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## This is a very short newsletter at the end of a very long term!

### Return to mask wearing and social distancing on BCU campuses

Trainees have all been informed this week that they are required to wear masks when on campus and that taught sessions will return to social distancing around campus. We are doing all we can to protect our students the wider communities they are interacting with as part of their course.

### Key worker status for trainee teachers

All trainee teachers are classed as Key Workers, so that they can continue to support school workforces as well as complete their training.

### Continuation of training in the event of further lockdowns

Please can school partners note that, should schools be subject to further lockdown measures and / or closures with the rising concern of the Omicron Covid variant, BCU trainees will remain on placement and continue to teach.

Trainees will adapt to whatever form of teaching is promoted in their School Based Training placements and will be guided on how to deliver such lessons by their in school mentors. We hope that by having trainees in school this will increase your capacity to support pupils during these challenging times.

### Dates for your diary in January 2022!

#### Peer on Peer Abuse Awareness

Our colleague, Gary Pykitt, is hosting a CPD session for partner schools (and our trainees) at **5pm on Tuesday, 11 January, 2022**

You are most welcome to join this event using this Teams link. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

The session will be recorded and shared on our Partnership Webpages after the event.

### Supporting BCU ITE Mentors – fully funded Master's Level module

The deadline to enrol on the **EDU7362** Master's Module (20 credits towards a 180 credit Master's

qualification) for all mentors in BCU partnership schools and colleges is by **9am on Monday 16 January 2022** and the programme launches on Tuesday 17 January 2022. **Any mentor reading this newsletter can enrol to start the course now using this [link](#).**

### NPQs in partnership with Capita

The School of Education and Social Work is pleased to be able to share with you that it is a Delivery Partner with Capita and Leadership Learning South East (LLSE) in offering two of the relaunched National Professional Qualifications (NPQs). The two NPQs that we will be involved with are:

- **Leading Teacher Development**
- **Leading Teaching**

The DfE have announced that all NPQs will be fully funded. The first BCU cohort will be in **February 2022**. If you are interested in completing an NPQ programme with BCU as your Delivery Partner please click on [this link](#) to register your interest. We will then contact you directly to guide your registration and enrolment.

### BCU Education Journal Magazine

Please access your latest version of our in house research journal [here](#).

### Mentor Training

**Secondary PGCE Mentor CPD2** is scheduled for:

- Tues, 18 January 2022 - 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Tues, 1 February 2022 - 4.30 – 6.30pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Primary Mentor Training** is scheduled for:

- Thurs, 20 January 2022 - 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Thurs, 10 February 2022 - 3.30 – 5.00pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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### Strategic Partnership Committees

The next online SPC meetings are scheduled for:

**Secondary:** Thurs, **10 March 2022** - 16.30pm

**Primary:** Thurs, **27 January 2022** - 15.30pm

**Thank you for your ongoing support and have a restful Christmas break – only 9 sleeps!**