diocesan schools. The latest editions can be read [here](#). Future themes will be: January—Global Christianity in our Schools; February—Racial Justice; April—The Journey to Net Zero Carbon by 2030; June—Nursery and Early Years Provision.

If you would like your school to be featured in Footprints please contact Holly Davy, PA to the Diocesan Director of Education, at [holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org).

## Vacancies

For vacancies at St Benet's MAT please visit: [www.stbenets.org](http://www.stbenets.org). Please email your vacancies to: [robyn.redman@donesc.org](mailto:robyn.redman@donesc.org).

For vacancies at DNEAT, DoNESC and the Diocese of Norwich please visit: [www.dneat.org](http://www.dneat.org) or [www.dioceseofnorwich.org](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org).

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## Operational Updates—1

⇒ **FAO: Designated Safeguarding Leads**

### **Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Guidance (DfE)**

Schools should note that the DfE has withdrawn the standalone document 'Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment' as the content is now part of the statutory guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education.

You should ensure that policy and procedure documents no longer refer to the sexual violence and sexual harassment guidance, but instead to KCSIE Part Five.

An updated flowchart for incidents of sexual violence and sexual harassment has been uploaded to the Resources Hub on the St Benet's website <https://www.stbenets.org/login/> in the Safeguarding section.

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### **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 - Translations (LGfL)**

Colleagues at the London Grid for Learning have translated Part One and Annex A of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 into thirteen community languages:

- Arabic
- Bengali
- Chinese (Simpl.)
- Chinese (Trad.)
- Gujarati
- Polish
- Portuguese (Brazilian)
- Punjabi
- Romanian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu

These translations were carried out by professional linguist with secondary proofing. However, the original English version should be treated as the official source of statutory school staff duties.

The translated documents can be accessed here: <https://national.lgfl.net/digisafe/kcsie/kcsietranslate>

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## Operational Updates—2

### ⇒ **FAO: Teaching staff**

#### **CLEAPSS Science Website**

Each academy pays into the Norfolk County Council Health and Safety service which includes a login to CLEAPSS. This gives risk assessed activities, teaching resources, student safety sheets and much more for those teaching Science. The login can be found here: <https://science.cleapss.org.uk/login.aspx>

The username and password to access the CLEAPSS website changes at the start of every new year. Therefore this password is valid until January 2023.

The new password for 2022 is: user name: **blood** password: **cell22**

### ⇒ **FAO: Headteachers & DSLs**

Following the retirement of Sharon Money as Head of Operations and Trust Safeguarding Lead, DoNESC have appointed Ali England as Interim Head of Safeguarding. Ali can be contacted at [ali.england@donesc.org](mailto:ali.england@donesc.org) or 07772 077 094. She will be on site Monday-Wednesday and on call Thursday-Friday.

### ⇒ **FAO: Teaching Staff/RE Leads**

#### **3 November SIAMS 2023 'launch to the nation'**

The National SIAMS Team would like to thank all those who have registered, or who have tried to register, to attend one of the national update sessions on Thursday 3 November.

Due to an unexpectedly high response, the session registration capacity has been reached and the link that was shared previously is no longer allowing people to register their attendance. Consequently, we are now sharing the link that will allow you to gain direct access to the session of your choice. **Please do not share this link with anyone apart from those members of your team who plan to attend the sessions.**

Links are as follows:

Thursday 3 November 10am-11.30am [Click here to join 10am meeting](#)

Thursday 3 November 6pm-7.30pm [Click here to join the 6pm meeting](#)

The sessions will consist of a presentation by Dr Margaret James, National Director of SIAMS, and no questions will be taken due to the high number of attendees.

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## Operational Updates—3

### ⇒ **FAO: All Staff**

With immediate effect please note the following DoNESC department changes in roles following Sharon Money's retirement :

**Safeguarding** – Ali England, Interim Safeguarding Lead. Email [ali.England@donec.org](mailto:ali.England@donec.org). Phone no. 01603 550151

**Estates** – Darren Williams, Head of Estates. Email [darren.williams@donec.org](mailto:darren.williams@donec.org). Phone no. 01603 550132

**HR** – Jo Leach, Head of HR. Email [jo.leach@donec.org](mailto:jo.leach@donec.org). Phone no. 01603 550159

Please note Jo and her team look after Freedom of Information, Data Protection and SARS (Subject Access Requests).

### **Mental Health Awareness Day**

World Mental Health Day is observed each year on 10 October, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues, removing stigma, and looking to increase support for mental health.

We fully support the Mental Health Awareness Day and aim to have work environments and cultures across the academies in which we can discuss mental health openly and provide the best possible mental health support that we can.

We are keen to roll out Mental Health First Aider training. Different dates will be offered throughout the year to attend the two day training course at Orchard House in East Tuddenham. HR Officers will be speaking to Headteachers to help identify anyone keen to undertake the training. In our current climate with the cost of living crisis and other pressures we all live with, the training is an important way to be able to understand your own mental health but also be able to help those around you.

Your designated HR Officer is fully Mental Health First Aider trained and please do speak to them about your mental health if you feel you are struggling.

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## Central Trust Calendar

Each school in the Trust has been issued with a central calendar of training/CPD events for 2022-23. Your Headteacher will circulate this. Events for the coming half-term will be captured in B-Comms as a helpful reminder:

### St Benet's SOUTH

Week Commencing	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10.10.22	Leaders Forum at Orchard House (09.30-12.30)	NF Impact CRE	Pupil Premium Workshop at Orchard House (09.00-16.00)	St Mary's Impact CRE	Jon Hutchinson Instructional Coaching at South Green Park (09.00-16.15)
17.10.22	SENCo Network at Sancroft Primary (09.00-16.00)	AwD Impact CRE	Sancroft Impact CRE	Sancroft Impact CRE	

### St Benet's NORTH

Week Commencing	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10.10.22		St Benet's North Norfolk SIAMS/SEF Training (09.00-15.30) at Little Plumstead Primary		Leaders' Forum at Orchard House (12.00-14.00)	Jon Hutchinson Instructional Coaching at South Green Park (09.00-16.15)
17.10.22			SENCo Network at Little Plumstead Primary (09.00-16.00)	Maths Subject Leader Network at Little Plumstead Primary (09.00-16.00)	

A key giving full descriptions and location addresses is included on the full calendar sent to Headteachers.

We are always looking for good news stories about your schools to include in B-Comms.

Please contact the Editor, Suzannah Kay, at [suzannah.kay@stbenets.org](mailto:suzannah.kay@stbenets.org) with any information you would like to see included in the next issue.