

SCHOOLS FINANCIAL SERVICES

February 2020

FMS6 Health Check

The FMS6 Health Check pack was re-sent to all Core Financial Package customers on the 31 Jan 2020

This Health Check pack is locatable via the email sent as an attachment

Closedown Key Dates

- The 2019/20 Closedown deadline for all Kent Maintained schools is the 24 March 2020.
- Closedown Guidance Pack was sent out to all on the 4 Feb 2020. Please ensure the necessary parts are completed by the Closedown deadline.
- For those schools who don't use Bankline, but are in the Corporate Scheme; we will be sending out Bank Statements on the 17-18 March 2020.

Budget Template

The Budget Template is due to be ready and available on KELSI at the end of **February 2020.** To view this when its released please visit kelsi.org.uk and go to the Financial Support and Planning option under the School Finance tab.

Early Returns for the **Corporate Accounts Team**

All Early Returns need to be completed for the CATeam by 28 Feb 2020. If you have any questions regarding this please e-mail: CATclosedown@kent.gov.uk

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Financial Information Groups (FIG) Dates for March

- 9 Mar 2020 Hadlow Manor
- 10 Mar 2020 Cornwallis Suite (Maidstone)
- **12 Mar 2020** Singleton **Environmental Centre**
- 13 Mar 2020 Spitfire Ground

FIG Agenda

The FIG Agenda will be available shortly, please keep an eye on the education people website theeducationpeople.org for further information and updates.

New 2020/21 Price List and Service Level Agreement

The new 2020/21 price list and SLA are now available on The Education People website please visit theeducationpeople.org to view the list.





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School Compliance Visits

Following the change in the model terms of reference for Full Governing Bodies (FGBs) that occurred in August 2019, from the 1 April 2020 please ensure the following items are completed.

- Financial risk assessment has been completed and signed off
- Changes required to your financial controls have been fully implemented

Special reference should be made to the following:

Section 1.6 Bank Mandate signatures Section 2.2 Monitoring report review **Section 7.6 Corporate Cards** Section 9.2 Time frame for checking payroll reports

Prior to **1 April 2020** an amnesty is in place for any schools that received a compliance visit regarding these key changes, however please ensure that you are applying these with immediate effect. Any schools not doing so after the 1 April **2020** will be assessed as non-compliant.

For further details visit www.kelsi.org

SFS Vacancy

If you are interested in working with us, there is an exciting opportunity to join our team as a Contracts Officer

The job description can be found on Kent-Teach and has a closing date of 24 February 2020.

If you have any more questions about the post, please e-mail: schoolsfinancialservices@kent.gov.uk

Additional Training Courses Available

Due to high demand, Schools Financial Services have three additional courses available with spaces:

- Budget Setting for Academies SCH20/285 - 31 Mar 2020 (Aylesham Business Hub, Canterbury)
- Budget Setting + Workshop SCH20/430 - 21 Apr 2020 (Aldington Eco Centre, Ashford)
- SCH20/429 23 Apr 2020 (Hadlow Manor Hotel)

To book your place please visit: **CPD** Online.

FMS6 Procedure Notes

For any Core package customer, there are revised procedure notes available on the following items:

- Procedure Note 50: edit **YECREDIT** to **YECAPCRE**
- Procedure Note 59: edit **YEDEBTORS** to **YECAPDEB**
- Procedure Note 69: to add ledger code **YEINCPRE**
- Procedure Note 70: to add ledger code YEEXPPRE

These procedure notes will need to be completed only if required for your system.

If you would like access to these please feel free to contact our Helpdesk.

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