

SHaW school-relevant general news and information – a round up of the last couple of months

Safeguarding and safety:

[Dropping off and picking up before and after school | NSPCC Learning](#) – useful information produced by the NSPCC on safeguarding, children who walk to and from school on their own, alternative adults picking children up, etc.

Wellbeing and mental health:

[Stress Indicator Tool \(SIT\) \(hse.gov.uk\)](#) – A webinar by the HSE entitled: ‘Managing and controlling work-related stress for the education sector’. Now available to watch on demand - you just need to register to watch.

[Mental health lead resource hub: Mentally Healthy Schools](#) – Contains resources for staff – targeted approaches with frameworks and toolkits from the Anna Freud Mentally Healthy Schools website.

Department for Education – an updated webpage on [Senior mental health lead training](#) – from here you can find out how your school can apply for a grant, and access training to help develop a whole school / college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

First Aid and supporting children with medical needs:

[EYFS-framework-2024-guide-changes](#) – Here is a summary of the changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework. From January 2024 the paediatric first aid (PFA) requirement in the group and school-based provider version makes it **explicit** that all staff who have obtained a Level 2 and / or Level 3 qualification since 30 June 2016 **must** also hold a valid PFA qualification to be included in the required staff: child ratios.

[First Aid at Work assessment to include mental health](#) - there has been a guidance change (not a change in the law) regarding what you need to do to address first aid needs in your workplace. This update now includes an employer having to take into account employees’ mental health within the assessment.

[Choosing your first aid trainer](#) – The HSE has simplified its guidance on how to select your training provider for First Aid.

Before and after school childcare:

[Before and after school childcare: Everything you need to know about wraparound care](#) - The Education Hub’s short article explains the difference between out-of-school activities, school clubs and wraparound care. Also, a new Gov.UK guidance paper on the same topic, which includes some aspects of Health and Safety including risk assessments, first aid, lettings policies etc – you can find that [HERE](#) .

Premises related issues:

A useful article to point parents to, about [school closures in bad weather](#) – the winter isn't over yet! This is from the Gov.UK Education Hub blog.

Asbestos is in the news again – the [HSE has a new campaign called 'Asbestos – Your Duty'](#) and their website is now hosting lots of resources to help those who are Premises Responsible People. Sadly, some people have been duped by 'rogue traders' and this article: [Man handed community order for illegal removal of asbestos | HSE Media Centre](#) is about an illegal removal of asbestos from a school.

An update on **RAAC**, including a final list of schools and colleges with confirmed cases of RAAC in England: [Government confirms plans to permanently remove RAAC from all schools and colleges in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Condition Data Collection 2 (CDC2) is now underway with the programme that collects building condition data on all government funded schools in England. Tranche 7 will take place from February 2024 to July 2024 and Tranche 8 from August 2024 to January 2025. Your school will be notified if you are part of either tranche, but you can find further information on the Gov.UK website at [CDC2 Programme](#).

Transport for staff and pupils:

[New guidance to enhance e-bike and e-scooter safety](#) – new guidance from the Department for Transport for property owners and managers. This includes:

- [Battery safety for e-scooter users](#)
- [Battery safety for e-cycle users](#)
- [E-cycle and e-scooter batteries: managing fire risk for premises](#)

[Rollout of electric vehicle chargepoints to be accelerated - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) – There is a grant available for state-funded schools, colleges, nurseries and academies to boost the ChargePoint facilities for staff and visitors.

Hopefully of some use to schools whose staff use electric methods of transport.

[Free school transport explained: From who's eligible to how it works - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#) – A short article on school transport. Includes medical conditions of pupils and how to manage the risks involved with travelling to and from school.

Hope this briefing helps – all vital / priority alerts will be placed separately on the front page of the SHaW website so you don't miss it, and also placed in Suffolk Headlines, the weekly newsletter for Headteachers.