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1. Information: ESFA e-bulletin subscriptions

Along with many other organisations, we are currently reviewing the way that we send out information as we prepare to implement the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). As a result of our review, we have decided to change the way in which people subscribe to the ESFA bulletin, which will take effect from 24 May 2018.

If you are an accounting officer, chief financial officer or chair of trustees at an academy trust or headteacher at an academy school, you will not need to do anything and you will continue to receive the email if we hold your contact information. To make sure we have up-to-date contact information for your academy, please follow the guidance on our [providing and updating academy trust governance contacts page](#) on GOV.UK.

If you are not one of the roles listed above and you want to continue receiving an email when we have published our newsletter, then you will need to [subscribe to GOV.UK alerts](#). This way you will find out when we have published it online for you to read.

2. Reminder: T Level panel recruitment closing date approaching

We told you in our e bulletin on 5 April 2018 about the [Department for Education recruiting for the next phase of T level panels](#) in the 5 routes which will be delivered from 2022. We would like to remind you that the closing date for submitting an Expression of Interest is 5pm, Tuesday 8 May 2018.

3. Information: summer school census begins 17 May 2018

The [summer school census 2018](#) begins on Thursday 17 May. The deadline for approved submissions is Wednesday 13 June and the database will be closed to amendments from schools and local authorities on Wednesday 4 July.

A '[beta](#)' release of the 2018 summer school census live COLLECT blade is now available to you to become familiar with and will remain available until 4pm on Friday 11 May.

The school census guide for the 2017 to 2018 academic year is available on the [school census website](#).

4. Information: data protection toolkit for schools

The Department for Education (DfE) has published a [toolkit on data protection](#) to help schools prepare for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) coming into force in May 2018.

GDPR requires all organisations, including schools, to have robust governance in place for handling personal data. This toolkit is designed to help schools develop their own policies and processes for managing data, and provides advice on how to comply with the new legislation.

As this is new guidance DfE is asking for feedback. Please send any comments [via email](#) by 1 June 2018, with the subject heading 'GDPR toolkit feedback'.

5. Information: calling all users of information exchange and funding statements

We are transforming information exchange and funding statements and need your help to improve our service. Please complete our short [5 minute survey](#) to give feedback and share your experience.

Your answers will help us to make improvements to the service. Taking part is voluntary and your details will remain anonymous.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at pds.mailbox@education.gov.uk.

6. Information: school business professionals case studies

The department has published 3 case studies that highlight the impact of school business professionals on the effective use of resources in order to improve pupil outcomes.

The 3 new case studies are:

- [School business professional saves school cash and strengthens ties with local community](#)

- [School business professional supporting the delivery of a new and exciting environmental building](#)
- [School business professional helps school expand places by 25%](#)

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