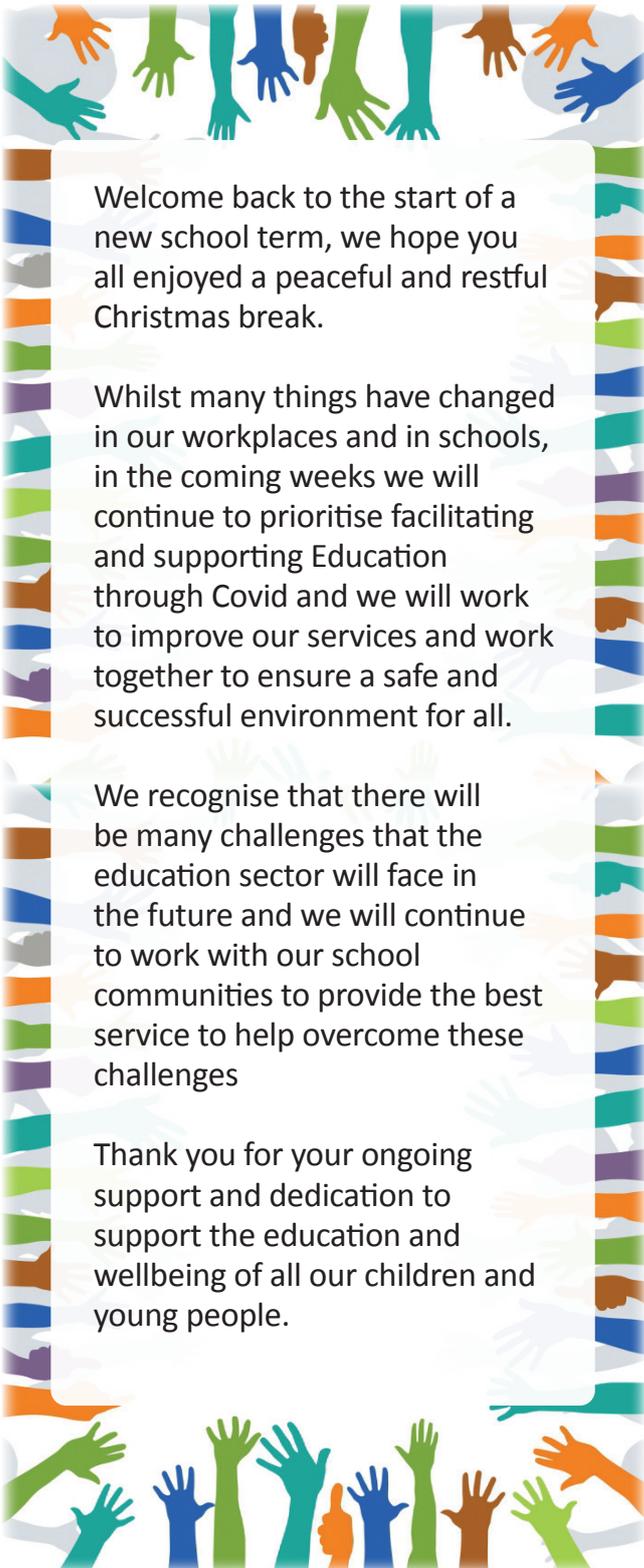


Staff Headlines

8th January 2021



Welcome back to the start of a new school term, we hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and restful Christmas break.

Whilst many things have changed in our workplaces and in schools, in the coming weeks we will continue to prioritise facilitating and supporting Education through Covid and we will work to improve our services and work together to ensure a safe and successful environment for all.

We recognise that there will be many challenges that the education sector will face in the future and we will continue to work with our school communities to provide the best service to help overcome these challenges

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to support the education and wellbeing of all our children and young people.

Northern Ireland Executive Update Additional Restrictions

Following an increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, the Northern Ireland Executive announced the introduction of additional restrictions for people in Northern Ireland from midnight on Thursday.

These new restrictions are being put in place to help reduce the spread of coronavirus and to help manage the pressures on our Health and Social Care system.

You can read more about the latest restrictions on NI Direct [here](#).

The new restrictions also mean that no one can leave their home without a reasonable excuse and the PSNI will have the enforcement powers to order individuals home if engaging in prohibited activity, or if they are intending to do so.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**WE ALL
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TO GET
THROUGH IT**



KEEP
DISTANCE



WEAR FACE
COVERING



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HANDS

New Year Honours 2021 Recipients

We want to take the opportunity to express our warmest congratulations to those who were recognised on the New Year Honours List 2021 for their valuable contribution to the education sector in Northern Ireland.

Companions of the Order of the Bath (CB):

Mr Derek Alexander Baker.

Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBE):

Mr Derek Capper, Mr William Thompson McElhinney, Mrs Helen Elizabeth McHugh, Mrs Amanda McNamee and Mr Thomas Daniel Robinson.

Medallists of the Order of the British Empire (BEM):

Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick Paul Bell, Mr Donald John Blair, Mrs Karen Joanne Hamilton and Mrs Phyllis Brenda Jeffers.

The full list of New Year Honours award recipients can be viewed [here](#).



Plans set out for Education Provision

The Education Minister, Peter Weir, has announced that pre-school education settings, primary and post primary schools will be required to provide remote learning to pupils until the half term break in mid-February.

Special schools and EOTAS Centres will remain open as usual. The Executive will be keeping the position under review.

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will have access to schools for supervised learning. Only one parent/guardian is required to be a key worker.

Other key points include:

- Direct payments will be made to families whose children are entitled to free school meals;
- Childcare settings to remain open;
- Childminders are allowed to continue their provision.

You can view full details of the Minister's announcement [here](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE



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Lunch & Learn



January Menu

The very popular Lunch and Learn series of sessions continues every Thursday at 12:30pm.

Here are some January session dates for your diary:

- **7th January** - Managing Remote Teams
- **14th January** - Sustrans, Sustainable Transport and Cycling
- **21st January** - EA Data Strategy, How it affects you
- **28th January** - Top Tips for a Healthier Weight

Please enjoy these bite sized learning opportunities and if you want to contribute please get in touch by contacting

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We want to
hear from you

If you have any news or stories that you would like to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming edition of Staff Headlines, please email comms@eani.org.uk

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