

### EA Restart Update - Step 2

Last week we notified you that all necessary measures were in place and it was safe for us to move to Step 2 of our Restart Plan. This means that additional identified staff have now returned to offices. A copy of our Restart Plan can be found in last week's Employee Update [here](#).

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### An approach that works for EA

We will continue to base our plans on what is best for the collective health, safety and wellbeing of all staff. Progression to each step of our plan will occur when a risk and readiness assessment confirms all necessary measures are in place.

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### EA Restart – Step 3

We plan to move to Step 3 of our plan on 17th August. This step will focus on a return to buildings for all staff in services that are not fully operational from home and staff returning to schools. As we identify more staff who can return to offices over the next few weeks, it is important that you keep in regular contact with your Line Manager about your individual return to office plans.

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### Redeployment Opportunities

The role of Business Continuity Planning (BCP) Team is to support services to become fully operational again as we work towards our new normal. To support this work services have been categorised into platinum, gold, silver and bronze and we are currently prioritising services which fall into platinum and gold categories.

During the course of the pandemic, EA staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that we can deliver services to schools, children and young people. As we plan for, and move into the new academic year, more and more services will become critical so we need some support to ensure that we can continue to deliver these services.

This means that some staff who work in areas that are not fully operational may be asked to take up opportunities to be redeployed on a temporary basis to support some critical services in the coming weeks. Not only is this an opportunity to help out, but these are fantastic development opportunities where you can build skills, experience and knowledge in another area of the business.

We have a number of staff who have taken up these opportunities so far. You can find out more about the work they have been redeployed to support in the August edition of EA Now available [here](#).

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### Department of Health launch StopCOVID NI App

Last week the Department of Health launched the StopCOVID NI app. The new mobile phone app will alert users if they have been in close contact with other users who have tested positive for Covid-19. To find out more information and to download the app visit the NI Direct website [here](#).

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### Who to contact if you have enquiries

We will continue to provide regular updates on our plans. If you have any enquiries in the meantime please email [EA\\_BCP@eani.org.uk](mailto:EA_BCP@eani.org.uk)