

Staff Headlines

24th June 2021

End of Term Message

As we approach the end of the school term, we want to thank you for your commitment, dedication and support to the education and wellbeing of all our children and young people over the last year.

It has been a challenging time for everyone working in the education sector and society as a whole and we have all had to navigate the challenges the pandemic has brought.

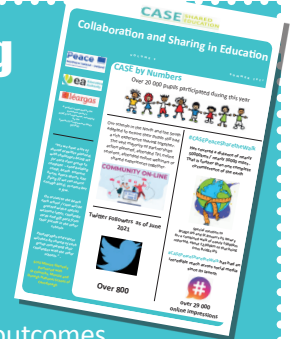
You have all played a vital role in the delivery of school and support services to help them to operate safely and successfully and it is important for us to reflect, recognise and celebrate the great successes we have had.

If you are taking some time off over the summer, we hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe break and encourage you to take some well-deserved time out with family and friends to relax and recharge ahead of the new academic year.



Collaboration and Sharing in Education (CASE) Summer Newsletter

Shared Education occurs when schools from different sectors come together in local partnerships with the objective of providing enhanced educational outcomes for all young people through collaborative working.



EA is the lead partner in the management of the Collaboration through Sharing in Education (CASE) Project, working alongside its partner Léargas in the Republic of Ireland, funded by Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). The SEUPB is a cross-border body in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland which co-ordinates projects funded by the European Union and implemented in Northern Ireland and adjacent regions.

CASE aims to build a culture of good relations amongst children and young people in a school-based setting and delivery is through the provision of direct, sustained, curricular-based contact between children and teachers from all backgrounds.

Check out the [CASE Summer Newsletter](#) which showcases some of the great partnership work which has taken place over the last term!

CASE SHARED EDUCATION

EA's Commercial Procurement Team named 'Team of the Year' at Go Awards!

EA's Commercial Procurement Team were delighted to have been named finalists in the GO Procurement Awards 2020/21, in the following categories:

- COVID-19 Outstanding Response
- Best Procurement Delivery – Dynamic Purchasing System for home to school transport
- Best Procurement Delivery – Dynamic Shortlisting System for below threshold construction procurement
- Best Procurement Delivery – Strabane Academy (Joint with Woodvale Construction Company)
- Procurement Team of the Year
- Social Value – Strabane Academy (Joint with Woodvale Construction Company)

Finalist status for these prestigious awards is in recognition of teams' hard work and professionalism over the past year. At the Awards ceremony EA's Commercial Procurement Team won the 'Procurement Team of the Year' category, and the next stop is now the UK Finals.

Full details of the Awards, Categories and Winners can be viewed on the [Go Awards website](#).

**Well done to
EA's Commercial
Procurement Team!**



www.goawards.co.uk/northernireland

EA's Summer Family Food Appeal

21 June - 8 July 2021

EA's Health and Wellbeing Champions Committee invite all staff to 'get involved' by supporting EA's Summer Family Food Appeal 2021 **from Monday 21st June to Thursday 8th July 2021.**

We want to encourage and enable all staff to give back within the local community by donating food items via Food Banks. **See details of Food Bank donation points below.**

Food Banks are designed to support families who cannot afford the essentials in life. Between April 2020 and March 2021, 78,827 food parcels were provided by The Trussell Trust Food Banks to households within Northern Ireland. This was a 33% increase on the previous year. 40% of these food parcels were provided to children and young people.

How can I/we help?

In two simple steps:

1. On your next shop pick up an extra item(s) from the 'shopping list' below.
2. When you are passing any of the EA's office buildings noted below, drop your food item(s) into the green Food Bank crate / box located in the reception area:

- **Armagh Office** – 3 Charlemont Place, The Mall, Armagh
- **Belfast Office** – Academy Street, Belfast
- **Omagh Office** – Hospital Road, Omagh
- **Ballee Office** – Ballee Road, Ballymena
- **Dundonald Office** – Grahamsbridge Road, Dundonald

Please note: Staff are reminded that there is a requirement to wear face coverings when entering all EA buildings. When entering the reception area to drop off your food item(s) please be mindful of social distancing, hand hygiene and do not stay any longer than 15 minutes. Face coverings will be available to staff in the reception area at all our offices. These protocols are put in place to protect you and others from the spread of COVID-19.

EU Settlement Scheme Reminder

Less than 1 week to go check if you need to apply:

[gov.uk/eusettledstatus](https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus)

Time is running out



Stay in the UK -
apply now
for the EU
Settlement Scheme

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Drop food donations at EA Offices:
Armagh, Ballee, Belfast,
Dundonald & Omagh



If you are concerned or unable to attend the available donation points you can still get involved by accessing information on your local Food Bank and how to help or donate in other ways by visiting: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

Following the **closing date (8th July 2021)** all items will be collected by local Food Banks. We will keep you informed of the difference you have made to children and young people and their families within our communities. We know you want to help, that's why we are making this happen.



If anyone has any questions in relation to EA's Summer Family Food Appeal please email healthandwellbeing@eani.org.uk or call 028 9041 8023 or 028 9041 8023



Giving Back

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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