

# Services for Schools and Education Providers 2018-19

Providing services you can depend on

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## Welcome



Anthony May Chief Executive Nottinghamshire County Council

Welcome to the new directory of services for schools from Nottinghamshire County Council for 2018-19. Within the brochure you will find over 50 different services offering you all the support you could want from a single trusted supplier.

For each service the brochure provides a useful overview and focuses on the benefits it can provide to you as a customer. Further information and the latest news for each service are available on the Nottinghamshire Schools Portal. You can find the portal at **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal** where you can also access the interactive order system (IOS) and view charges and buy our services.

#### Doing things differently

We've gone through a lot of change in the last year with the creation of some new organisations for the delivery of some of our services. These exciting new ventures are the result of several years' work which originated in the Council's 'Doing Things Differently' project that sought to discover innovative, best value, and high quality options for delivering Council services in a different way. Via, Inspire and Arc are all new organisations which bring together the best qualities of public, commercial and charitable sectors with a merging of knowledge and expertise.

Inspire is a new charitable trust that is delivering the Council's cultural services including library, music and arts services for schools. Arc who provide a range of Property Services and Via who deliver highways and Fleet Management Services are both examples of where the Council has partnered with industry leading organisations to create dynamic new companies experienced in serving schools.

#### Keeping in touch

I hope you enjoy looking through this brochure and the further information which is available on the Nottinghamshire Schools Portal. In the brochure there is a direct contact for each service who will be happy to help you with any queries or advice. If you have a more general question or are interested in a range of services please phone us on **0300 500 80 80** or email **servicesforschools@nottscc.gov.uk** 

At Nottinghamshire County Council we look forward to working with you during the year ahead and helping you and your school to succeed and prosper during these exciting but challenging times.

## Why choose Nottinghamshire County Council services?

Nottinghamshire County Council's services for schools offer a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills tailored to the specific needs of schools and academies. We pride ourselves on having a unique relationship with each school and are committed to helping you improve the lives of Nottinghamshire's children and young people.

We are committed to:

- Delivering high quality services that you can depend on.
- Providing excellent value for money.
- Supporting you to comply with national/legislative standards.
- Keeping you up to date with developments in technology and improving our systems and processes.
- Working with you to develop, shape and improve our services to meet the evolving needs of your school community.

We offer over 50 support services in areas ranging from finance, legal and HR to outdoor education, school meals and grounds maintenance. All of these services offer support that you can trust and the highest level of delivery. This is proven throughout the brochure with testimonials from satisfied customers. At the same time we realise that we can always improve and we value every one of our customers.

That is why we are committed to continually reviewing, planning and developing, to improve our services based on what you say you need.

We appreciate the challenges schools face during these difficult financial times, to raise standards and achieve educational goals. Our services have been designed with this in mind, to help you attain your targets whilst gaining the greatest efficiencies from your budgets.



## How to purchase our services

We aim to make purchasing our services as easy for you as possible. There are two ways to buy our services and at every stage there is the flexibility and support to ensure you can buy exactly what you need.

### **Option 1: Online via the Interactive Order System (IOS)**

#### Accessing the system

Most of our services can be purchased via the Services for Schools Interactive Order System (IOS) which can be accessed via the Nottinghamshire Schools Portal **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal**. This is our online buying system for schools and educational establishments to purchase our services in one place.

Once you are set up with a password, it is simple to use, but if you don't have an account please complete the New User Access Form on the Services for Schools page of the Portal and we will set you up with an account and user ID.

Alternatively you can contact the Services for Schools team on **0115 977 2642** or email **servicesforschools@ nottscc.gov.uk** for help in getting set up or with any other support in using the system.

The IOS enables your school/educational establishment to access your school records and purchase history. This information is stored in a secure environment and can only be viewed by authorised users; access to the system is controlled by using your school login details. The username is usually your schools DfE number. However if you need to remind yourself of these details or your password, please contact our ICT Service Desk on 0115 977 2010 and select option 1.

For assistance with using the IOS, you will find a copy of our User Guide on your dashboard page.

#### Suggested and customised contracts

To make the process of buying services even easier there is a 'suggested contracts' option; this includes suggestions for services based on your previous selections and needs, or additional services you may be interested in. All you have to do is click on 'view and decide'. If you decide that you do want the service just click 'accept' and a contract will be generated – it's as simple as that.

By selecting 'create', you can also amend the suggested contract by amending or de-selecting parts of it to suit your needs. Once you've created your order you will receive a confirmation email.

If you can't see a suggested contract for the service you want, click on the 'order button' to see other options. Where prices are available you can select them, which will add them to your total contract, you can then 'accept a contract'. If no prices are shown, contact the provider for bespoke prices. They can then generate a suggested contract, based on your needs, for you to accept.

#### Making changes to your order

You can still make any changes after you've submitted an order form, by logging back into the system and amending before **31 March 2018**. On 1 April 2018 contracts will go live and changes will require the agreement of the service provider as there is a minimum notice period for all live contracts.

If you wish to buy after this date, review your contract or negotiate longer term arrangements, please contact the service provider direct.

#### **Option 2: Contacting our services directly**

For services that are not available in the IOS and for those where you want to negotiate a bespoke package, contact the service direct using the contact information provided in this directory.

For general assistance please contact our Customer Services Advisors on 0300 500 80 80, Monday to Friday 8am-8pm and Saturday 8am-12 noon.

#### Costs

A breakdown of costs and packages are available on the IOS (see page 7 for information on how to access the system). If no costs are shown for a particular service this means they are bespoke and you will need to contact the provider direct with your needs. Please note that all prices shown for maintained schools are exclusive of VAT. For academies, VAT will be added when invoiced.

#### **Terms and conditions**

All services for schools will be delivered under contractual agreements which set out the general terms and conditions for the services including delivery of services, pricing, cancellation and payment terms. You can take a look at these in full via the online IOS.

### Complaints

Any dissatisfaction or complaint should be raised initially with the service manager for that service, who will endeavour to resolve the issue to your satisfaction.

Any complaint that cannot be resolved should be referred to the Complaints Manager, Jo Kirkby, (jo.kirkby@nottscc.gov.uk) who will arrange for the appropriate senior manager to investigate and respond formally.

If the complaint cannot be resolved the Complaints Manager will refer the matter to the appropriate Service Director for their consideration.



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# **01** HR, Payroll and **Health and Safety**

## Human Resources Advice, Support and Training



Our Human Resources Service is dedicated to working in partnership with head teachers, school leaders and governing bodies to provide comprehensive and bespoke support to meet the requirements of your school.

We provide a responsive and flexible range of HR services to all schools, including academies, irrespective of their governance arrangements. Our services are underpinned by an extensive knowledge of the workings and requirements of the education sector. In circumstances where your school needs a joint approach we will dovetail our support together with the Education Improvement Service, Occupational Health, Governor Services, Finance, Health and Safety and Legal Services in order to ensure your school receives the best possible support in all of our work with you.

### What we offer

- An effective HR service that meets the day to day and strategic needs of your school.
- Dedicated professional named HR Business Partners will work with you to ensure that you have the confidence and necessary support to address the many challenges you face.
- A team of HR professionals with a wealth and depth of experience to provide high quality, solution focused support within a timescale agreed with you.
- Comprehensive up to date knowledge of education law, employment law and HR best practice.
- Written policies, guidance and toolkit documents specifically designed to meet the ever changing and complex challenges faced by schools.

 Comprehensive practical support and guidance on all employee relations matters including appraisal/ competency, grievance, disciplinary, safer working, recruitment, absence, redundancy and performance related pay issues and opportunities for apprenticeships.

## Our pledge

We will provide you with a professional, high quality HR service delivered by named HR Business Partners who will build excellent working relationships with you so that our support is flexible, responsive to your needs and offers excellent value for money. We will respond to your telephone calls and emails within one working day where possible and to written enquiries within five working days.

- Advisory support to head teachers and/or the governing body or trust at all formal hearings and appeals at no extra cost.
- Professional support to produce letters confirming decisions taken at formal meetings/hearings and appeals at no extra cost.
- On-site support to manage HR related investigations or access to HR consultants who can undertake complex investigations on behalf of the school.
- A range of bespoke training opportunities specifically for you as a head teacher, school leader, governor or trust board member.
- Expert job evaluation analysis to ensure that your staffing structures are effective and that all posts in your school comply with Single Status pay structures and equal pay legislation.
- The purchase of one of our annual packages gives you exclusive access to the Nottinghamshire Schools Staff Absence Insurance scheme.

You can take advantage of either of our two levels of service; **Standard or Enhanced**.

Superb support through a very difficult and sensitive personnel matter. Communication was precise, prompt and enabled an open and clear discussion of the issues. HR services acted professionally throughout the process.

Business Manager White Hills Park Details of both packages are summarised in this document and we are happy to discuss any additional or bespoke requirements with you.

The Enhanced level of service will provide your school with an increased number of on-site visits and face to face meetings ensuring a greater level of in depth support. Full details of packages with prices can be accessed via our interactive ordering system (IOS).

### Training

#### General

Access to a full range of HR related training opportunities for headteachers, senior leaders, business managers, governors and trust board members at a reduced price.

#### **Safeguarding Training**

The HR service also provides 'Whole School Safeguarding Training' and 'Designated Person Training' for staff in schools on a pay as you go basis. We have a team of experienced trainers offering training to ensure that schools are compliant with legislation, standards and processes in safeguarding to fulfil Ofsted requirements. The training is updated frequently in line with all legislative changes and new developments in safeguarding.

For more information please contact: **safeguarding.training@nottscc.gov.uk** or **0115 977 2347**.

## **Details of Packages**

Information on costing is available via our interactive order system (IOS).

Package	Standard	Enhanced	Add. charges
Per capita rate based on headcount staff numbers per school (as at November 2017 payroll).	See IOS for costs	See IOS for costs	
Advice and Support Professional, efficient telephone and email advice for day to day HR queries including access to dedicated HR duty team.	V	v	
Advice tailored to specific circumstances for all employment issues including discipline, safer working, performance (capability), ill health and attendance, appraisal, performance related pay, grievance and harassment.	~	V	
Financial assistance towards the cost of specialist support arising from the application of the employment processes.*	✓ £11,275 cap	✓ £22,550 cap	
Specialist advice and support on local and national conditions of service for all school based staff.	~	<b>v</b>	
Advice and support for a school restructure including TUPE, redundancies and evaluation of grades for school support staff.	~	<b>v</b>	
Support to governing body to manage the long term absence of school leaders including headteacher.	V	<b>v</b>	
HR alerts, updates and guidance relating to new and impending changes to employment law and associated policy development and its application in the schools context - including negotiation and consultation with the relevant trade unions.	~	V	
Access to our comprehensive HR Schools Portal and email advice service keeping you updated on all new and revised policies, guidance, toolkits and training opportunities.	~	۲	
Professional advice to the governing body/trust to manage all matters relating to employment, policies and procedures, formal hearings and appeals.	~	~	
Advice on statutory compliance, for example equality requirements and single central record.	~	<b>~</b>	

\*Applies to Nottinghamshire maintained schools only buying the HR Service. Capped at this <u>amount unless in exceptional circumstances by</u> <u>agreement</u> and only applies where HR support and advice has been sought and followed. Assistance is provided against employment tribunal remedy costs though claims will not be valid where HR advice has not been sought and followed.

Academy schools and all other non-Nottinghamshire maintained schools – The financial assistance to defend cases and insurance cover for the award of compensation or remedy costs in employment tribunal or court proceedings is not applicable. The school should consider arranging your own separate insurance cover for these purposes.

Package	Standard	Enhanced	Add. charges
Advice and support on all safer working policies, procedures and toolkits including recruitment to head teacher level.	V	V	
Exclusive access to a range of additional salary sacrifice employee benefits e.g. child care vouchers. Available to academies if separately negotiated with the provider.	V	V	
Access to the Nottinghamshire Schools Staff Absence Insurance scheme. Charges apply - see separate entry in the brochure for details.**	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>
Access to whole school safeguarding training and Designated Person training (charges apply – based on numbers trained).	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>
Newly appointed head teachers receive a free personalised introductory briefing/meeting with their named HR Business Partner as part of their induction during their first term.	✓ up to 2 hours	✓ up to 4 hours	
Ongoing HR advisory support and on-site visits to resolve casework issues.	✓ See IOS for number of hours incl.	✓ See IOS for number of hours incl.	
Consultancy to support your school to manage more complex casework and other identified school priorities.	See IOS for costs	See IOS for costs (reduced preferential rates)	
Access to our popular range of HR related training and briefing events for head teachers, school leaders and governors. E.g. PRP – Handling Pay appeals/ Changes to School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document, Safer Recruitment and Absence Management.	~	<ul> <li>✓ (reduced preferential rates)</li> </ul>	
Attendance of a HR Business Partner at formal hearings and appeals to provide advice and support to the head teacher/governing body/trust at:	✓ Dismissal hearings/ appeals only	✓ All hearings/ appeals irrespective of procedural stage	
Face to face on-site support for all health related casework.		<b>v</b>	
Support for home visits to staff in welfare capacity.		<b>v</b>	<b>v</b>
Expert advice on job design and job evaluation to ensure future equality proofing of your pay structure.		V	
Safer Working HR Audit (1/2 day)	£500	£400	

\*\* Schools must purchase one of our annual HR Advisory and Support packages to gain access to the Staff Absence Scheme.

The Standard and Enhanced options are annual packages available to all Nottinghamshire schools. Schools are required to give 6 months' notice in order to cease use of the service. Preferential rates are available for those schools prepared to commit to a long-term contract (minimum of two years). Please contact the service direct for further information.

### **Benefits to your school**

We have received very positive feedback from our recent customer survey. We would like to share some of this with you:

- Customer service 90% respondents rated the service excellent or good.
- HR advice and support 92% respondents rated the service excellent or good.
- Resolution of issues 89% respondents rated the service excellent or good.
- Value for money 84% respondents rated the service excellent or good.
- Head Teacher and Senior Leaders' Training and Briefings - 83% respondents rated these as excellent or good.

## **Further information**

Your named Business Partners are contactable by telephone (office and mobile) and email. Both packages include access to the HR Helpline which is available between 8.30am-5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm on Friday.

The HR Helpline (0115 977 4433) guarantees that support is always available during normal working hours.

I have found the HR service to be extremely professional. As a busy Head Teacher, my experience of communication by the HR team has been excellent, punctual and pertinent. I have found HR staff professional in their manner, with a personal touch which helped ensure successful outcomes for the school.

Head Teacher Manor Park Infant & Nursery



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## **Payroll Services**



Nottinghamshire County Council Payroll Services are specialists in the provision of web based intuitive and interactive payroll management services with particular expertise in the field of real time system access to schools payroll data.

We pay in excess of 58,000 employees and pensioners per month across multiple employment types using world class technology. Our service includes full disaster recovery functionality and compliance with the very latest security standards.

Our specialist team has a long established reputation of providing professional, customer orientated support to schools and academies. Over 300 schools, academies and other external clients located throughout the country are now benefiting from our comprehensive and cost effective service.

We will work in partnership with your school to ensure you receive a high quality service which meets your needs.

We are constantly reviewing our services in order to improve efficiency, reduce costs and develop our service offer in line with the evolving schools framework and landscape.

## What we offer

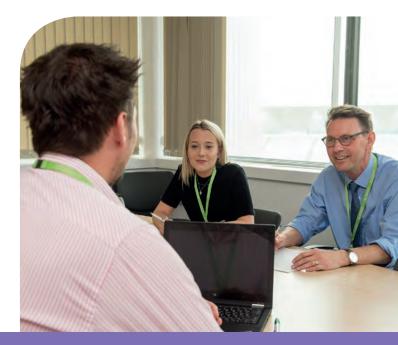
- The use of a secure payroll portal which will allow the efficient transfer of payroll data to the payroll system and the production of confidential payroll reports.
- Telephone support service from experienced staff who understand the specific requirements of schools and are able to deal with complex transactional and payroll administration and queries for teaching and support staff.
- Prompt and accurate payments direct to employee bank accounts.

## **Our pledge**

We will provide you with a comprehensive, professional, high quality payroll service that is statutorily compliant, flexible and responsive to your needs and offers excellent value for money. We will respond to your telephone calls and emails within one working day and to written inquiries within five working days.

- Provision of a single point of contact via our Business Support Centre and an effective interface with other County Council financial systems and other bodies, such as HMRC, to ensure statutory compliance.
- Provision and management of RTI (Real Time Information) communication with HMRC regarding employee and employer submissions.
- Provision and despatch of individual payslips displaying clear narrative on all elements of pay in an easily understandable format.
- Creation and amendment of employee records from agreed rates held on the pay system and upon receipt of information from HMRC.
- Input of data relating to staff appointments, terminations and variations in the payroll system.
- Calculation of deductions including tax, national insurance, pensions, attachments of earning, trades union subscriptions and voluntary pay deductions.
- Management of financial systems relating to payroll and compliance with statutory returns.
- Calculation and recording of sickness absence figures.
- Calculation of relevant pay in relation to maternity, paternity and adoption leave.
- Maintenance of comprehensive national and local pay scales, processing salary increments with an automatic calculation of pay awards and back pay and the requirements of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document.

- Implementation of pay changes in schools for all new and existing staff, including new pay structures and reorganisations.
- Advice and management of pensions auto enrolment in the payroll system.
- Year end procedures including completion and reconciliation of statutory returns (e.g. teacher and local government pensions and financial returns; service returns and productions and issue of P60s). Academies complete their own statutory returns on the provision of data by Payroll services.
- Provision of accurate and timely management information to enable schools to run budget monitoring reports.
- The use of a Secure Transfer System to enable the transfer of additional payroll documents securely.



## **Benefits to your school**

- Your employees will be paid accurately, to the agreed timescale, directly to their nominated bank account including calculation of statutory and voluntary deductions.
- Our knowledgeable and experienced staff will offer a friendly, professional and efficient telephone helpline to deal directly with school and individual employee gueries and requests for advice.
- Pay changes will be implemented, automatically where possible, and directly by us on receipt of the relevant information within agreed timescales.
- A joined up, end to end payroll service using links with other Nottinghamshire County Council areas of service e.g. HR and Finance as appropriate will reduce the burden for school administrators and ensure that you are statutorily compliant.
- Our comprehensive, efficient and professional service provides excellent value for money.
- A flexible service which is responsive to the ever changing education landscape, needs and circumstances.
- Access to high quality management information and reports to enable you to manage your budgets effectively.

Tel: 0115 993 4353 / 07557 633851

Email: stewart.powell@nottscc.gov.uk

Stewart Powell

## **Costs for academies**

We offer a tailored payroll service for academy clients based on the above offer which includes:

- The change of status to an academy brings a change in the statutory relationship with the LA, along with a range of additional employer responsibilities and activities. With the move to academy status, a different charging mechanism is in place tailored to each individual academy.
- As the payroll provider our charging model is based on the industry standard of a cost per payslip.
- The service is competitively priced based on cost.
- Price is available on application.

We offer one to one visits with academy management teams to discuss the charging mechanism and services we can offer in more detail, to ensure that we meet your needs.

The NCC schools payroll services team are knowledgeable, supportive and friendly. At the end of the phone whenever needed they understand the challenges faced in schools and will do whatever they can to resolve any issues. I've been SBM in 2 Nottinghamshire schools and the patience and understanding the payroll team have shown me has been invaluable as I have learnt on the job ensuring that staff are paid accurately and on time.

Mat Tarrant Jesse Gray Primary

## **Recruitment, Advertising and Pre-employment Checking Service**

The service can advise on the best place to advertise your vacancy to maximise response. It can secure advertising on websites and in publications at a discounted rate, as well as placing adverts on the County Council's website. The service has moved to an online system for processing electronic Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, which means disclosures are received on average within 5 days. The service offers an online applicant tracking system (eRecruitment solution), providing a streamlined, managed recruitment service, configurable to individual requirements.

## What we offer

#### Advertising

Placement of teaching and non-teaching vacancies including Apprenticeships on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Placement of teaching and non-teaching adverts including Apprenticeships in local/national publications and on external websites as requested. The school will benefit as any media discounts obtained by the Council are passed back.

#### Costs

Details of advertising costs and administration charges are available by logging into the Schools Portal, under Local Authority > Business Support Centre.

#### DBS

**Standard check** – for spent and unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings.

**Enhanced check** – includes the same as the standard check plus any additional information held by local police that's reasonably considered relevant to the role being applied for.

Basic check – for unspent convictions.

#### Costs

Details of DBS administration charges are available by logging into the Schools Portal, under Local Authority > Business Support Centre and will apply to all types of check plus DBS application charge.

The application charges are set by the DBS and may be subject to an annual increase.

Please note - DBS do not charge for eligible volunteers checks. However, the NCC administration charge is still applicable.

#### **Reference checking**

On-line reference request service, reducing timescales for receipt of checks.

#### Full recruitment administration service

A managed recruitment administration service through the NCC e-recruitment solution, from placement of advert to issue of formal offer. Candidates apply online via an application form which is configurable to individual requirements.

Easy and quick DBS service. Friendly team, always ready to help with any queries.

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

#### Costs and introductory prices

All costs (including one off setup costs for the managed recruitment service) are available by logging into the Schools Portal, under Local Authority > Business Support Centre.

Additional advertising in publications or other websites will be subject to an additional cost, quotation details will be provided at point of advert and are subject to an administration charge.

DBS and reference checks will be charged separately, as appropriate, see relevant section on these pages.





## **Staff Absence Insurance**



This is a flexible insurance scheme that is **only** available to schools who also buy our HR Advice and Support package. The scheme helps schools secure income towards the cost of cover for absent staff without the exclusions associated with some private sector products.

Please note, if you wish to join the scheme mid year, we would have to look at pre-existing absences and any maternity cases.

The scheme is flexible and adaptable to suit the needs of your school. There are two levels of cover: standard and premium, further information about these services are available on the schools portal at **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal** 

The charges for the scheme are set out in the price tables (available to view on the online interactive ordering system).

Costs of teacher and school support staff cover are based on prices per pupil on roll for primary and secondary schools. Special school costs are based on weighted pupil profile.

## What we offer

- Both levels of package cover sickness, jury service, suspension and paternity leave and actual salary costs (100% of occupational maternity pay + 8% of statutory maternity pay + a portion of on costs) for staff on maternity and adoption leave.
- The scheme covers teachers, teaching and classroom assistants, secretarial and clerical staff, technicians, librarians, midday supervisors and out of school club employees employed by the school.
- The following categories of staff are not included: DSO staff, caretakers, site managers.

- Schools may claim for staff making a phased return from long term sickness absence.
- Supplementary quotations are available from Payroll Services on request for kitchen staff or cleaners employed by the school.

## Our pledge

This is a fully comprehensive package, with no hidden costs or surcharges, from a supplier you have worked with for a number of years and can trust.

## **Benefits to your school**

- Guaranteed income towards the cost of staff absence cover.
- This service represents excellent value for money with no hidden profit margins.
- The offer is completely flexible you choose the level of package which best suits the needs of your school.
- Payments will be made on a termly basis as follows:
  - Summer term Period 6 (September)
  - Autumn term Period 11 (February)
  - Spring term Period 13 (April)

- The scheme has a capped payment system which avoids the possibility of premium surcharges. If the level of demand in any school term exceeds the funds available, payments to schools will be reduced proportionately.
- Funds will be allocated and paid on a percentage basis termly as follows: summer term 30%, autumn and spring terms 35%.



**Jo Bray** Tel: **0115 977 4205 / 0115 977 3200** Email: **jo.bray@nottscc.gov.uk** 

## Governor Learning and Development



We provide school governors with a flexible, value for money, up to date learning and development programme which takes account of the statutory/legal requirements, national/local initiatives and requests of governing bodies. Our courses are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the latest version of the Ofsted framework and the Competency Framework for Governance and are designed to enable governing bodies to contribute to sustained school improvement.

### What we offer

- Unlimited access to an annual programme of core learning and development activity.
- Two (first come first served) places at the annual governors' conference per governing body.
- Unlimited access to e-learning development opportunities for governors.
- An annual survey of training coordinators and chairs to identify current and future learning needs.

A well delivered smooth flowing lively event. Well worth the time to attend. Please convey my thanks to the tutor.

A very informative evening with very clear handouts

Governor Gedling district

The trainer was excellent, very clear, approachable and informative

Governor Ashfield district

Our pledge

We will provide you with an accessible and flexible annual programme of learning and development opportunities, updated termly, focused on meeting the identified training needs of school governors.

## **Benefits to your school**

- Access to a programme of development opportunities designed from identification of governing body training needs.
- Courses delivered at accessible venues throughout the county.
- All courses are designed specifically for governors with their legal and statutory responsibilities clearly explained.
- Sessions delivered by qualified trainers many of whom are experienced school governors.
- A choice of delivery methods including group sessions and e-learning online training and development.
- The programme is regularly updated with new courses to ensure governors are updated with important changes.
- Convenient booking system bookings taken via the internet.
- Easy access to the training programme on the internet.

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Governor Training Tel: 0115 977 4458 Email: governor.training@nottscc.gov.uk Web: nottscc.gov.uk/governortraining

## **Further information**

For school based whole governing body training please see the Education Improvement Service on page 102. The cost of the package is based on the size of your governing body according to the instrument of government as at 1 April 2017 (plus associate members).

Non subscribing governing bodies will be charged if their governors attend any sessions.

I found the course informative and it was delivered in an engaging way

Newark district



## **Health and Safety**



Our service will work in partnership with your school to provide you with advice and support to enable compliance with statutory requirements. We aim to deliver an integrated solution to risk management for you. Our revised service offer enables you to meet legal requirements and is designed to give you absolute peace of mind by implementing a bespoke health and safety management system for you.

## What we offer

The service will include:

- Statutory provision of health and safety support enabling compliance with the Management Regulations 1999.
- Auditing, reviewing and evaluating health and safety performance.
- Access to competent advice onsite, telephone and email support.
- Provision of best practice health and safety policies, guidance and model procedures.
- Support with key buildings and facilities management issues including asbestos, legionella and fire management.
- Membership of CLEAPSS to include the radiation protection service that is only available through the local authority.
- Full support with all contact/investigations carried out by enforcement bodies such as the HSE, Fire Service and Environmental Health.

- Access to the Nottinghamshire Schools Portal containing a suite of online health and safety information to aid compliance.
- Access to our health and safety learning and development programme including the nationally accredited Headteachers, Business Managers and Premise Managers IOSH courses. Places are offered at a reduced cost to all schools that buy back our service. Tailor made school specific training can be arranged at an additional cost.
- We can provide a joined up approach to risk management at your school, which will be more cost effective and give practical solutions.

## Our pledge

We will provide your school with the assurance that you are complying with statutory requirements for health and safety support in line with the Management Regulations 1999. We will regularly review and evaluate health and safety performance and provide onsite and telephone support and advice as necessary.

- Named/dedicated health and safety advisor and Business Partner for your school.
- Onsite monitoring to ensure compliance with legal requirements and to maintain your schools health and safety management system in conjunction with consultancy advice.
- Support with your hazard identification and risk assessment process.
- Access to online accident reporting system (Wellworker). This system allows schools to collate statistics, complete investigations, maintain accurate records under the RIDDOR Regulations and HSE requirements.
- Support with civil claims and complaints to mitigate potential liability.
- Assistance with contractor selection.
- Schools successfully completing the SafetySmart initiative will be eligible for a cash reward of £250-£750 (dependent on school size) from our Risk and Insurance Service (LA schools only).

The Health and Safety team provide a thorough and friendly service to our school. The team work with us in a supportive way, providing valuable guidance and expertise. They operate in the real world and have a real understanding of how schools work.

Brian Huxley, Headteacher Haggonfields Primary School

### **Benefits to your school**

- This service will enable you to understand what action you need to take to maintain legal compliance and how to respond to issues and concerns as they arise.
- Access to health and safety professionals.
- A single point of contact for all health and safety queries and support/guidance to ensure that you are updated and informed of legal requirements.
- Support with the immediate and ongoing impact of any serious accidents/complaints/enforcement notices and prosecutions. We will fully support you onsite, coordinating your response to any investigation.
- Schools will receive an integrated package of support across the full range of significant risks they face including asbestos, legionella and fire safety.
- Membership of CLEAPSS, the school science service, which we purchase on behalf of all schools.
- Access to a Radiation Protection Adviser and Officer, a statutory requirement for schools holding radioactive sources.
- Recognition of safety performance and compliance through the SafetySmart Award.

## Training

Details of health and safety training opportunities are available in a full Learning and Development programme that is published in booklet form each year for schools. Please contact us for further information.

### **Further information**

Access to competent health and safety support is a legal requirement. Failure to either buy back this or a similar service, or employ your own competent person, could expose your school, staff and governors to potential prosecution resulting in significant fines and/or imprisonment. The Health and Safety team have been invaluable to us at our school, providing a one stop service for advice, training, resources and support. The efficiency of communication is second to none and it really is reassuring to know that we have their expertise on hand when needed.

Glenn McPherson, Site Manager Fountaindale School



Steve Bingley Tel: 0115 804 0619 Email: stephen.bingley@nottscc.gov.uk

## Occupational Health and Wellbeing



Our confidential and flexible occupational health and wellbeing services are delivered by fully qualified, knowledgeable and experienced Occupational Health Physicians and Nurses.

We have a proven track record and extensive experience of working with schools, including Academies, irrespective of their governance arrangements, across Nottinghamshire.

Our experts in the relationship between health and employment are able to provide joined up support with our professional team of experienced HR Business Partners and Health and Safety Advisors to ensure your school receives the best possible support in our work with you.

This will enable you to reduce sickness absence and the associated costs and manage sickness more effectively creating a healthier, more productive working environment and a more engaged and motivated workforce. It will also increase staff retention rates and reduce turnover which disrupts the provision of education to children; resulting in savings in time and money in the recruitment and training of new staff.

All advice and guidance provided is consistent with legal, procedural and other requirements which further reduces the risk of successful claims.

## What we offer

- A comprehensive, prompt and confidential occupational health and wellbeing service delivered by expert health professionals with full professional indemnity cover.
- Medical referral process for advice and support on employee health issues, including stress cases, disability issues, health and safety and legal compliance.
- Pre-employment medical screening.

 Advice and support with the management of performance and capability issues linked to ill health.

## **Our pledge**

We will provide professional, high quality, occupational health and wellbeing services that are flexible and responsive and offer excellent value for money. We will respond to your telephone calls within one working day; to emails within one working day where possible; and to written enquiries within five working days.

- A full range of health surveillance activities including Hepatitis vaccinations.
- Access to an Independent Employee Assistance Programme which can provide:
  - Professional staff counselling provided by experienced and qualified practitioners to British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) standards, delivered countywide.
  - A Critical Incident Counselling Response delivered onsite to a group of affected employees.
  - Mediation between employees to provide a positive and workable outcome to workplace conflict.
- Advice on ill health retirement and provision of an independent Physician where necessary.
- Access to physiotherapy service where prompt treatment is advised by a GP or Occupational Health and GP waiting list is more than seven days.
- Delivery of confidential health checks at your School help to maintain and improve the health and wellbeing of your staff by raising awareness of both work-related and lifestyle health issues.

## **Benefits to your school**

- Reduced disruption to the provision of children's education.
- Access to a range of professional occupational health and wellbeing advice and guidance from an organisation which understands your workplace and who you can trust.
- Improved employee health and wellbeing.
- More effective employee appointments and reduced recruitment costs through effective new starter screening.
- Improved sickness rates and more effective management of absence reducing sick pay and cover costs.
- Reduced staff turnover ensuring retention of key knowledge, skills and experience and reducing recruitment and training costs.
- Improved staff morale and motivation and increased productivity.
- More effective management of risk including risk of disability discrimination and health and safety claims.
- Legislative compliance reducing the risk of prosecution with associated costs and reputational risks.

### **Further information**

We are contactable by telephone and email between 8.30am-5pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am-4.30pm on Friday.

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Helen Hayward or Shannon Robertson Tel: 01623 665960 Email: occhealth@nottscc.gov.uk



# School Catering

## **School Catering**

We know the importance school meals play in children's lives, helping them to maintain their concentration and energy levels throughout the day. As an award winning service we support this aim by providing popular and healthy meals, made from quality ingredients.

With local sourcing at the heart of what we do, we're able to make the most of seasonal produce and create nutritionally balanced, comforting and tasty meals when ingredients are at their best and in whose development our pupil customers have been closely involved.

We are proud of the quality of our meals, with around 70% of the food placed on our menus being locally sourced. We also have the Gold Award from the Food for Life Partnership. We believe that this provides an excellent educational tool as children can learn about healthy eating and where their food comes from.

To help make pupils and their parents aware of these quality meals we also offer support and advice on promoting and marketing the service running regular theme events, events linked to your curriculum and promotion of a field to fork ethos.

### What we offer

We take some of the best local ingredients from across Nottinghamshire and our neighbouring counties to create your school meals, including:

- Meat from Mike Maloney's in Tuxford. All their produce comes from animals that are born and reared outdoors such as beef from Holme Farm in Rampton; pork from East Drayton and Hockerwood Farm in Upton; Freedom Food turkey from south Nottinghamshire and lamb from Derbyshire.
- Seasonal vegetables distributed by our suppliers and grown locally where possible, such as carrots from Bilsthorpe, onions from Retford, and organic potatoes from Yorkshire.

• Organic milk and yoghurts from Acorn Dairy.

### **Benefits to your school**

- Bespoke menus for your school from proven popular choices. In our in our last survey, over 70% of customers stated they were satisfied or very satisfied with the value for money, taste, quality and the variety of food on our menus.
- Tailored catering service that meets individual school policies and requirements.
- Support in promoting school meals through marketing materials, taster sessions, theme day ideas, recipe testing events, support for parents' evenings and copy for school newsletters.

• Wild venison from Sherwood Forest.



## Catering for Maintained Primary, Secondary, Academies and Special Schools

We have a highly qualified and experienced team in place to ensure that pupils in your school have access to tasty and nutritious meals all year round. We offer an extensive and varied menu for schools, with options for breakfast, morning break and lunch. In addition we offer a buffet catering service developed to suit your needs for theme events, parent and pupil events, inset days etc.

With so much competition for school catering (children bringing food from home and the less healthy option of catering outlets outside the school gates) we place great emphasis on ensuring we get our service offer right and preparing meals that are both appealing to students and meet the individual school policies and requirements.

With the inclusion of our kitchen maintenance scheme to support schools' NPOs in looking after their kitchen premises in our maintained primary school catering service, as well as the option for advice on equipment and kitchen premise maintenance in academy primary and secondary schools (and schools with bespoke contracts outside of the global school meal contract), you can rest assured that we will look after the entire service.

## What we offer

- Flexible catering that is compliant with the Government's National Food Standards legislation.
- Support in the implementation of the School Food Plan.
- Universal infant free school meal provision for Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 pupils including a cold provision when these pupils are on trips out, ensuring schools maximise their benefit from this funding.
- Menu planning, nutritional analysis and dietary information and support.

 Marketing promotions and advice to increase uptake and support for healthy lifestyle initiatives.

## **Our pledge**

We will consistently serve high quality, fresh meals using as much local produce as possible. We will work with parents and schools to ensure children have access to nutritious, balanced meals regardless of their special requirements. We will support schools with healthy living initiatives.

We aim to increase uptake and customer satisfaction by maximising usage of onsite facilities, reducing queuing times and providing value for money meals.

- Advice on maintenance and replacement of kitchen equipment.
- Dedicated training for catering staff and management support.
- Audit and customer surveys to ensure standards are maintained and needs are met.
- Support for healthy eating and living initiatives.
- Advising schools in the management of medical diets upon receipt of an official medical letter to the school.
- Management of onsite staff, recruitment and including relief cover for absences.
- Longer term contract available to enable schools to explore potential investment opportunities.



## **Benefits to your school**

- Access to healthy, appetising and balanced meals aimed at maintaining energy and concentration levels throughout the school day.
- In house training is available to ensure catering staff maintain a professional, reliable and consistent service, in line with relevant Health and Safety and Food Safety regulations.
- Dedicated specialists and an experienced team who ensure any problem is resolved as soon as possible.
- Support from a fully trained team, with a wealth of experience and knowledge in providing school meals.
- Regular audits and satisfaction surveys aimed at maintaining and improving service standards.
- Group contract ensures no financial risk being carried by schools.
- Transparent management of financial information.
- Opportunities to provide service improvement investment.

Nothing is too much trouble, whipping up a banquet at very short notice. They are the unsung heroes of the school, putting on food tasting events and offering an unflustered but busy catering service, with special events and fancy dress sometimes

The Elizabethan Academy

## Costs

The school catering service is funded by income from free school meal entitlements (pupil premium and universal infant), paid pupil and adult meals, school lunch grant, small school universal infant free school meals funding, block kitchen and maintenance allowances.

For maintained primary and special schools this can be offered on a no financial risk, group buy back arrangement.

All academies are offered a catering contract on an individual cost plus basis giving increased flexibility of service and control – these contracts are individually managed. If you and your governors are interested in this style of contract please contact Helen Fifoot, Jackie Haslam or Michelle Moran for a bespoke offer for your school.

Charging can be annual in advance or quarterly in arrears in primary and special schools.

Charging is monthly in secondary and academy schools.

## **Further information**

- If your school already buys in to the catering service, the only decision you have to make is whether to continue with or vary the current level of service provision.
- We're able to provide an advisory service and training for catering services outside of our contract. This can be tailored to meet your school's individual needs, if required. Please contact us for further information and a quote.

The catering team's commitment to the whole school community should be commended

William Lilley Infant School



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## **County Supplies**

With over 50 years' experience of supplying goods and services to education, and non-profit organisations, you can rely on County Supplies as a one-stop-shop for all you need for your school and all at best value prices.

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# **03** Premises and Facilities

## Grounds Maintenance and Landscape Services



Nottinghamshire's school grounds form a vast estate that requires specialist technical landscape management. We know that well maintained and managed grounds can provide an attractive and healthy environment. They can be a haven for wildlife and a valuable amenity for children, parents and the wider community.

Our fully trained staff can provide a professional sport grounds and facilities, landscape, horticultural and arboricultural service that is tailored to suit your individual needs. Health and safety compliance forms an integral part of this estate management. With their skills, experience and knowledge, our Landscapes team can ensure your site looks attractive, complies with relevant legislation and is fit for purpose throughout the year.

In addition, we will work with the Site Design and Improvements Service team for larger development projects to ensure you receive the most efficient and effective service.

## What we offer

- Advice, guidance, design and quotes for landscaping projects and developing the school grounds, such as creating environmental areas, ponds and water features, play areas and playground markings, tree planting and sports areas.
- Advice on horticultural purchasing.
- Support and advice on environmental and sustainability initiatives.
- Regular site inspections to ensure service standards are maintained.

- Advice on health and safety compliance and security measures.
- Dedicated training for staff and support from the management team to ensure service standards are maintained.

## **Our pledge**

We are committed to delivering a high quality landscape and grounds maintenance service that meets the individual requirements of your site. We will work with you to create a comprehensive programme of grounds services throughout the year.

- Grounds that are professionally maintained, making them fit for purpose throughout the year.
- Dedicated locally based management team, ensuring regular contact and support for onsite staff.
- Assurance that high standards will continue to be met with our OHSAS 18001 (health and safety) accreditation.
- Full COSHH and risk assessed chemicals and procedures, ensuring health and safety compliance at all times.
- Support from dedicated specialists with a wealth of knowledge in the industry, trained and experienced to ensure any problem is resolved as soon as possible.
- In house training available to ensure landscapes staff maintain a professional, reliable and consistent service, in line with relevant health and safety regulations.
- Regular audits and satisfaction surveys aimed at maintaining and improving service standards.

### **Further information**

- The only decision schools need to make is whether to buy into an annual service level agreement.
- Longer term service level agreements can be arranged.

Your grounds team have been working at Phoenix for the last couple of days and have done an extensive amount of work on the hedges around our nursery unit. This made a significant difference to the teaching environment inside the classrooms and the staff have commented on how much improved the area is.

Lisa Harper, Headteacher Phoenix Infant and Nursery School



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## **Building Cleaning and Hygiene Services**



Each customer is unique with different needs and requirements. Despite the differences, all buildings demand the same high level of professional care. We understand the need to cater for varying requirements and with our wealth of experience we can offer a service tailored to meet individual needs.

Whether you choose a complete service providing caretakers, cleaners, audits and advice, or just individual elements or specialist cleaning, we will ensure we use the right blend of skills and expertise to suit your establishment.

### What we offer

- Supply of COSHH and risk assessed cleaning materials, equipment and supplies.
- High standard of general cleaning including: waste collection and recycling, mopping, dusting, vacuuming, furniture and carpet cleaning, litter removal and sanitary disposal.
- Specialist cleaning solutions including: curtain and blind cleaning, wooden floor treatments, exterior window cleaning, high level cleaning, chewing gum, poster and graffiti removal, specialist floor cleaning and pest removal.

- Fully trained competent staff.
- Audits and satisfaction surveys to ensure service standards continue to meet your needs.
- Advice and guidance on technical aspects of cleaning procedures and practices.

### Our pledge

We are committed to providing professional and comprehensive support to our customers. We will provide a proficient, motivated and effective workforce to deliver high standards of cleaning and hygiene at your site. Above all, we aim to ensure your establishment is clean and fit for purpose all year round.

- A site that is maintained and fit for purpose throughout the year.
- Dedicated locally based management team, ensuring regular contact and quick response in case of emergencies.
- Assurance that high standards will continue to be met with our OHSAS 18001 Health and Safety Accreditation.
- Full COSHH and risk assessed chemicals and procedures, ensuring health and safety compliance at all times.
- Support from a team with a wealth of experience and knowledge within the industry.
- In house training available to ensure cleaning staff maintain a professional, reliable and consistent service, in line with relevant health and safety regulations.
- Support from dedicated specialists, trained and experienced to ensure any problem is resolved as soon as possible.
- Regular audits and satisfaction surveys aimed at maintaining and improving service standards.

### **Further information**

The only decision schools will need to make is whether to buy into an annual service level agreement with or without a site employed caretaker or cleaner in charge.

It is extremely reassuring to know that you are only a phone call away and able to solve even the most complex problem.

You have been extremely proactive even going above and beyond the call of duty to provide cover in the event of sickness and absence.

Steve Davis, Site Manager Wainwright Primary Academy



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## Facilities Management Advisory and Support Services



We offer a range of advisory and support services for schools employing their own caretaking and site management staff.

Our provision includes a sickness absence cover scheme for your caretaker or cleaner in charge, independent audits and checks for your school, staff training, advice on specialist areas of facilities management and a range of specialist cleaning services.

#### What we offer

- Training and development for your site management staff.
- Recruitment advice and assistance with interviews.
- Independent, objective facilities audits.
- Advice on health and safety, emergency planning and specialist cleaning procedures.
- Comprehensive caretaker/cleaner in charge sickness absence cover scheme.
- Direct employment and management of caretaker/site manager and cleaner in charge positions.

- Facilities Management services such as pest control, external window cleaning, gutter/ gulley cleans, kitchen cleans, waste disposal and washroom hygiene services.
- Facilities audit (full or half day available) with a review of onsite building cleaning standards and site management operations, and suggestions for service improvement.

### **Our pledge**

We will provide an independent and objective advisory service that can be tailored to meet your schools individual needs. We will provide the additional support and reassurance required to ensure your service runs efficiently, effectively and compliantly throughout the year.

- Impartial advice.
- With the caretaker/cleaner in charge sickness cover scheme in place, you can rest assured your site will function regardless of challenges or problems. The priorities of the site will be provided (cleaning, building security and heating systems) throughout **term time periods**. During holiday periods, the service is able to offer the option of unlocking and locking sites for contractors to safely gain access into buildings.
- Access to specialist advice to ensure you comply with relevant health and safety requirements and legislation.
- Reassurance on health and safety issues, risk assessments, training standards, use of chemicals, emergency procedures and solutions.

#### During recess periods the service provided will be an open and close service for contractors to access the building.

- Does not cover caretaker vacancies or absence due to suspension from work. Cover can be provided for this at an additional charge.
- Sickness days cannot be accrued throughout the year i.e. if you opt for cover after the first five days, cover will commence after the first five consecutive days sickness.
- Applications are required by 12 noon on 27 April 2018.
- Additional costs incurred after any six months absence.



Our sickness cover scheme is subject to certain conditions:

• Caretaker cover is per named caretaker, during term time periods from 6am-6pm.



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Package	Per worker/timescale
Extended Facilities Management Audit (primary schools)	½ day
Extended Facilities Management Audit (secondary schools)	Full day
Sickness absence provided after the 1st day of absence	Caretaker
Sickness absence provided after the 1st day of absence	Cleaner in charge
Sickness absence provided after the first 3 days of absence	Caretaker
Sickness absence provided after the first 3 days of absence	Cleaner in charge
Sickness cover provided after the first 5 days of absence	Caretaker
Sickness absence provided after the first 5 days of absence	Cleaner in charge
Full technical janitorial advice and auditing service (includes termly audits)	Year
Standard technical janitorial advice and auditing service (includes an annual audit)	Year

Existing customers of the Facilities Management service will be able to view their revised cleaning/caretaking charges on the online Interactive Order System.

## **Property related Statutory Compliance**



The Property Compliance team have been delivering our services within schools for many years and will work in partnership with your school to provide you with professional advice and support to enable compliance with statutory requirements. We aim to provide high quality statutory compliance services that are flexible and responsive and can be tailored to your specific requirements which deliver cost effective risk appropriate solutions and offers excellent value for money.

**NOTE:** LEA Schools DO NOT need to purchase these services as they are already provided as part of the centrally funded support programme offered by the Property Compliance team, apart from the Water (Legionella) Monitoring service which needs to be purchased from us. However, you should tell us if you are planning changes to your status as this will affect the level of services we can provide for you. Bespoke prices can be provided for Multi Academy Trusts if they wish to buy back a package of services.

### What we offer

Services and advice on risk related legal compliance issues including:

- Condition surveys identification of significant premises related issues (building, electrical and mechanical) to support your planned maintenance programmes, risks graded and prioritised using CIPFA alphanumeric matrix with estimated costs for improved budget planning.
- Fire Risk Management including fire risk assessments as required by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Fire Safety Advice (Specific) Specific technical fire safety advice.

- Water Risk Management including Water Hygiene (Legionella) Risk Assessments in accordance with The Approved Code Of Practice L8 : 2013. Site specific water safety guidance on request. Advice on design and installation to comply with The Water Regulations.
- Water (Legionella) Monitoring including tank inspections, shower cleaning and temperature monitoring services.

### Our pledge

We will provide your school with professional high quality statutory compliance services.

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- Asbestos Register Updates reviewing and updating of asbestos registers and schematic plans to meet requirements of Control of Asbestos Regs 2012.
- Asbestos Management Advice advice and support on the preparation of your Local Asbestos Management Plan (LAMP).
- Advice and support on how to discharge your 'CDM client' duties as required by the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.
- AutoCAD site/building plans as part of relevant surveys and assessments.
- All 'specific' specialist onsite support/advice available (by the day/half day as required).
- Access to P2.

- More effective management of premises related risk.
- Improved knowledge and understanding of what action you need to take to maintain legal compliance and how to respond to issues and concerns as they arise.
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- Legislative compliance reducing the risk of prosecution with associated costs and reputational risk.
- A high quality service which provides excellent value for money.
- Access to professional advice, guidance and support from specialists that understand your services and you can trust.
- Qualified and experienced staff (surveyors/ assessors) who are committed to high quality services and have extensive knowledge of working within schools and have enhanced DBS clearance.
- Access to additional services online property compliance information (P2).



### **Estate Management**



The Property and Estates Team have been delivering our services within schools for many years and will work in partnership with your school to provide you with professional advice and support. We aim to provide high quality services that are flexible and responsive and can be tailored to your specific requirements, whilst offering excellent value for money.

### What we offer

- Housing management for caretaker properties.
- Site management including trespass, boundary issues and site security.
- Liaison with statutory agencies on your behalf i.e. planning, highways, building control, HSE.
- Commercial lettings of additional accommodation, valuations, leases and licenses.
- Negotiation of rating assessments and appeals.
- Issues around the provision and retention of temporary classrooms.

### **Benefits to your school**

- More effective management of premises related risk.
- Legislative compliance reducing the risk of prosecution with associated costs and reputational risk.
- A high quality service which provides excellent value for money.
- Access to professional advice, guidance and support from specialists that understand your services and that you can trust.
- Access to additional services online property compliance information (P2).



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### **Our pledge**

We will provide your school with cost effective, professional, high quality estate management services to suit your need.

# arcpartnership

## **Property - Design, Construction and Procurement**

Arc Partnership is a Joint Venture Company, formed by Nottinghamshire County Council and Scape Group. We are focused on the delivery of property design, programme management and planned and reactive maintenance services to Nottinghamshire County Council. This is an exclusive 10-year service contract, with the potential for a five-year extension through to 2031.

Our vision is to be leaders in collaborative working, providing cost effective solutions by using simple, easy to use and stress-free processes, which deliver an inclusive and engaging experience for our clients and the communities we serve.

### What we offer

Here at Arc Partnership, we offer a range of services for your school.

#### Design and delivery

This includes development of a range of capital and revenue funded building works, from conception to delivery, including new builds, extensions, alterations, refurbishments and planned works.

We can also set base budgets with Nottinghamshire County Council, seek and obtain planning permission and other statutory related building consents, let and manage construction contracts, defect resolution and general programme/project management and commissioning.

#### Consultancy

We provide ad-hoc professional consultancy advice, including (but not limited to), architectural,

engineering (including structural, mechanical and electrical), building surveying and quantity surveying, including advice on using and integrating sustainable technologies.

#### **Construction Services**

We provide a cost-effective reactive repairs, servicing and minor works service. This includes supervision and management of the delivery of both capital and revenue projects and programmes and management of a directly employed workforce, providing dedicated built environment services to Nottinghamshire County Council's Corporate Estate.

#### Emergency

We provide urgent and emergency response works through Arc Assist and our Out of Hours Emergency call out services. This includes a 24/7, 365 call centre to support a reactive repair and statutory compliance servicing provision.

We have core values embedded into our business, meaning we offer the best possible service to our customers. These are:

- We're Committed to making a difference to our clients for the benefit of the communities we serve.
- We're Open and Honest and inclusive in all communication and in making decisions. We're approachable and available at all times to help and support our customers.
- We take the long-term view of Sustainability and are passionate about our environment and its ability to provide a vibrant local economy and the well-being of local people.
- We Care we are considerate and respectful of each other, working together to provide the best service we can.
- We want to provide an Exemplary service we strive for excellence in all we do, we are ambitious, innovative and lead by example. We seek to continuously improve, both in what we do ourselves and how our clients work.
- We work Collaboratively with each other, our clients and local communities, to find the best approach for everybody.

Arc Partnership General Enquiries Tel: 0115 838 4844 Email: info@arc-partnership.co.uk

### **Further info**

If you would like to find out more about working with us, please get in touch. We are always happy to offer advice, discuss potential projects and provide guidance as to how we can deliver your requirements in a safe, efficient and effective manner.

Arc Assist Services - 0115 838 4848 arc.assist@arc-partnership.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergency Call Out - 07850 795 405

For all Emergency Repairs/Responses between the hours of:

- 4.00pm 8.00am Monday Thursday
- 3.30pm Friday 8.00 am Monday

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#### Accounts - accounts@arc-partnership.co.uk 0115 838 4854

Sales - 0115 838 4844 sales@arc-partnership.co.uk





## Site Design and Improvements Service

Well designed and managed sites can provide a stimulating environment for students' development and learning, as well as attractive and healthy surroundings. They can be a haven for wildlife and a valuable amenity for children, parents and the wider community.

We offer an expert design and project management service that helps schools address site based problems and enables the development of grounds to meet their maximum potential. We have a significant track record of undertaking new build and upgrade projects for schools, and are able to provide services that range from complete design and project management through to technical advice on a particular issue. We can offer initial site assessment and consultation, concept design and master planning through to the design, procurement and contract management of projects. We are also able to engage with key stakeholder groups within your school to explore your requirements and engage them in the design process. We are happy to provide you with a quote for fees after an initial assessment to discuss the scope of the work required.

### What we offer

- Bespoke consultancy offering a range of services from one off advice to full design and project management, including planning advice and applications.
- Whole site master planning or the design of a specific area including:
  - Redesign of existing school grounds to incorporate features such as nature areas and playground shading.
  - Extension/creation of car parks, new and upgraded play facilities, multi-use games areas, fitness trails etc.
- www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal

- Improvements to site security including perimeter security fencing.
- Design and creation of both informal and formal play areas.
- Resolution of flooding and drainage problems.
- Site assessment services including drainage, topographical and utility surveying.

### **Our pledge**

We will provide a quality service to help you make the most of the potential offered by your school's grounds. • 'Whole School Site Strategy' - This service supports the school in creating its own strategy for future development of the whole site. Using a series of supported workshops, survey, evaluation and design sessions, we work with the whole school community to create a vision and plan for the future that will act as a roadmap for project fundraising and delivery.

### **Benefits to your school**

- You will get professional and inspirational design ideas.
- You can use design and cost estimates to make grant applications and to inspire fundraising.
- Students and staff can be involved in the design and project delivery where appropriate, bringing added curriculum benefits.
- Our team of qualified engineers, landscape architects and surveyors are DBS checked and experienced at working for school clients.

### **Further information**

Via East Midlands Ltd is a new company, delivering highways and fleet services on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council.



### Costs

Initial site visit and preliminary assessment are provided free of charge. Design and project management fees are charged either on the basis of a fixed hourly rate or an agreed ceiling, based on anticipated project value and complexity. Fees are agreed in advance of commencement of the project and works will be procured on the basis of client preference either using a tendering process or our in house construction teams.

Redlands School would unreservedly recommend Via to any school considering any ground work.

Steven Walker, Acting Headteacher Redlands Primary and Nursery School





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# ICT Services

## **SIMS Support Service**



Our SIMS Support Service includes access to our dedicated and experienced Service Desk for advice and guidance on Core SIMS .net modules, termly updates for current software versions and ad hoc remote break fix for faults relating to SIMS software. Our SIMS Centre of Excellence supports remote access to your SIMS servers to enable our experienced technical staff to resolve your issues without the need to visit you onsite, making this a convenient and cost effective way to access the support you require.

In addition, we provide help notes and guidance documentation via the Schools Portal, and telephone support for statutory annual processes, financial and academic end of year. We also provide the opportunity to attend our tailor made SIMS Webinars for School and Workforce Census returns at no additional cost to schools.

### What we offer

- Support for Core SIMS .net modules including termly updates to current SIMS Software versions.
- Specialist support for school mergers, statutory returns, workforce census, FMS etc., delivered in partnership with the schools finance service.
- Access to a comprehensive range of training and support information via the Schools Portal.
- Free to attend Census Webinars.
- Opportunity to join our SIMS Focus Group termly meetings.

ICT Service Desk Tel: 0115 977 2010 option 1 Email: helpdesk@nottscc.gov.uk Webchat: ictservices.nottscc.gov.uk/ news/support/

- Telephone and web chat support and call-backs.
- Bespoke support for additional SIMS modules, school mergers etc P.O.A.

### **Benefits to your school**

- Access to friendly, highly experienced and knowledgeable staff via our service desk.
- Provision of 'How do I?' support for users in the use of Core SIMS .net.
- Support via remote services and via the Schools Portal.
- Technical support and advice for day-to-day maintenance of SIMS .net.
- Technical support and advice for software upgrades, application of patches, database errors and school mergers P.O.A.
- A service that is professional, reliable, flexible and provides excellent value for money.

## **ScholarPack Support Service**



Our ScholarPack Support Service includes access to our dedicated and experienced Service Desk for advice and guidance in all areas of ScholarPack. Our ScholarPack Centre of Excellence supports remote access to your PC and your database, to enable our experienced technical staff to resolve your issues without logging onto your PC, or the need to visit you onsite, making this a convenient and cost effective way to access the support you require.

In addition, we provide specialised notes and guidance documentation via the Schools Portal, and telephone support for statutory annual processes, financial and academic end of year. You will also receive regular updates from your support team advising of software updates in ScholarPack and handy hints and tips in a personalised area on our portal for ScholarPack users. We also provide the opportunity for you to attend our User Group Meetings which are held in conjunction with ScholarPack so you can take a closer look at the functionality within ScholarPack, discuss product development and receive face to face support from the Support Team.

### What we offer

- Support for ScholarPack core products.
- Specialist support and notes for statutory returns, workforce census and academic year end.
- Access to a comprehensive range of training documentation and support information via the Schools Portal.
- Free to attend webinars.
- Specialised support notes.
- Opportunity to join our ScholarPack Focus Group termly.

- Telephone and web chat support and call-backs.
- Bespoke support for additional ScholarPack modules, school mergers etc. (P.O.A.).

### Our pledge

Nottinghamshire ICT Services are committed to providing reliable, sustainable, value for money and assured services to our customers and high quality consultancy, professional services, hardware, technical and support solutions to meet all of your ICT needs.

- Access to friendly, highly experienced and knowledgeable staff via our service desk
- Provision of 'How do I?' support for users in the use of ScholarPack.
- Support via remote services and via the Schools Portal.
- Cloud based infrastructure that minimizes support costs.
- A service that is professional, reliable, flexible and provides excellent value for money.





### Order ONLINE

## **Technology Products**,

## **Cloud Solutions & Professional Services**

We provide access to an extensive range of innovative specialist education technology products and solutions through our partner network and pre-tendered framework agreements. We provide independent advice and guidance on how to develop and cost your ICT Strategy to deliver improved outcomes for teaching and learning.

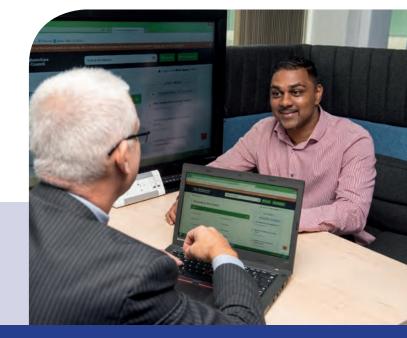
With our easy access portal to an 18 category portfolio of technology products, services and solutions ranging from competitively priced hardware, audio visual & installation services, to specialist education software, cutting edge technology, consultancy and procurement assistance we can support you to realise your ambitions large or small.

### What we offer

- Our ICT Security Consultants can carry out security audits and provide advice and guidance about how to minimise your risk exposure to the increasing cyber-security threats, and should the worst happen, our team of experts can provide support to recover your systems and get you back up and running as quickly as possible.
- The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) comes into force from 25 May 2018. Our team can help you to prepare your evidence and compliance regime, and debunk some of the myths already circulating about what GDPR will mean for you.

- An independent assessment of the health and integrity of your ICT estate including a written report providing advice and guidance on how to leverage more from your annual ICT spend.
- Consultancy & Project Management Services via our team of experts who can help you to define, procure and implement your technology strategy to help you gain maximum benefit from your technology spend.
- Technology Products & Solutions Portal enabling access to 18 categories of technology products, solutions and services from pre-tendered specialist educational providers, ensuring best value for your school.

- Access to latest technology solutions to facilitate administrative and communication efficiencies, and drive improvements in the teaching and learning experience via our bespoke portal
- Access to expert advice and guidance on GDPR, ICT Security and compliance, technology project management, independent strategy and procurement advice that can help to reduce costs and maximize the return on investment in technology in your school.



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### **School Website Service**

Our multi skilled team design and build visually stunning websites that are easy for staff, pupils and families to use. All websites are fully responsive, so they look and perform well on mobiles, tablets and modern web browsers.

Our team will work with you to develop ideas, then design and create a bespoke site for you. The award winning Content Management System (CMS) means you can easily add new content using a simple visual interface, so there's no tricky code to learn or difficult administration area to master.

Parents and Ofsted start making judgments about your school from the moment they access your website. Our design and maintenance service ensures that a great impression is made from the moment they log on.\*

### What we offer

- Site visit to share designs and develop the concepts.
- Website built on the world's most popular website building system.
- Hosting and email support provided for one year.
- Mobile responsive design and browser tests.
- Full training and support at your school and further 2 hours support session onsite.
- Site visit to take professional photographs and video.
- Ofsted website compliance check.
- Our compliance website checks can be purchased separately, please contact us to enquire about this service.

\* Special Terms and conditions apply.

#### **Benefits to your school**

- A complete website design package to launch your site.
- Face to face meetings to discuss and plan development of the website with our friendly team.
- Professional photography and videography work are all included in package.
- Ofsted compliance test in order to pass an Ofsted inspection.
- Flexible maintenance packages after the first year.



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# **05** Finance and Legal

### **School Finance**



Managing school finances is one of the most complex and time consuming tasks for any school or academy, especially with the legal complexities and strict regulations that surround it. The School Finance team are here to support you with this by providing trusted financial support and advice and ensuring the best use of your budget and resources. We are a dedicated team of friendly, professionally qualified staff with many years' experience of working with schools and academies along with a proven track record of providing comprehensive support, advice, guidance and training covering all aspects of managing your school's finances.

The principles of financial management may be standard, but we recognise that the skills, knowledge and experience of those managing them are not. Our support is tailored to meet the needs of our customers. As well as covering your statutory requirements as part of our core service, we offer a range of sold services.

### What we offer

## Basic financial support package\* – this includes:

- Dedicated telephone helpline (0115 977 2211)

   open 9am-5pm (Monday to Thursday),
   9am-4.30pm (Friday) during term time and
   10am-3pm in school holidays.
- Remote access to SIMS FMS to enable us to deal with complex queries.
- Speedy resolution of financial transaction queries.
- Integrated salary calculator and multi-year budget planning tool.

\* Please note the basic financial support package is currently only available to LA Maintained schools.

- School funding modelling tool (pupil numbers driven for future years) with accompanying budget forecasting guide.
- Cashflow spreadsheet.
- Final accounts guidance and production of year end governor report in consistent financial reporting format.

### **Our pledge**

A consistent, professional, friendly and responsive financial support service is provided to every customer. Our services and products will be regularly reviewed in light of customer feedback and visit evaluation surveys.

- Regularly updated financial guidance and procedure notes.
- Strategic financial guidance from experienced officers when required.
- Advice and guidance if you amalgamate/federate or academise, including ongoing support after the process.
- Support on the local bank account scheme.
- Advice and guidance on accounting for all areas of extended services.
- Support and training for completion of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS).
- Administration of the school loan scheme and leasing support and approval.
- A 1.5 hour one to one session for new Headteachers and Business/Office managers.

#### **Onsite support**

- Select half or full day visits the combination, number and content is for you to decide, but advice on what can be covered is always available.
- We aim for visits to be delivered by a named finance contact to ensure continuity and that an understanding of your needs is maintained.
- Dates of visits are confirmed in advance, allowing time to plan and gain the maximum benefit for your school.
- Visits can be extended on an hourly basis, depending on the availability of your finance officer.

- A bursar service is available if required
- A bespoke service to provide financial support can be provided on request if your office manager is absent. This is subject to availability.

Assistance with completion of the REC1 return. This can be done either onsite or remotely.

#### **Academy support**

Schools converting to academy receive strategic support from the School Finance team for closing the accounts of the maintained school and advice on finalising their old financial system.

Academies can then purchase ongoing support by the day or half day as required or in the form of a bursar service.

This support may be to:

- Assist with setting up financial systems and processes.
- Budget setting, producing staffing calculations or budget monitoring.
- Reviewing and amending funding allocations.
- Assisting with financial returns.
- Cashflow monitoring.
- Financial reconciliations.
- Financial reporting.

The School Finance team also have a new multi year budget planning tool which is in a format that is familiar, simple, user friendly and helps with the transition to new systems.

- A high quality professional service which provides excellent value for money.
- A flexible service that allows you to choose the level of support you need.
- A friendly, professional and fully trained team of staff committed to the highest standards of service.
- Easy access to all year round support on the telephone or in school.
- Services fully compliant with both local and national guidelines and regulations for managing school finances.
- Access to a service with in depth knowledge and experience of working with Nottinghamshire schools and the issues they face.

#### Training

We run a comprehensive range of financial and FMS training events for governors, senior leadership and finance staff. Our training programme is reviewed and updated annually in the light of customer feedback and current regulations and initiatives. A schedule of events is published at the start of each financial year. Further training sessions may be added during the year in response to changes in regulations and initiatives.

> Aaron Connor Tel: 0115 977 2211 Email: aaron.connor@nottscc.gov.uk

The in-depth knowledge, guidance and friendliness of the NCC Finance team is exceptional with an experienced Finance Officer personally assigned to your school. The support I have received over the past 6+ years has been invaluable including easy accessible expertise at the end of a phone and visits to school. Thank you.

Mrs Sharon Preston, School Business Manager Coddington C. of E. Primary and Nursery School





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Check your school's **virtual mailbox** to see the Council's communications, from alerts to training courses, all in one manageable place.

## **Legal Services**

Nottinghamshire County Council Legal Services is a nationally recognised award winning team with many years' experience of providing expert support to schools. No matter what the legal issue we can support you every step of the way. Areas we cover include

- Pupil and Parental issues
- Social Media problems including cyber bullying
- Data Protection and Freedom of Information
- Contract issues
- Disputes and threats of court action

- Property issues
- Complaints
- Statutory requirements
- Safeguarding
- Employee issues

... in short, most of the areas schools might need to seek legal support on! We are here to help so that you can concentrate on what matters most – providing the best education for Nottinghamshire's pupils.

### What we offer

- Access to telephone advice line (0115 993 9320) operated during normal office hours on weekdays which enables you to speak directly to a solicitor or legal practitioner.
- Access to highly competitive rates as a purchaser of an annual package, you will be charged at a considerably lower rate than most private sector comparators.
- Training for governors and staff at maintained schools and academies can be provided in conjunction with Governor Support Services. Cost to be negotiated based on our hourly rates and the number of attendees.

- Access to the Legal Services webpage on the Schools Portal – for information about common problems.
- Training for governors and staff.
- Finally, what we offer is peace of mind. A team that is committed to obtaining the best outcomes for you and your school.

### Our pledge

Legal Services offer a flexible service which supports schools to meet their legal obligations. All services are provided by friendly and experienced staff who have worked with schools for many years. Legal Services is accredited under the Law Society's LEXCEL Practice Management quality mark.



- We understand the need to be able to adapt and respond to an ever changing and demanding landscape.
- The law can be complex, demanding and expensive. Our experience has taught us that simplicity is key.
- By being innovative and practical, we keep things simple, which in turn provides you with the best outcome and for the best cost.

I just wanted to email to let you know how much we appreciate your support over the two recent legal issues. It has been such a help to us to have your sympathetic, impartial and knowledgeable advice...thank you.

Nettleworth Infant and Nursery School

The Legal Team...have supported me through a complex case, smoothly and efficiently. My Governors and I are delighted with the outcome from their action. The Legal Team have provided my school with high quality support, beyond my expectations.

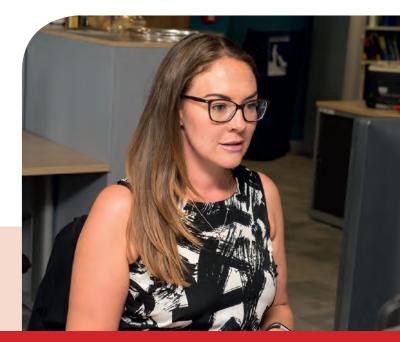
Annesley Primary and Nursery School

Sue Bearman Tel: 0115 977 3378 Email: susan.bearman@nottscc.gov.uk

### **Further information**

Whilst we will always do our best to act in your best interests, there may be an infrequent occasion where there is a conflict of interest between the school and the Local Authority. If this arises, the Council will put you in touch with its panel of leading private sector law firms who may offer schools and academies preferential rates.





### **Internal Audit Services**



Internal audit for maintained schools is essential. All maintained schools are required to have a professional audit of their school budget share account every three or five years. Through ERICA we contact those maintained schools whose audits are due in the coming financial year.

The requirement for internal audit in academy trusts is set out in section two of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017. Academies are required to have some form of internal scrutiny to review the risks to internal financial control at the trust.

At Nottinghamshire Internal Audit services, we have a track record of providing schools with a professional internal audit service, which includes advising on financial irregularities and providing financial control advice. We are confident we can fully meet your service needs.

### What we offer

- For maintained schools we provide a risk-based review of financial controls to meet the requirements of the Nottinghamshire LA Scheme.
- For academies we can provide an internal audit service to meet your needs and fulfil the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

The process was very efficient and the findings/suggestions will help us improve as we move forward.

Feedback from Quality Control Questionnaire

### **Our pledge**

Our audits meet professional standards and we comply with the requirements of the LA Scheme for Financing Schools and the Academies Financial Handbook. The service provides advance notification of the need for an audit, agrees audit visit dates with your school and we aim to issue the draft report within 4 weeks of the audit visit.

- Qualified auditors with extensive experience of schools and best practice.
- Close liaison with other services to schools.
- Impartial advice and opinions.
- Ad hoc reviews by agreement.
- Telephone help and advice for audit and control matters.
- Receipt via ERICA of relevant fraud alerts which may be of relevance to your school.
- Access to our standard Audit Programme setting out the key controls we look for during audits.

Although we had recommendations to address I found the process useful and will utilise any findings as a learning tool to instil better practice in our school. Our auditor was very approachable and offered advice and assistance throughout the process to ensure better practice moving forward. I was initially apprehensive being a new business manager in school but I found the experience very useful, interesting and informative

Feedback from Quality Control Questionnaire



### **Further information**

Maintained schools can choose their own audit provider. However, the chosen auditors must meet prescribed minimum standards (a written guidance note is available from Internal Audit services). Where maintained schools have independent auditors, they must supply a copy of their final audit report to us.

Both telephone support and onsite service excellent. All staff approachable, helpful and knowledgeable

Feedback from Quality Control Questionnaire



### **Risk and Insurance**



The Risk and Insurance team are delighted to offer schools a high quality insurance package alongside a hassle free claims handling service that understands your needs. Combined with proactive risk management advice we aim to help prevent unwanted incidents from disrupting your school.\*

We are committed to providing you with an excellent, value for money service. With onsite, telephone and web services, we will be there to support your school with guidance and advice to help you through any unexpected events that could arise.

Our platinum insurance product is designed to give you absolute peace of mind with all your insurances in one complete package. Additionally, for schools that have their own vehicles our optional motor insurance is available to complete your insurance needs.

#### What we offer

- Platinum insurance our complete all in one insurance package comprising:
  - Employers' and public liability insurances including cover for your PTA.
  - Property insurance for both buildings and contents including accidental damage, fire, theft, flood, vandalism, personal effects and contents taken off site.
  - Off site annual worldwide travel insurance for staff and pupils covering all trips; from a visit to the park to scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef.
  - Onsite personal injury cover for pupils.

- Optional motor insurance for school vehicles including 50 days of free cover for additional vehicles on temporary hire.
- Access to no claim bonus/loss of excess protection scheme for staff.

\* Regrettably, this service is not available to academies.

### Our pledge

We will be there to support you by providing quality insurance cover, responsive claims handling and specialist risk management support. From the small to the catastrophic, we will be there to help you through it.

- An insurance product designed to meet your school's needs.
- Policies procured in line with European Tender Regulations.
- We undertake all premium and claim negotiations with insurers to ensure the best deal for schools.
- The insurers we use have all been checked to ensure their financial stability.
- In the event of a major claim, we have existing links with internal partners to ensure that there is minimum disruption to your service.
- Unlike other providers, we do not require a lengthy insurer proposal form to be completed.
- We will use our expertise to ensure that the policy coverage does not contain any hidden exclusions.
- We work with experienced loss adjusters and disaster recovery and restoration experts who are on 24 hour call to deal with major property losses.
- A single point of contact with our experienced staff who will handle your claims, insurance queries and provide risk management advice.
- Telephone claim reporting.

Ian Bennett Tel: 0115 977 3738 Email: risk.insurance@nottscc.gov.uk

- Access to funding for risk management initiatives.
- Online access to policy wordings, evidence of cover and risk management guidance.

We had some serious concerns over the safety of pedestrians sharing the same access route as vehicles entering our school site. Risk and Insurance visited us to offer their support and provided specialist risk management advice on the issues we faced. They even helped with match funding to pay for the improvement works to mitigate the identified risks. We are truly grateful for the services they offer

Lee Farrell, Site Manager St Peter's CofE Junior School, Ruddington



### Procurement



We are a highly experienced and commercially focused team offering a range of purchasing and support services, from advice and guidance through to letting complex contracts, ensuring compliance and best practice.

### What we offer

- Impartial procurement advice and guidance from professionally qualified buyers with many years of experience.
- Access to a wide range of contracts for products and services.
- Running tenders from advice on writing a specification to designing the tender documents, to supporting the evaluation of tenders and the writing of contracts.
- Advice on legal compliance.
- Advice on how to select suppliers or recommend suppliers that have been vetted by the Council.
- Involvement in contract negotiations with advice on how to negotiate and lead on behalf of academies.

### **Benefits to your school**

- An assured source of procurement related advice which will contribute to maintained schools exposure to and management of commercial and legal risk.
- In depth knowledge of the sector and how to access the market.
- Prices for bought goods and services which ensure best value.
- Specialist officers with the appropriate levels of training and support.
- Training support for maintained school staff involved in procurement through either on the job involvement or training courses.

Clare Winter – Group Manager Procurement Tel: 0115 977 2619 Email: clare.winter@nottscc.gov.uk

### Our pledge

We are open from 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday. All requests will be acknowledged within 48 hours of receipt and agreed work started to a mutually acceptable timescale.

Providing services you can depend on

# **06** Governor Support

## **Governing Body Advice** and Information Service



This stand alone service provides year round advice and guidance on all matters relating to the role of governing bodies by staff who have a wealth of experience in supporting school governors. The Governing Body Advice and Information Service supports the Governing Body Clerking Service.

#### What we offer

- Termly briefing session for headteachers and chairs of governors or their representatives.
- Ad hoc briefing reports on new or changed legislation.
- Mentoring support for new/existing chairs of governors.
- Termly briefings for maintained school/academy specific clerks on governing body business, changes in statutory requirements for governors and other key developments (at least six hours per year), including copies of reports and newsletters for distribution to their governing bodies.
- Termly reports from the Corporate Directors for information/action on new legislation, policy matters relating to and supporting the work of Governing Bodies
- The 'Nottinghamshire Governor' newsletter 6 times per year.

- Access to Nottinghamshire Governor Services' suite of information and advice, available on the Schools Portal, including:
  - Toolkit to support governing bodies in managing complaints.
  - Leadership and governance solutions toolkit.
  - Committee agenda templates and minuting guidance.
  - Suggested monitoring questions.
  - Model eligibility criteria for governors and code of conduct.
  - Written guidance on staff and parent governor elections (including standard letters and forms in electronic format).

### **Our pledge**

To provide headteachers, trustees and governors with expert telephone and written advice and information on their statutory responsibilities. To be a listening ear and adviser when dealing with complex and challenging situations.

- Governing body planning documentation (including annual planner, decision planner and policy checklist) for headteachers and chairs of governors to support the management of the governing body's workload.
- Advice, information and support from experienced staff to individual governors, headteachers and governing body clerks via telephone or email.

- Headteachers, governors and trustees can access written and telephone advice from individuals with local knowledge who understand your school's context.
- Support in the interpretation of the law, up to date advice and information by experienced staff, with a wealth of knowledge who are able to apply this to the needs of your educational setting.
- News, updates and good practice shared with governors via an electronic newsletter.
- Maintained school/academy specific clerks briefed and regularly updated via termly briefing sessions (at least six hours per year).
- Access to advice and information via the Nottinghamshire Schools Portal.

#### GovernorHub

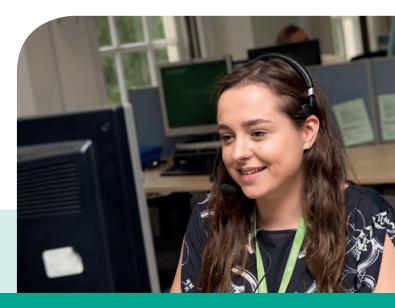
Schools/academies who purchase the Governing Body Advice and Information Service only can also have access to GoverorHub at an additional cost of £150.00 per annum

#### **Further information**

Our clerking service is outlined on page 74.

As governors we find the clerking service very supportive and informative. The knowledge, experience and advice our clerk brings to our meetings is invaluable, this enables the governing body to make decisions and carry out our work efficiently, confidently and effectively.

Sharon Bell Brierley Forest Primary School



Jane Mansell Tel: 0115 804 0628 or 07860 597832 Email: jane.mansell@nottscc.gov.uk

# Governing Body Clerking Service



Governor Services provide schools with a professional, high quality clerking service delivered by clerks who have undertaken extensive training and are kept up to date on new legislation, policy matters relating to and supporting the work of Governing Bodies. Clerks are supported by an efficient, knowledgeable management and business support team.

The Governing Body Advice and Information Service supports effective clerking and we would recommend the purchase of this service to complement the Clerking Service.

#### What we offer

- Access to the GovernorHub, online 'cloud' storage system to schools/academies who purchase the Governing Body Clerking Service for at least three meetings per year.
- Maintenance and monitoring of governing body membership, attendance, terms of office, eligibility checks and provision of welcome pack for new governors, including NGA 'Welcome to Governance' booklet and NGA Chairs Guide for new chairs of governors.
- A focused termly specific agenda produced by the clerk in consultation with the chair of governors at least 15 days before the meeting.
- School specific meeting notices and papers uploaded onto GovernorHub to individual governors within the legally required number of

days prior to the meeting. Governing bodies can choose for all members to receive paper copies of school specific documents at an additional cost; see service charges.

- Named clerk to provide interpretation, advice and guidance on school government regulations and procedures at each governing body meeting (minimum three meetings per year).
- Clerk to undertake follow up action or correspondence as instructed by the governing body.

## **Our pledge**

To provide a professional clerking service that ensures governing body meetings are focused on the statutory responsibilities of the governing body and are efficiently organised and well recorded. To enable individual governors to access good legal and procedural advice, as required, before, during or after meetings.

- Accurate, high quality minutes sent to the chair of governors within 15 working days of the meeting.
- Correspondence handling and storage of approved signed minutes.
- Telephone and written advice before and after meetings as required.
- Ad hoc clerking/minuting of full governing body and committee meetings is available. Please visit the schools portal for details at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal

- A clerking service that can be adapted to meet the individual governance model for your particular school/education setting.
- The services of a named, professionally trained clerk, who is regularly updated on national and local changes affecting the governing body and able to advise on governance legislation and procedures.
- Support from experienced staff for all matters relating to arrangements for governing body meetings.
- Flexible, competitively priced, pay as you go options.
- Includes subscription to the Nottinghamshire Association of Governors.

Val Whistler Tel: 0115 977 2672 Email: val.whistler@nottscc.gov.uk

## **Further information**

We recognise there are different models of governance. Our packages can be adapted to fit the needs of your governing body, including schools/ academies who work in partnerships, where our charges reflect the different models of governance Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

As in previous years, we have continued to receive excellent support from Governor Services. Our clerking service has continued to be of a very high quality, supporting and enhancing the smooth running and effectiveness of our Governance.

The support and advice that we have received has been highly professional and skilled – definitely good value for money!

Vic Wilkinson – Headteacher Crescent Primary School



# Headteacher Appointment Service



Governor Services and the Education Improvement Service provide a professional, cost effective headteacher recruitment service to governing bodies. Both teams have considerable experience in headteacher recruitment and can offer expert advice throughout the process.

#### What we offer

- Initial contact telephone advice to the chair of governors regarding the governing body's role in appointing a headteacher.
- Start-up meeting of full governing body An experienced local authority officer will attend and advise about the first stages of the recruitment process.
- Selection panel meeting(s) An experienced local authority officer will attend and advise on the organisation and role of the selection panel including advertising, shortlisting and interview arrangements.
- Selection process professional help from the local authority officer in the identification of a suitable shortlist of candidates. The local authority officer will also attend and give advice at interviews, feedback to panel on the performance of candidates and complete candidate checks on identity, qualifications and right to work in the UK (legal requirement).

 Follow up - feedback on performance to unsuccessful candidates, arranging Disclosure and Barring Service checks for successful candidate if necessary.

The whole process was smoothly conducted by the LA officer whose support was greatly valued as many of us had not conducted an interview of this importance before. Our wholehearted thanks to him

Dilys Vowles Chair at Stanhope Primary School

#### Our pledge

This service ensures governing body and its selection panel are well advised and supported throughout the headteacher appointment process.

- Administrative support a named contact who will work in partnership with the local authority officer to arrange and support all meetings of the governing body and selection panel including:
  - copying all information as required and producing minutes.
  - distribution of statutory and local guidance to governors.
  - send out applicant packs.
  - arrange for shortlisted candidates to attend for interview.
  - take up references.
  - arrange for the contract to be issued.
  - distribute minutes of all meetings.
  - support the governing body and local authority officer at all stages of the process.

High standard of professional advice throughout the process from specialist local authority officers from the Education Improvement Service who understands your school's performance and circumstances and who will help the selection panel prepare the job description, person specification, school details, advertising and interview materials.

- A named contact within Governor Services for administrative support who will produce and send out key information, obtain references and photocopy relevant documentation.
- Some governing bodies are unable to appoint at the first round and have to repeat the process. As our charges are based on the number of enquiries, applications and governors involved, the cost of repeating the process will only include the additional work required.
- All materials provided will be of a high professional standard and approved by NCC HR.

#### **Further information**

- This is a joint service delivered by Governor Services and the Education Improvement Service.
- Whilst governing bodies may be able to buy support from external providers, they may not know your school's performance or circumstances.

For maintained schools it is a legal entitlement for the Corporate Director, or in the case of voluntary aided or controlled schools, the Diocesan Director of Education, or his/her representative, to have the right to attend all proceedings relating to the selection of any headteacher. Any advice offered by the local authority at these proceedings must be considered by the governing body when reaching a decision.

Jane Mansell Tel: 0115 804 0628 or 07860 597832 Email: jane.mansell@nottscc.gov.uk

# Governing Body Complaints and Governance Reviews Services



**Complaints support service** – Governor Services offer two packages to support governors in responding to different stages of complaints – the initial investigation and the convening and clerking of the complaints panel. **External review of governance** offers two levels of support for governing bodies who require an external review of governance. All packages can be purchased individually and provide highly efficient, professionally trained staff to support governing bodies. For more details on these packages, visit **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal** 

#### What we offer

- Complaints support investigation stage: clerking support up to 10 hours (further time available by negotiation) including attending interviews, producing notes, acting as key contact on behalf of the complaints governor and supporting them when producing their report to be sent to the complainant
- Complaints support panel hearing stage: clerking support up to 14 hours plus attendance as clerk to the complaints investigation panel hearing (further time available by negotiation) including: acting as key contact for the complainant and chair of the panel, gathering and distributing evidence, attending the hearing, providing advice and producing minutes.

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- External review support level one: work with the headteacher and chair to distribute a review questionnaire and produce and present a detailed report evaluating a range of governing body information over a three term period and the questionnaire results.
- External review support level two: work with the headteacher and chair to arrange and attend a governing body meeting, distribute and present a review questionnaire, meet with governors to gather additional information. Produce and present a detailed report evaluating a range of governing body information over a six term period, including questionnaire results and the school's website compliance.
- An action plan can be produced at an additional charge for either review process.

#### Our pledge

To provide a high level of competitively priced support for governing bodies from professional, experienced staff.



# Pupil Development

# **Schools' Swimming Service**



Swimming is a life skill that every child has a right to learn. Schools have a duty to teach high quality swimming and water safety to all pupils, irrespective of their ability, during their primary education. The purpose of this is to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to achieve the national curriculum standard.

#### **Primary education**

The Schools' Swimming service is dedicated to providing the opportunity for all children in Nottinghamshire to access swimming. Pupils will start the Learners Journey which equips them to meet the needs of the national curriculum in relation to both swimming and survival. The service endeavours to enrich all pupils' swimming experiences and offers participation in gala events.

Further support is given to pupils with additional needs through bridging clubs. The aim of which is to help develop the specific needs of individuals, creating pathways and opportunities for development of skills within the limitations of their disability. The service provides qualified instructors and lifeguards and arranges pool hire and transport. The service recommends all school teachers undertake the training offered to improve their confidence and impact on the learning outcomes of the children.

#### What we offer

- The service is available to pre-school, special, primary and secondary school children of all ability levels.
- Access to all schools to provide the national curriculum statutory requirement in swimming.
- High quality swimming in a safe environment.
- Highly qualified instructors and lifeguards who undergo regular training.
- Flexibility to meet the individual needs of schools and pupils.

- Provision of swimming galas for all schools.
- Access to lead professionals in swimming for advice and support.
- Provision of bridging clubs for pupils with additional needs, teaching in small groups. These sessions can't be undertaken instead of the school's mainstream lessons. The sessions are all funded independently.

- The opportunity for all school teachers to access training. This has been specifically designed to equip school staff to enable them to support the school swimming instructors in a teaching capacity, in turn improving learning outcomes for the pupils.
- New opportunity for schools coming soon classroom based swimming teaching delivered by fully qualified instructors, to equip Year 6 children with the knowledge and understanding of how to survive around water.

- National curriculum and Ofsted requirements can be met.
- Additional support and advice is available for pupils with additional needs.
- Training is provided for school teachers in the teaching of swimming to improve learning outcomes of pupils.
- Cross curricular activities including invasive games, movement, literacy, science and links to other subjects.

#### **Our pledge**

The Schools' Swimming service is dedicated to providing the opportunity for all schools in Nottinghamshire to access a high quality swimming provision (in accordance with its health and safety guidance document), to ensure that pupils can strive to meet the national curriculum statutory requirement in swimming at Key Stage 2.

- Evidence of dyspraxia (a motor learning difficulty) can easily be seen in swimming and this is often when it is first picked up.
- Participation in galas give opportunities to signpost gifted and talented pupils to competitive swimming clubs.
- Work experience and young leader placements available to pupils which can lead to apprentice opportunities.
- Significant improvement can be seen in the classroom in the learning outcomes for children with additional needs as they become more confident in swimming.
- Reinforce the skills learnt and develop knowledge, through engagement with Year 6 pupils prior to leaving primary education, to equip them with the skills they will rely on into adulthood.



## **Further information**

#### Service Recommendation

The service recommends that schools target Years 3 and 4 and those swimmers in Years 5 and 6 who have not yet reached the national curriculum standard.

#### Training

Courses for school teachers and teaching assistants who assist in the delivery of teaching school swimming.

# The Schools' Swimming Service offers bespoke Courses

Courses in the teaching of swimming, covering fundamentals of swimming and the service specific requirements. Candidates will be awarded CPD points for attendance.

- Various venues across the county.
- Amateur Swimming Association tutors. The opportunity for all school teachers to access training. This course has been specifically designed to equip school staff to enable them to support the school swimming instructors in a teaching capacity. In turn improving the learning outcomes for the pupils.

#### Price Range £125.00- £250.00



#### Costs

Our prices are bespoke to each school and take into consideration the number of instructors and lifeguards required to meet industry standards.

By purchasing the full package, you'll get the best price.

Cameron's swimming has greatly improved, this is due to the swimming lessons he had with school when in year three. I wanted to let you know of my appreciation of those swimming lessons.

Catherine Beaumont, Parent



# Outdoor & Environmental Education Service

# Primary School Activity Days

The Mill Adventure Base is a purpose built urban adventure centre, which provides fun half or full day activities on land and water.

On the water we offer a range of activities providing a huge amount of fun and new experiences on sit on top kayaks, open canoes and katakanus.



Land based and indoor activities include; team building and problem solving, artificial caving, climbing, bouldering, low ropes challenge, zip wire, tyrolean traverse, archery, minibeast hunting, pond dipping, shelter building and much more.

Why not run your own environmental study day, which includes a classroom, environmental study equipment, waterproofs and worksheets. Alternatively hire our tutors to lead your day.

All of the activities aim to help children to develop confidence, improve communication skills, problem solving, and teamwork and peer awareness. The benefits of the day will have lasting impact.

#### For more infomation:

- t: 01623 556110
- e: outdoor.environmental@nottscc.gov.uk
- w: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/outdoorenvironmental

With our minibuses we can even include transport for the day!

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# Outdoor and Environmental Education Service



'Outdoor and environmental education makes an important contribution to physical, personal and social education.' (Ofsted).

The Outdoor and Environmental Education service (OEE) offers your school opportunities to experience quality outdoor learning experiences that enrich the curriculum and help learners to reach their potential through positive engagement with the education process, increased confidence, group awareness, healthy activity and fun.

The service provides two high quality residential centres in the Peak District: Hagg Farm Outdoor Education Centre (for Key Stage 2 pupils and upwards) and St Michael's Environmental Education Centre (for primary school pupils).

In addition, we have Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre in the Thoresby Estate, Brackenhurst Environmental Education Centre on the Nottingham Trent University campus near Southwell, and Sherwood Forest Country Park near Edwinstowe offering day visits for pupils closer to home. The Mill Adventure Base, at Kingsmill Reservoir, offers a range of outdoor activities, team challenges and adventure both on and off site for Key Stage 2 - 4, and has a peripatetic facility to bring activities to school grounds.

#### What we offer

- Wide range of adventurous and environmental activities led by highly qualified staff at warm, welcoming and well resourced centres.
- At Hagg Farm activities include rock climbing, canoeing, caving, orienteering, hillwalking, abseiling, gorge walking, zipwire and a host of problem solving exercises, field studies, conservation and environmental/art activities.

## **Our pledge**

We provide and support quality outdoor learning experiences for pupils that are safe, enriching, educational and fun. Our qualified, motivated and experienced staff deliver the highest standards of safety and learning to help service users reach their potential through tailored programmes of activities.

- At St Michael's activities include walking around the local gritstone edges, village studies, orienteering, conservation, stream dipping, history walks with role play and environmental art.
- A range of catering packages to suit your group are available at the residential centres and each group has sole use of the centre.
- Training for teachers and leaders to empower them to meet the relevant needs of young people, the wider community and the school's curriculum.
- Perlethorpe Centre is housed in a former village school with a genuine Victorian classroom. It offers a variety of activities including literacy, maths, art and history using the outdoor environment.
- Brackenhurst Centre is on a site with a working farm with access to farm animals, Victorian walled gardens and glasshouses. Activities on offer include looking at life processes, literacy, history and art.
- Sherwood Forest Country Park has a centre for schools' use. Activities include Robin Hood and Medieval Life, shelter building, orienteering and habitat studies.
- Adventure activities at The Mill Adventure Base include climbing, sailing, canoeing, mobile climbing wall, Jacobs ladder, team wall and underground passageways (tubing) as well as off site activities such as mountain biking, abseiling, rock climbing and weaselling.
- The centres have an inclusive approach and the buildings and activities are adapted and available for all users regardless of ability/disability.

- Fully supported and individually tailored school visits, including risk assessments, health and safety policies and procedures, teaching programmes and curriculum resources.
- The OEE team provides access to the DofE award through Open Centres across the County. In addition OEE offers residential courses for DofE participants and support for DofE expeditions.
- Information, advice and guidance for school visits and outdoor education including the use of an electronic visits management system. We endeavour to respond to all enquires within a five day period and all approval forms within 10 days.



- Affordable, well regarded and reputable opportunities within 1.5 hours journey time of any Nottinghamshire school.
- Outdoor activities can enrich the life of each individual by personal achievement/ development, raise their self esteem and realise their full potential.
- Residential and day opportunities for whole year group packages through multiple courses to increase group cohesion, instill school ethos and cement relationships with staff/pupils and peers.
- Courses for class groups to enhance curriculum and bring subjects alive including exam, fieldwork, PSHE, Self Second, transition to secondary and whole class cross curricular courses.
- GCSE PE (adventurous activities) training and assessment weeks at Hagg Farm have consistently and significantly improved attainment for students.
- Targeted courses for disaffected young people to help them achieve success and re-engage them with the education process (through schemes such as Self Second at Hagg Farm).
- Improve and promote physical health and emotional wellbeing through outdoor experiences and enjoyment of outdoor recreation.
- Access to specialist advice and guidance regarding school visits though our Outdoor Education Advice service, which is a statutory expectation within health and safety law.

- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award frequently features positively in schools' Ofsted inspection reports, DofE can help improve the outcomes of future inspections through evidencing key areas of pupil development.
- Bespoke activity packages can be designed in consultation with yourselves to meet your aims.

#### Costs

A breakdown of the variety of packages available and their costs can be seen on our website, including links to our outdoor and environmental education centres. Visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ outdoorenvironmental



#### Training

A wide range of training is available including; HSE approved First Aid, national governing body leadership qualifications (mountain leader, walking group leader, cave leader, rock climbing, orienteering) and Bringing Your School Grounds To Life. See 'Outdoor and Environmental Training Opportunities' online for details: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ outdoorenvironmental

- All courses contribute to competency, skills and knowledge and many lead to nationally recognised qualifications.
- Experienced and highly qualified Outdoor and Environmental Education staff deliver courses throughout the year.

- Courses are held mainly at the Outdoor and Environmental Education Centres. Some courses can be delivered at your own school e.g. bespoke first aid training.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award trainer and assessor accreditations.

The support of the staff was excellent – everyone in every role is brilliant. All the centre led activities were great and support for visiting staff was really reassuring.

Teacher St Peter's (Ruddington) Primary School

Hagg Farm Outdoor Education Centre Tel: 01433 651594 St Michael's Environmental Education Centre Tel: 01433 650309 Environmental Education Day Centres Tel: 01623 822218 The Mill Adventure Base, DofE and Outdoor Education Advice Tel: 01623 556110 Email: outdoor.environmental@nottscc.gov.uk



# Schools and Families Specialist Services

We are a team of specialist teachers and teaching assistants with additional qualifications and extensive experience in working with children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) aged from 0-19. Teaching, advice, support and training for pupils with the most complex needs, and for the staff who work with them, is available **free of charge** to all Nottinghamshire schools, including academies and PVI settings. Delegates will incur a nominal charge to cover the cost of the training venue. Schools can also purchase a range of training and consultancy services which can be tailored to meet individual requirements.

#### What we offer

- Training and consultancy on the educational implications of a range of SEND including: autism; dyslexia; deaf or sight impaired; speech, language and communication needs; Down Syndrome; foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD); acquired brain injury (ABI); dyscalculia; profound and multiple learning needs; emotional, social and behavioural needs.
- Training on the educational implications of a range of SEND to private and voluntary settings through the Training and Development Opportunities directory (TADO).
- Assessment and target setting for pupils with SEND including training on the impact of the Rochford Review; PIVATS; Portage (for very young children); specialist language and other specialist assessment methods.

- Inclusive technology and specialist software for pupils with SEND, including sensory impairments.
- Literacy and numeracy interventions (e.g. Numicon) and differentiation.
- The Inclusion Development Programme and the DfE advanced training materials for: autism; dyslexia; speech, language and communication needs; moderate learning difficulties.
- Working with parents and carers.
- Signs and symbols and other augmentative/ alternative communication methods including British Sign Language and Braille.

#### **Our pledge**

To provide specialist advice and training to schools to support them in effectively meeting the needs of learners with SEND; tailored to meet schools individual requirements, as appropriate and constantly evaluated and reviewed in response to feedback.

- Ofsted planning, preparation and follow up in relation to SEN, as well as School self-evaluation of inclusive practice.
- Transition planning and person centred approaches.
- Environmental audits for pupils with a sensory impairment.

- Staff are highly qualified and experienced, with a deep commitment to high standards and improving life outcomes for children and young people with SEND.
- As a Nottinghamshire based service, we have an understanding and experience of the local context, and its particular issues and challenges. This helps us to support you more effectively.
- The service is professional, reliable, flexible and provides excellent value for money.
- We will discuss the programme of training and support with you, to meet your individual needs and requirements.
- We are nationally recognised for our work in a number of areas, including autism, dyslexia, speech, language and communication needs and SEND in early years.

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#### Costs

Most of our training remains free of charge. A nominal charge will be made to each delegate to cover venue costs. For further information on costs, please contact the service directly.

## **Further information**

We can provide support, advice and training to meet the needs of pupils with the most complex needs **free of charge** to all Nottinghamshire schools, including academies. This support is usually negotiated at Family Springboard meetings. Some of the training described above is available for purchase in addition to the core offer. Please contact the service directly for further information.



# Educational Psychology Service (EPS)

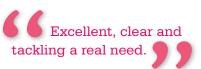
We are a team of Educational Psychologists (EPs) employed by Nottinghamshire County Council to support the development and wellbeing of children and young people aged 0-25, by applying our psychological knowledge and skills.

Our core work involves supporting individual children and groups of children via direct work with Nottinghamshire schools. This work is negotiated in termly springboard planning meetings attended by school SENCOs. While we focus on children's development, most of our work is with the adults who are with children on a day-to-day basis e.g. teachers, parents, other professionals. Our work involves having conversations with these adults to help them to see a child's situation differently and ultimately bring about positive change for the child.

We now offer of additional training and development packages as sold services to schools. Please contact us directly for a full list of the training we have on offer.

#### What we offer

- Support and advice for schools in understanding and supporting children with complex needs (core offer).
- Leading group problem-solving meetings to help people to navigate complex or 'stuck' situations e.g. Solution Circles, PATH (core and sold services).
- We now offer additional training and development packages as sold services to schools. Please contact us directly for a full list of the training we have on offer - epstraining@nottscc.gov.uk
- Independent evaluation research (sold services).



Secondary School Staff, Anxious Learners and Anxiety-Related Non-Attendance (ARNA) Training Day

## **Our pledge**

To promote positive outcomes, social inclusion and social justice for all Nottinghamshire children, but especially for the most vulnerable.

- Having an Educational Psychologist linked directly to your school.
- Access to psychological support and advice on supporting the development and wellbeing of your students.
- Access to high quality, evidence-based intervention and training provided by an Educational Psychologist.

This has been very useful and I can see that it will be helpful with some of our pupils in school. Thought-provoking for reflecting on different pupils, possible reasons for their behaviour and strategies to impact positively with them.

Primary School Staff, Introduction to Attachment, Trauma and Resilience Staff Meeting.

> For general EPS enquiries, contact the link EP for your school or Charles Savage, Principal Educational Psychologist

0115 804 0828 charles.savage@nottscc.gov.uk

For EPS training enquiries, contact Orlaith Donnelly, Senior Educational Psychologist (Commercial Development)

0115 804 0828 epstraining@nottscc.gov.uk Thank you most sincerely for delivering an amazing training programme. I'm feeling so inspired by the training and fuelled to make the difference.

Teaching Assistants, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Training Programme.

Fabulous resources.... Fabulous course, lots to think about and things to try.

ELSA: Emotional Literacy Support Assistant



# **Inspire Services for Schools**

We are dedicated to inspiring learning and development through a range of cultural, learning and library services, all of which can be tailored to suit your school's needs.

**The Education Library Service** (ELS) provides resources which are relevant to the curriculum as well as supporting reading for pleasure. There are two options available - the standard service and the unlimited exchanges service, while our mobile library can visit your school to allow children to be involved in choosing reading materials.

Our Advisory Service can provide you with specialist support and bespoke packages tailored to the curriculum and your school's reading needs.

**Inspire Music** provide high quality music education in partnership with schools, enabling children and young people from all backgrounds to learn a musical instrument, to perform in ensembles, to learn to sing and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of excellence.

We provide both individual and small group instrumental and singing lessons, subsidised whole class instrumental packages, digital teaching resources, CPD training and curriculum advice and support. We also support schools in delivering Sing Up, Musical Futures, Arts Award and arts/music events. Through our partners, we also offer opportunities for pupils to hear and perform with professional musicians and orchestras.

#### What we offer

#### **Education Library Service**

- Quality resources for all ages and abilities, selected by our specialist librarians with an in-depth knowledge of the curriculum.
- Visit the ELS base to select your own collections; librarians are always available to advise on appropriate resources which can be delivered direct to school at no extra charge.

- A mobile library for primary and special schools intended to promote reading for pleasure.
- Secondary schools can participate, free of charge, in the Brilliant Book Award.
- Book talks and storytelling sessions to promote reading for pleasure
- School librarians' support package offers individual advice and training to support CPD needs.





- Weekly whole class instrument and individual, paired and small group instrument and vocal lessons for KS1 to KS5 in schools.
- Ensembles and bands, including rock and pop, in schools.
- Low cost instrument hire and purchase scheme for a full range of instruments.
- Subsidised digital music resources for schools.
- Remission scheme for low income families, looked after children and children with special educational needs and disabilities.

#### **Eduction Library Service**

- Saves teacher time we do all the hard work so you don't have to!
- Contributes to raising literacy standards and encouraging reading for pleasure.
- Excellent value for money-borrowing enables you to access more titles than you could buy with the same budget.



Inspire Music Tel: 0115 977 3287 Email: imt@inspireculture.org.uk • Flexible service that is quick to respond to curriculum changes.

#### **Inspire Music:**

- One stop shop for your school's music education, from Early Years to KS5.
- Innovative bespoke packages tailored to the needs of all your pupils.
- Inspirational opportunities for your pupils to work with our partners the National Youth Orchestra, National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and the Hallé Orchestra.
- Continued professional development network opportunity for teachers from KS1 to KS5.
- Enhanced DBS and Safeguarding trained music teachers.





# **Inspire Youth Arts**

Inspire Youth Arts is a team with over 20 years' experience in designing, developing and delivering exciting and innovative arts projects with young people.

We use highly skilled professional artists and work across all art forms - music, dance, drama, visual arts, digital art, film and media.

#### What we offer

- We specialise in projects that engage and educate a diverse range of young people including those with SEND, talented and potential, hard to reach and those in challenging circumstances.
- We are also very experienced at arts event management, mounting small, medium and large scale youth arts showcases and awards evenings.

#### **Benefits to your school**

- Work we do can contribute to accreditation including GCSE, A Level, Duke of Edinburgh and Arts Award.
- We will work with young people and staff to plan and design a project that meets the needs of the students and the school. Projects can be delivered during curriculum time or after school.

Inspire Youth Arts Tel: 01623 644377 Email: iya@inspireculture.org.uk

## **Further information**

Inspire offers a range of cultural, learning and library services which can be of use to your schools. Contact **schools@inspireculture.org.uk** to find out more.

Inspire Youth Arts have made such a positive impact on the students and directly contributed to our Ofsted inspection outcome

Kelly Fedun, Assistant Head Fountaindale School

#### Our pledge

Inpsire Youth Arts will work with young people through the arts to give them the opportunity to explore their own capabilities, strengths and unlock their full potential.



# School Support

# Education Appeals – Admissions and Exclusions

Is your school its own admission authority? If so, it is your schools' responsibility to arrange an independent appeals process for both admission appeals and exclusion reviews. At Nottinghamshire County Council we can arrange these appeals for you. We have a long and proven track record of successfully arranging and clerking admission appeals and exclusion reviews in a completely independent manner, ensuring all statutory requirements are met.

By using our services, you do not need to go to the trouble of recruiting, appointing and training independent appeal panel members and clerks; we deal with all the necessary arrangements for appeals in line with the current statutory requirements.

Charges will only be incurred for any appeals logged, therefore you can agree to use our services even if your school has yet to receive any appeals, giving you peace of mind that we can respond within the required timescales when called upon.

#### What we offer

- Legally required information to publish on your school's website.
- Organisation of all aspects of appeals, including venues and refreshments, as appropriate.
- We can receive appeals and act as the initial point of contact and an independent source of information for appellants.
- Genuinely independent and fully trained clerks and panel members, in line with statutory requirements.

- Support and advice (at cost price) in responding to any enquiries and investigations by the Local Government Ombudsman and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).
- A translation and interpretation service (at cost price) to enable you to fulfil your obligations to any appellants requiring such services.

## **Our pledge**

Our experienced and fully trained team members are professional and approachable, providing a friendly, high quality and independent service to enable your appeals processes to be undertaken in line with recognised best practice and statutory requirements.

- No need to worry about the practical and logistical difficulties faced in organising and hearing appeals within the relevant deadlines.
- We can act as the main point of contact for appellants, enabling you to concentrate your efforts on preparing your case for the appeal.
- By choosing our service, you do not need to place expensive advertisements for panel members and provide independent training.
- You can access a large pool of experienced and genuinely independent appeal panel members, with all necessary training provided by the County Council and nationally recognised independent trainers.
- You will have fully trained and independent clerks who can draw on a wealth of experience of admission appeals and access further specialist legal advice if required.
- You can utilise our experience of successfully responding to Local Government Ombudsman and ESFA inquiries.

## Training

For those academies who are arranging their own appeals we can offer admission appeals training packages tailored to your own specific needs.

#### Costs

Admission appeals are charged at set costs per appeal – contact us for further information.

Translations/interpretations and input into Ombudsman/ESFA investigations are charged at cost price. Non County Council venues will also be charged at cost price.

Exclusion Review fees are charged at cost price – contact us for further information.



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## **Data Collections**



The Performance, Intelligence and Policy team provides support to schools so they can produce timely and accurate statutory returns to the Department for Education (DfE).

Data collections included in this service:

- Termly School Census
- School Workforce Census
- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)
- Phonics
- Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessment (KS1 TA)
- Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment (KS2 TA)

## What we offer

- Start of year calendar to inform schools of the collection dates.
- Guidance to show 'Data Requirements' for each collection
- 'Reminder' email before each collection giving important information to help schools prepare.
- Telephone and email support from experienced data collections staff.
- Support for schools in the use of the DfE collection website.
- Validation of data to ensure accurate returns including resolution of duplicates.

## **Benefits to your school**

To help you receive your correct level of funding, the Data Collections team will work with your school to make sure the data returned is accurate. Funding based on the census includes:

- Numbers on roll (School Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations).
- Pupil premium (Free School Meals (FSM), Service Children and Post Looked After Arrangements).
- Early Years Funding
- Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

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## Our pledge

- Provide information to enable you to fulfil your returns.
- Telephone and email support.

## **FFT Aspire Service**



Nottinghamshire County Council is able to offer schools and academies a discount for access to the FFT Aspire website. FFT Aspire is the reporting and data tool for schools which provides key target setting and school performance evaluation information. FFT Aspire uses the latest curriculum and accountability measures, is quick and easy to access, enables in depth analysis to support future planning, and aids positive conversations with inspectors.

#### What we offer

- Initial set-up for schools to access the FFT Aspire website.
- Discounted charges for schools by becoming part of a consortium coordinated by the Council's Performance service.

#### **Benefits to your school**

- FFT Aspire is visual and user friendly, presenting complex data in a way that can be easily understood and interpreted.
- Forward looking pupil and school estimate information is available to support target setting and self evaluation dashboards for value added comparisons are available at national assessment points.

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- The Governor Dashboard provides governors with headline information to support and challenge school leaders.
- FFT delivers you the latest pupil performance information with valid comparisons across a wide range of indicators.
- The Student Explorer dashboards provide teachers with a complete overview of each pupil including assessment outcomes, school moves, attendance and Free School Meal eligibility.
- Reports include a school summary, attainment and achievement, pupil groups, pupil lists, overview of subjects and school context.

## **Our pledge**

We will provide email and telephone support in relation to FFT from Monday to Friday.

- Access to the FFT online support area.
- Notification of free webinars, support guides and videos and data releases.
- E-learning modules helping you get the most from your Governor Dashboard.

# **Performance Analysis**



The Performance, Intelligence and Policy team provide schools with a range of performance analysis services to support the process of self evaluation within your school. The publications provide headline measures as well as trend and benchmarking information for you to compare your school's outcomes. Information is available at school level as well as for pupil groups.

Some examples of analysis available to schools through the performance portal include:

- Key Stage handbooks providing analysis of your test/teacher assessment outcomes (EYFSP KS5).
- End of Key Stage summary dashboards providing outcomes ranked against other schools in the county and information on pupil groups
- Information on pupil deprivation.

#### What we offer

- Customised analysis unique to your school.
- Local and national benchmarking information to compare your school outcomes.
- Validation against your local school information.

#### **Our pledge**

- Provide accurate, timely and customised information.
- Telephone and email support with data queries and interpretation of analysis.

- Provides school/subject leaders access to key performance information.
- Identify areas of good practice within the school.
- Identify areas for further development.
- Available quicker than Analyse School Performance (ASP the replacement to RAISEonline). Primary Key Stage analysis is usually available when schools start back in September and secondary Key Stage analysis is available around October half term. This is a month and a half earlier than ASP.
- Supports Ofsted inspections.
- Developed in conjunction with the Council's Education Improvement service.
- Single location for performance related analysis.

#### Costs

Currently provided free to all Nottinghamshire schools and academies.

#### **Further information**

Access to the performance portal is via the schools portal. From the homepage select 'Quick links' from the menu bar, expand 'General Forms and Information' and select the option 'Performance Portal'. If you need assistance with login details for your school please contact the team.



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# **Education Improvement Service**

The Education Improvement Service is committed to promoting the highest standards of pupil attainment and progress through the development of maintained schools and other educational settings. We are particularly focused on developing high quality, strategic leadership, teaching and learning and on closing the gap for vulnerable groups.

Our team of expert educationalists provide a core offer to any maintained school judged to be less than good by Ofsted or at risk of not being judged as good at their next inspection. We provide school improvement support for all maintained schools and academies through our traded offer as part of The East Midlands Education Support Service. Through these offers, we aim to ensure all Nottinghamshire pupils receive a good education and live in a county where children are safe, happy and healthy, where everyone enjoys a good quality of life and can achieve their potential.

#### What we offer

#### Leadership:

- Promoting a school led improvement system through brokering partnership working between schools.
- Induction programmes for headteachers, deputy and assistant headteachers.
- Senior leadership briefings and conferences.
- Support for inspection and self evaluation including making sense of your data.
- Managing appraisal, performance related pay and capability, including brokering monitoring officer support.

• Quality assurance for good and outstanding schools including leadership and management reviews.

#### **Our pledge**

We will consistently provide school improvement advice and support that reflects recent relevant research and best practice. Our offer is constantly reviewed in the light of feedback from our delegates and partners.

#### Governance:

- External adviser support for governors carrying out headteacher appraisal.
- External reviews of Governance.
- 'Ready for Ofsted', mini governance reviews.
- Bespoke governor training for your school or group of schools.
- Advice and support for structural reform, e.g. collaborations and federations through the 'Small Schools' and 'Leadership Solutions' programmes.
- Support with managing complex complaints through the Complaints Management Service for both the initial investigation and the complaints panel hearings.

#### Closing the Gap:

- Support for looked after children from the Virtual School coordinator and team.
- Achievement and Equality team support for BME and EAL pupils.
- Conferences, Pupil Premium reviews, toolkit of materials to support self evaluation and action planning.
- Bespoke locality based closing the gap collaborations.
- English and literacy developments including 'Every Child a Reader', 'Switch-on' reading/ writing and 'Talking to Learn' speech and language projects.

#### Teaching, learning and assessment:

- Acting as 'appropriate body' for newly qualified teachers (NQT) accreditation and an NQT training package.
- Subject/themed networks and courses including Early Years.
- Support for assessment including moderation and monitoring of schools' statutory duties.



- Learning to further develop your leaders' and teachers' skills, knowledge and understanding of effective leadership and innovative practice.
- Support for all leaders, including governors and teachers to contribute to closing the educational gap for vulnerable pupils.
- Central programmes, conferences and development activities to support self improvement at individual, team and school levels.
- Flexible programmes, which are responsive to individual and group needs.
- A range of CPD opportunities for school leaders and staff to support school improvement offered through the East Midlands Education Support Service.

#### Costs

For further information about our services please visit our website **www.em-edsupport.org.uk** 

For core programme governor learning and development information, please see the Governor Learning and Development section (page 22).



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**09** Additional and Free School Services

## **Design and Print**

We are Nottinghamshire County Council's in-house Graphic Design and Print team, offering a comprehensive list of design and print services - specialising in graphic design, branding, litho and digital print, internal and external signage and mail services.

You will be dealing with professionals from the point of enquiry through to delivery. We are friendly, full of enthusiasm and great at achieving results for you.

Using colour, photos, charts and illustrations, we can create, print and deliver business documents, newsletters, brochures, prospectuses, folders, booklets, vehicle graphics, display banners and large format posters.

#### What we offer

#### **Graphic Design and Printing Services**

We design, create, print and deliver a wide range of materials for online and off line purpose that includes but is not limited to:

- Publications and posters Information packs, leaflets, brochures, prospectuses and posters.
- Stationery and forms Letterheads, compliment slips, folders, business cards/visiting cards, pads, notebooks, carbon and NCR (carbonless) sets and forms.

- Large format printing Banners, roller banners, posters, display boards, vehicle graphics and wallpapers.
- Internal and external signage
- Print and mail services

#### **Our pledge**

We will consistently seek alternative efficient solutions, aim to turn around your quotes within 24 hours, ensure that our costs are competitive and provide a customer focused service – available to you 7.30am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

#### • Miscellaneous

- 1. Calendars, yearbooks/photo-books and diaries.
- 2. Laminating, wiro-binding and comb-binding.
- 3. Large mail merges, fulfilment, envelope stuffing, mailing and distribution services.

#### Our complementary services also include:

- Branded or non-branded school merchandise: stickers, pens, balloons, mugs, hats, water bottles etc.
- Solutions4Data, the Council's secure and confidential scanning and capture service for the digitisation of large format and low and high volume material.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to hear how we can help or visit our page on the schools portal to see our information video.

## **Benefits to your school**

#### We are committed to:

- Providing exceptional value for money.
- Achieving high customer satisfaction levels.
- Providing a 'one stop shop' saving you time and delivering consistent high quality across a wide range of products.
- Offering a reliable, secure, professional and confidential service with an excellent history of delivering to schools, academies and other public body organisations.



Print Team Customer Services Tel: 0115 977 3318 Email: designandprint.enquiries@ nottscc.gov.uk

# Crisis Media and Reputation Management

This service is already provided to local authority primary schools through funding from The Schools Forum<sup>\*</sup>. It is now available for the to **ALL** primary and secondary schools in Nottinghamshire.

Signing up to the crisis media and reputation management support package will provide peace of mind for your school leadership that in the event that any crisis does arise, even at a weekend, your school will receive high quality advice and support from an award winning team.

#### What we offer

Crises are negative events that generally occur abruptly, with little or no warning and which require immediate attention.

These incidents can disrupt the smooth running of your school and have the potential to adversely affect the school's reputation and/or generate significant media/social media scrutiny. For example:

- Teacher being disciplined/HR issues/inappropriate behaviour by staff.
- Ofsted inspection failure.
- Serious injury/death of a pupil or teacher.
- School security issues.
- Weapons/illegal substances on school premises.
- An emergency resulting in school evacuation/lock down.
- \* Subject to renewal in 2018.

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• An ongoing police led incident on the school's premises or close to the school.

The issue in question was dealt with effectively, efficiently and professionally. When reputational issues are at stake, the media team provides an excellent service.

Kate Cumberpatch, Headteacher Brierley Forest Primary School

## **Our pledge**

Clear and concise advice and practical support from experienced communications professionals to protect your school's reputation. First class media relations/PR support when you need it most, in a crisis.

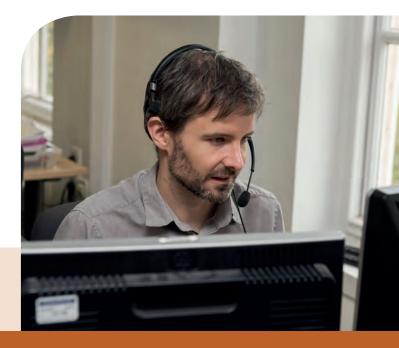
Advice and support on issues including:

- PR/media relations advice when you need it most – we'll deal with the media, be they local or national, on your behalf in a crisis.
- Social media enquiries and requests.
- How to deal with requests for interviews or statements to the media.
- Practical support to set up a press conference/ briefing in the situation of a major incident/crisis.
- Support with checking/drafting media responses.
- Support with drafting/checking letters to parents.

- Communications for a failed Ofsted inspection.
- A list of useful contact numbers for the Council, other key public services and key local media organisations, which will be reissued regularly if any contact information is updated.
- Access to the Council's emergency out of hours duty mobile number for the communications team.

When faced with unexpected media attention, or a situation that is growing through social media, the Crisis Comms team has proved invaluable in giving quick and effective advice and directly managing the press on the school's behalf.

Chris Belton, Headteacher St John the Baptist Primary School, Colwick



Marie Lewis Tel: 0115 977 4918 Email: marie.lewis@nottscc.gov.uk

# **Energy and Carbon Management**

Helpful, experienced and passionate about saving energy, we provide a comprehensive energy management service to schools, working to reduce the cost of energy, cut carbon emissions and ensure compliance with energy related legislation.

#### What we offer

- Our evergreen participation agreement allows schools to benefit from the Council's procurement arrangements for gas and electricity, without the worry of seeking out the best contracts each year. Our arrangement aims to secure consistently good prices and limit the impact of market volatility.
- Free energy surveys to identify energy saving opportunities.
- Assistance with finance to enable schools to install fast payback energy saving measures through interest free loans.

- Online access to energy consumption and billing data, which can be used to identify wasted energy and improve efficiency.
- A range of excellent resources to help schools save energy and involve students, including our twice yearly Carbon Copy newsletter.
- A value for money Display Energy Certificate service to ensure legal compliance and help monitor and communicate energy performance.

#### Our pledge

We are committed to helping schools reduce their energy consumption, cut their carbon emissions, meet their energy related legal requirements and access value for money energy supply contracts. Wherever possible we will assist schools to create awareness of energy related issues amongst staff and students.

- We can help protect your school against increasing energy costs and price volatility.
- We keep an eye on your billing to raise any concerns promptly, and can help resolve issues with suppliers.
- Our resources can provide opportunities to engage and involve students and staff in saving energy.
- Energy saving measures can bring additional benefits such as upgraded lighting, enhanced user comfort, improved heating controls and reduced maintenance costs.

#### Costs

Energy supplied through our contracts is subject to a small percentage mark-up. Schools pay for the provision of Display Energy Certificates (and associated Advisory Reports when due). In addition, a small management fee is charged against the provision of loans for energy efficiency measures; otherwise what we offer is free. Following a visit from one of the Council's energy management officer's we discovered we could use the Council's LAEF scheme to enhance a planned lighting refurbishment being carried out over the summer. Now we are enjoying much improved lighting levels and are looking forward to seeing reductions in our electricity bills.

Linda Azemia, Headteacher Mornington Primary School



Phil Keynes Tel: 0115 977 4623 Email: energy.en@nottscc.gov.uk 112

# **Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education**

There are many ways in which maintained schools can take action to be more eco-friendly and sustainable.

Nottinghamshire County Council working in partnership with Veolia can offer your school a range of activities, all as part of the 'Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education' initiative.

The Schools Waste Action Club (SWAC) is a waste education programme which aims to increase awareness of waste and its management amongst school staff and pupils. The programme involves an education officer visiting the school and working with individual classes to encourage them to think about waste, its impact on the environment and how it can be reduced.

Visits to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Mansfield can also be arranged for schools. These visits, run by Veolia, offer an insight into waste and recycling as pupils discover first-hand what happens to their recyclable waste after it has been put in the recycling bin. Visits to the MRF include a tour around the operational site.

Both SWAC and MRF visits provide a range of fun and interactive teaching sessions and are offered to schools **free of charge**.

### What we offer

- Accessible and inclusive teaching sessions for all pupils of all ages, dependent on the activity.
- Qualified and experienced education officers, with enhanced DBS clearance.
- Practical advice for schools which includes knowing what can and can't be recycled or finding out how to set up and manage a recycling collection system or composting scheme in school.

### Our pledge

We're dedicated to providing a fully inclusive and inspirational waste education programme for maintained schools. Our qualified and knowledgeable education officers will help your school address the issue of waste, explore practical ways to reduce it, and help you take further steps towards meeting your eco and sustainable school targets. We encourage pupils to take positive action so they can be sustainable members of their school and community. We motivate them to take the message home and become more active recyclers in their households.

- An assembly to introduce the concept of waste and explore the environmental impact it can have.
- A range of motivational 'hands on' activities to encourage pupils to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste both in school and at home.
- Seasonal and themed activities run throughout the year to help reinforce concepts, for example compost 'check up' sessions, theatre in education workshops and cookery events to support the Love Food Hate Waste message.

We were very impressed with the visit. It was well organised, interesting and the children were very engaged.

Hawthorne Primary & Nursery School: MRF visit

Very engaging practical activity that really got students discussing what could and couldn't be recycled.

The Bramcote School (WHP Federation): SWAC Visit



SWAC visits and Compost 'Check-up' sessions: Lydia Powles Tel: 0115 977 4936 or 07949 760642 Email: lydia.powles@nottscc.gov.uk MRF visits & theatre workshops

Lesley Taylor Tel: 0203 567 4391 or 07900 197556 Email: lesley.taylor@veolia.com

#### **Benefits to your school**

- A programme which offers practical and achievable ways to minimise waste in school, both in the short and long term.
- Activities designed to inspire pupils and help them become more 'responsible' citizens, leading to a more sustainable lifestyle within their school and community.
- Bespoke support to coincide with schools' environmental topics.
- A direct link to the 'Waste' strand of the Eco Schools and Sustainable Schools framework.
- Links to the Science, Design and Technology (DT), Engineering, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Geography programmes of study.

@WRAP



## **Transport Services**

Do you have enough trained minibus drivers for your school? Are you aware of the legislation regarding school minibus transport?

Any drivers who passed their driving test after January 1997 may not have the entitlement to drive minibuses (including teachers and day care staff) and may need a full PSV D1 Professional Licence.

#### What we offer

• The Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme (MIDAS) The MIDAS scheme allows organisations to assess and train minibus drivers and is highly recommended for school staff driving on a category B licence who do not have the D1 entitlement. Although the scheme is not mandatory there are many advantages to successful completion of the training. Drivers will feel more confident in their ability to drive and will gain valuable experience of driving a minibus, increasing competence.

Some employers may require drivers to have taken this training and some insurance companies may offer lower premiums based on drivers having completed the training.

We have qualified staff to support drivers in successfully completing MIDAS training, please contact us for further information.

## • Driving under the Section 19 permit scheme (Minibus Permit)

A Section 19 permit is usually issued for a set fee and is given to non profit making bodies that run transport services which benefit the community.

Section 19 permits are issued to bodies to enable them to provide transport for their own members, or other people whom the organisation exists to help.

The vehicle must not be used to transport members of the general public. It must also not be used with a view to profit, or for an activity which is itself carried out with a view to profit. Category D1 (101) restriction licence holders are entitled to drive minibuses that are operated for 'hire or reward' in accordance with a Section 19 permit.

#### **Our pledge**

Transport and Travel Services will assess driver(s) level of training requirements for MIDAS and offer guidance to obtain the professional PSV D1 licence. Please contact us for further information. Once a permit has been obtained, a member of staff can drive a minibus under the conditions outlined above. These permits only apply within the UK.

Section 19, Standard Bus Permit application forms can be obtained from the Council's Fleet Operations services as the designated body representing the Traffic Commissioner. There is a cost for these permits.

#### Vehicle Hire

Fleet operations have vehicles for hire with qualified drivers who are trained in first aid, manual handling and MIDAS. These range from 16 - 28 seat accessible vehicles which can carry up to six wheelchairs, depending on the number of passengers and a 53 seat Coach.

#### Accessible Vehicle training

We offer training in the safe and emergency operation of the passenger lift, securing wheelchairs with the correct equipment and the removal and installation of seats.

#### **Benefits to your school**

- We offer guidance and can point you in the right direction ensuring that you are fully compliant and safe in the knowledge that the school mini bus is not breaking the law when used by the school.
- We also monitor the Council's 'Permit to Drive Scheme' and assess drivers who do have the minibus entitlement within their driving licence (passed before January 1997) in the MIDAS scheme.
- We can offer individual packages based on your requirements - please contact us for advice.
- Vehicle hire with driver to suit your particular needs, from 9 to 28 seats. All vehicles are accessible and can carry up to six wheelchairs. 53 Seat Coach with full three point seat belts.
- Accessible vehicle training safe and emergency operation of passenger lifts.
- Securing of wheelchairs and seat removal and installation.
- We can offer the full service for D1 training including arranging the theory and practical tests. Driver training will be arranged to suit your requirements.

Andy Frogg - Fleet Operations Manager (Vehicle Hire, Training) Tel: 0115 969 4390 Email: andy.frogg@nottscc.gov.uk

# Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Inspire-Local-Transform-Together

We are an **Ofsted rated 'outstanding' provider** of jobs and skills advice, training and apprenticeships. We can support your students with their preparation for the world of work by inspiring them to think creatively about their career aspirations.

#### What we offer

#### We provide a range of support packages, including:

- Independent and impartial careers advice for young people.
- The National Careers Service Careers Inspiration programme.
- Experienced and professional employment brokerage service.
- Apprenticeship training programmes.
- Local labour market information to support career planning.
- Work experience and employability skills training for young people to inspire them to reach their full potential.

- Support with PSHE and citizenship delivery, covering a wide range of topics from Career Planning to Emotional Wellbeing (healthy relationships, confidence building, equality and British values)
- Professional development for staff delivering careers advice and guidance, including accredited qualifications, CPD courses and bespoke training.
- As an approved provider for Careers Local in the D2N2 region, support to maintained schools with applying for funding and delivery of their projects (including delivering outstanding independent advice and professional development opportunities, projects which engage employers in inspiring students and activities which raise students' aspirations).

### Our pledge

We inspire people of all ages to achieve their potential and, in so doing, help reduce unemployment and support economic growth.

We provide high quality services that transform people's lives. We will help you to support your students to make the right choices about their future. To find out more visit

www.futuresadvice.co.uk/schools-and-colleges.html

This taught me some further techniques and what to add to my CV.

Year 10 student Colonel Frank Seely

### The National Careers Service, Careers Inspiration

Across Nottinghamshire, the National Careers Service delivers a free, independent and impartial service called Careers Inspiration. This programme of activity provides information and guidance to maintained schools giving access to a range of services that are available to inspire young people in making career decisions and preparing them for their futures.

Modern careers guidance is now as much about inspiration and aspiration as it is about advice. Sustained and varied contacts with employer networks, FE colleges, higher education institutions, mentors, coaches and alumni can motivate pupils to think beyond their immediate experiences and encourage them to consider a broader and more ambitious range of options.

We are an Ofsted 'outstanding' provider for our delivery of the National Careers Service in the East Midlands. We want to share our expertise and support you in inspiring your students through our offer:

- Labour market information including news on events and local opportunities We have a series of publications and services aimed at schools with a focus on future demand for jobs and skills.
- Help to access careers service providers We can offer you independent and impartial help with setting up alumni, accessing careers advice, inspirational websites and work based skills support.



• Links with employers

We can support you to access local employers who are committed to engaging with maintained schools and young people to help prepare them for the world of work.

- Newsletters and Network Meetings We provide termly newsletters and network meetings keeping you up to date with what is happening within the National Careers Service Careers Inspiration agenda and to share best practice.
- Resources and lesson plans We design a variety of high quality lesson plans to support your careers and employability delivery within school including those that cover labour market information and CV writing and evaluation.

Overall our students found the CV workshop and Mock Interview Skills event to be of immense value and very positive. Our student evaluations indicated how useful they found these opportunities; in particular our Business Studies students will be able to use their experience to contribute to their curriculum. Some of our students were able to make such a significant impression on our local employer volunteers that they have the potential offer of future work experience, and even the possibility of employment.

Mike Kurylec Colonel Frank Seely



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# **Fleet Services**

Via East Midlands offers a wide range of fleet services including fleet management, vehicle maintenance, vehicle hire and engine carbon cleaning. With long-standing experience of working with schools, we offer a professional service at competitive rates.

#### What we offer

Via East Midlands offers a wide range of Fleet Maintenance and Management services. These include:

#### Fleet Maintenance

- Vehicle and plant repair and maintenance
- MOT testing for vehicle classes 4/5/7
- Engine carbon cleaning

A collection and delivery service is also available if required.

#### Fleet Management

A comprehensive Fleet Management service offering operational advice as well as the following services:

- Hire and leasing
- Procurement and disposal
- Driver licence checks
- Compliance advice and training

## Our pledge

To provide a comprehensive service including expert advice which supports you with your vehicle management and maintenance needs.

### **Benefits to your school**

Via Fleet Services are fully equipped to meet all your vehicles needs ranging from advice and guidance through to vehicle servicing and repair. Please contact us for further information on the range of services available.

### **Further information**

Via East Midlands Ltd is a new company, delivering highways and fleet services on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council.

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# **Road Safety Education and Training**

Children's safety is of paramount importance to everyone. The Road Safety team develops and delivers interactive education and training activities appropriate to the age and development of children, in relation to specific casualty information from your locality.

We provide road safety education activities for all Key Stage and 6th form pupils, in accordance with national guidance and take into consideration local casualty concerns.

Our professional service is reliable and flexible to meet both the general and specific needs within your school.

#### What we offer

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- We are able to tailor our educational programmes to suit the needs of particular schools or the areas where children live and play.
- We provide road safety education in both primary and secondary school to meet the requirements of specific age groups.
- We provide both off and on road 'Bikeability cycle • training for foundation children and above. This is delivered by nationally accredited cycle trainers who are trained to the national standard. This includes balance bike training.
- We provide cycle training and education activities to support children's transition between primary and secondary school.

- We develop road safety education with the aim of encouraging safer road use and behaviour.
- Our education activities also target young drivers and their passengers.
- Our School crossing patrol sites and services assist children crossing the county's busier roads (subject to meeting the necessary criterion).

### **Our pledge**

We offer road safety education activities for all children with the benefit of direct access to local casualty information, enabling us to focus on the particular needs of your school. We respond to all queries and safety concerns which can benefit from road safety education, offering support and advice as appropriate.

- All of our activities are interactive and designed to engage children and young people, enhancing their learning.
- The principal aim of our ongoing programme of road safety education and training programmes is to reduce the number of road casualties
- All road safety education and training staff have enhanced DBS clearance.

#### Costs

There is no cost to schools for most services currently. Please contact us to discuss how we can support your school's requirements.

#### **Further information**

Via East Midlands Ltd is a new company, delivering highways and fleet services on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council.

A superb session, full of enjoyment and learning. Excellent staff with the session pitched just at the right level for the age range.

Mrs Gilbody, Deputy Headteacher Greenwood Primary and Nursery School

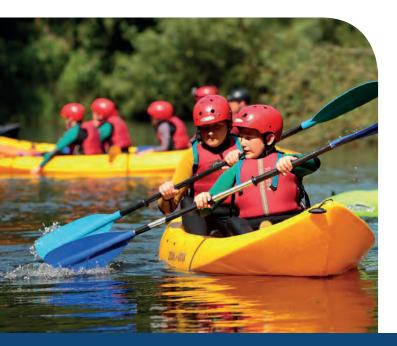






# Holme Pierrepont Country Park, home of the National Water Sports Centre

Holme Pierrepont Country Park, home of the National Water Sports Centre, is based in the south of the county and offers a range of adventurous activities for young people to engage with and to learn from. We have some of the best facilities for water sports in the country, open green spaces, our Outdoor Adventure Zone, as well as onsite accommodation and fully refurbished conference rooms for meetings and conferences. We hold a range of nationally recognised licences to ensure safe practice in adventurous activity. We also have a dedicated team of professionals who can tailor activities to fit individual circumstances and they are happy to work with your school to ensure that children achieve the required outcomes from your visit.



#### What we offer

- Water sport experiences including canoeing, kayaking, sailing and raft building.
- Discounted activity packages specifically for schools.
- Team building and problem solving activities using white water rafting (over 14s).
- Our Outdoor Adventure Zone which includes sky trail high ropes course, mini golf, mini ecombat and climbing wall.
- Campsite and onsite accommodation available for residential breaks.

## Our pledge

To provide an excellent learning experience in a safe and friendly environment. We will tailor activity packages to meet individual needs.

- Opportunities to challenge young people.
- Adventurous activities as part of the wider school curriculum.
- Sporting activities promote life skills, increase social values, encourage healthy behaviour and team work.
- Educational talks about sport in terms of National Centres and community and elite performance.

#### Training

A range of water or land based accredited courses to develop the skills and confidence of young people.

- Fully qualified instructors.
- Accredited by National Governing Bodies.

#### Costs

We recognise that the services often required for school groups do not fit neatly into a defined pricing structure. The team are experienced in working with schools to develop bespoke packages including using a flexible cost model that will meet the objectives of the school and the centre. Please contact us for further details and costs.







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# **10** Health Services

## **Healthy Family Teams**

Healthy Family teams are community based. They work with children and young people from 5-19 including children and young people who do not attend school.

#### What we offer

- The Healthy Family Teams offer a universal service to children aged 5-19 years reviewing health at key stages and providing information, advice and support about health issues.
- The first point of contact for children, young people and parents, who need health advice or information.
- Good knowledge of other agencies and voluntary organisations and offer advice and support related to health issues.
- Can also refer and signpost to specialist services.

The service aims to improve health outcomes for local children and young people by contributing to programmes and interventions including reduction in childhood obesity (National Child Measurement Programme), emotional and mental health support, reduction in teenage pregnancy rates, reduction in prevalence of sexually transmitted infections, substance misuse and smoking. The service works in partnership with other agencies and professionals to ensure young people enjoy good health. They have a role to play in managing the interaction between health and education so that children and young people enjoy good health, achieving optimal education. This includes a key role in supporting the local Healthy Schools Programme.

#### Accessing our service(s)

The teams are based in various locations across Nottinghamshire. Your child's school will know the name of your Healthy Family Team and how to contact them.

The team offer fortnightly health drop-ins to all secondary schools where young people can get confidential advice and support on a variety of health issues. The service also provides appointment sessions with a member of the Healthy Family Team for primaryage children and their parents. These will be held in local community settings.





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# Nottinghamshire Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

The local NHS Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service (SLT) is commissioned to provide services to children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) across Nottinghamshire.

Schools are now able to purchase additional SLT support from us. This can be tailored to the individual needs and requirements of the school, to enable them to effectively support children with SLCN. The team is experienced, familiar with the local context and offer flexible, evidence based support and therapy.

#### What we offer

Speech and Language Therapists to work in school to:

- Assess children's speech, language and communication skills.
- Deliver therapy to individuals or groups of children.
- Advise and demonstrate strategies and activities.
- Support target setting.
- Support others to deliver therapy programmes.
- Provide training to enhance support for children with SLCN.

- Support parents of children with SLCN training opportunities:
- Centrally run training courses.
- Bespoke training in schools and settings.

There is a cost for these interventions. Detailed information about the range of services on offer with costs is available from:

Karen Sprigg, Head of Sold SLT Mansfield Community Hospital Stockwell Gate Mansfield Notts NG18 5QJ





Karen Sprigg Tel: 07515 189582 Email: karen.sprigg@nottshc.nhs.uk

# **School Aged Immunisation Service**

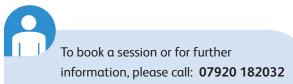
The Immunisation team are a new dedicated team of highly skilled professionals providing immunisations in schools and the community. Working closely with schools we provide vaccinations to children and young people in primary and secondary schools. We also provide a targeted service for those children not in education at a range of safe and accessible locations.

#### What we offer

- Protection to children and young people in our communities.
- Immunisation from diseases such as Polio that have disappeared in the UK, but are still around in many countries throughout the world.
- Flu vaccination by nasal spray offered to all children in school year 1 and 2. Reducing the spread of flu to their families and the wider community.

- Booster vaccinations for secondary school children in Year 9 to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningococcal ACWY.
- HPV immunisation which protects girls against the virus's responsible for over 70% of cervical cancers.
   HPV is provided through 2 injections; the first is usually undertaken in Year 8 and then the second in Year 9.





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