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1. Information: funding arrangements for 2020 to 2021

As confirmed [last week](#), we have published further details about 16 to 19 funding for academic year 2020 to 2021.

We have confirmed that the national funding rate for full time 16 and 17 year olds, students aged 18 and over with high needs will increase by 4.7% to £4,188.

Our publication confirms funding rates for T Levels and part time students. We have also provided information on funding for:

- Industry placement capacity and delivery fund
- Teachers' Pension Scheme
- Advanced maths premium

As usual, we will continue to provide further details during October and November.

2. Information: Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019

On 2 September, [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(KCSIE\) 2019](#) came into force.

Schools and colleges must have regard to it. This version replaces both KCSIE 2018 and the 'for information' version published on 26 June 2019.

The changes are of a largely factual and technical nature and includes new content on:

- serious violence,
- upskirting (now a criminal offence),
- a link to the [departmental advice supporting schools to teach pupils how to stay safe online](#)

A full breakdown of the changes are included at Annex H of the guidance.

Schools and colleges should note that since the publication of the 'for information' version a change has been made to ensure KCSIE is up to date. Paragraph 79 has been updated to include advice about the sharing of pupils' education data where the serious harm test is met.

3. Information: child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment

Schools and colleges are reminded to have regard to part 5 of the [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) statutory guidance. It covers managing reports of child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment. Children can sexually abuse other children and it doesn't only happen in secondary schools; it can take place in primary schools too.

Child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment exists in many forms, from calling someone sexualised names, flicking bra straps, lifting up skirts, grabbing bottoms, breasts and genitalia to sexual assault and rape. Sexual violence and sexual harassment is not acceptable, it should never be tolerated and should never be seen as an inevitable part of growing up.

Detailed advice is available to support schools and colleges understand, prevent and respond to reports of [child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment](#).

4. Information: changes to the National Career Service's course directory

The National Careers Service's course directory is changing to make it easier for providers to add their course information.

The course directory is a database comprising records of learning opportunities for people over the age of 16 delivered by all providers contracted with Department for Education.

Providers are responsible for maintaining their records in the Course Directory and the records are displayed through Find a Course, Find Apprenticeship Training and other public and private sector websites. This enables citizens and businesses to look for different types of learning in their area and generates referrals to providers across the country.

Providers will be contacted in the next couple of months to let them know when changes will be happening and to help them manage the changes to their information.

You can [find out more about the changes to the course directory on GOV.UK](#).

5. Information: small and medium sized apprenticeship employers and supporting training providers helping to test the apprenticeship service

We have begun testing the apprenticeship service with smaller employers and supporting training providers, (that currently have a non-levy contract), who applied to take part through our recent expression of interest exercise (EOI).

This live system functionality testing is for apprenticeship starts in August, September and October, funded through the existing non-levy contracts with training providers. We are also undertaking testing with a small selection of training providers and employers using test data.

Thanks to the interest from employers and providers, working with those who volunteered to help us, we currently have enough volume to undertake the functionality testing we need. Therefore, we will not be running a second EOI (a second EOI would have continued to utilise existing non-levy contracts).

We are keeping under review our testing needs as we develop the service ready for smaller employers. We will keep employers and providers informed about any further opportunities to get involved in testing developments.

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