

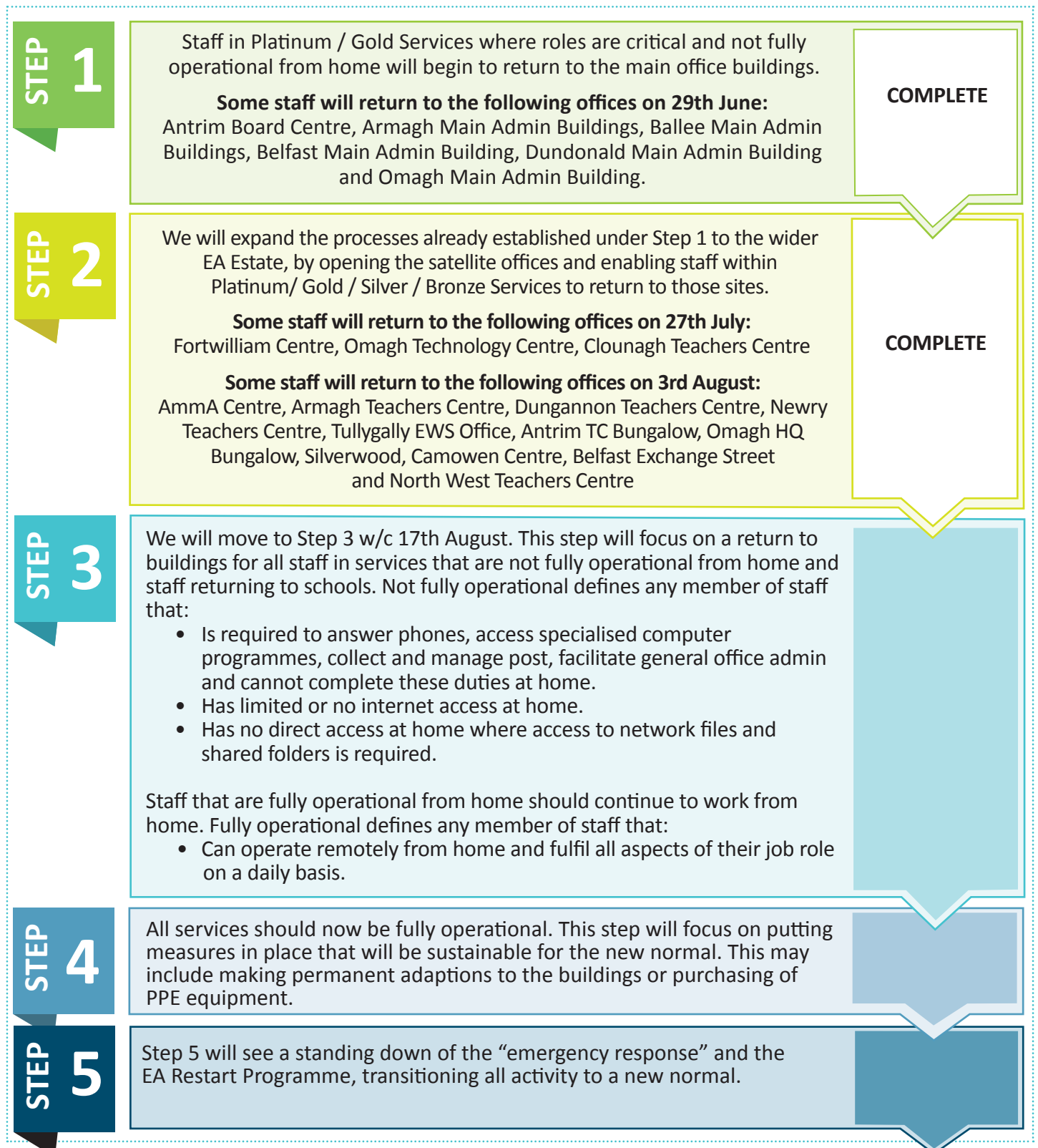
Tuesday 18th August 2020

## EA Restart Update

As we restart operations we wanted to update you on our return to office plans and the progress we're making. It is important that you familiarise yourself with this information.

## Overview of EA's Restart Plan

To align with the Northern Ireland Executive's five step plan, EA has developed its own five step 'EA Restart Plan' to support our return to offices. An overview of the 'EA Restart Plan' can be found below.





## Reminder - COVID-19 Hub

We have developed a dedicated 'COVID-19' section on SharePoint for staff to support our return to office plans. This area will allow you to access important guidance, frequently asked questions and the building and meeting room request form links. This section will continue to be updated, so please keep visiting this page regularly. You can visit the page [here](#).

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## Reminder – Non-teaching guidance on returning to the workplace

Guidance on returning to the workplace has been developed and is available in the COVID-19 Hub [here](#). Staff are reminded to read this guidance before they return to work. It is also important that staff keep up to date with the latest Public Health Agency (PHA) advice and guidance, particularly in relation to quarantine requirements following foreign travel.

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## Education Restart

On 13th August, Education Minister Peter Weir published revised guidance setting out how schools should plan for the new school day. The New School Day guidance outlines proposals for the full reopening of schools at the start of the new school year. The Minister had advised that this guidance will remain agile and will continue to reflect public health advice. You can read the Minister's announcement [here](#) and you can view a copy of the New School Day Guidance (dated 13th August) [here](#).

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## Visitor Access to EA Buildings

As schools are now opening, we must ensure that all our EA sites are also open. While capacity with social distancing in place will be limited, all our sites should resume normal services to the public. We will continue to assess the infection control measures and identify ways to reduce risk for all staff and visitors to the workplace.

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## LGBT+ Friends Staff Network (GLEaM)

The LGBT+ Friends Staff Network (GLEaM) took part in the virtual PRIDE Parade this year. The theme for this year's PRIDE festival was **Rainbow Heroes**, to celebrate the full range of front-line heroes keeping us all safe and keeping society moving. With all the hard work our own staff have been doing to keep things going during Covid-19 it was a very fitting theme. A video of the virtual PRIDE parade was released on the 'Belfast Pride' Facebook page. The [video](#) is pinned to the top of this Facebook page and is dated 1st August. GLEaM feature just after 1hour 22minutes. If you want to know more about the work of GLEaM or if you wish to join please contact the Equality and Diversity Unit on [equality.unit@eani.org.uk](mailto:equality.unit@eani.org.uk).