**Blended Learning Update**

In his press release today, Gavin Williamson confirmed that after Christmas although full, graded inspections will not resume, ‘OFSTED will …continue to have the power to inspect a school, further education or early years provider, if they have serious concerns, including about safeguarding and **remote education.**

**To support primary schools with this area, some reminders ….**

Training from ICTDS SAS is available for all primary schools (see [here](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fwelearn365.com%2Fwccblendedlearning%2Ffurther-support%3Fauthuser%3D0%23h.v8ltevdz5ut1&data=04%7C01%7Cmargotbrown%40warwickshire.gov.uk%7Cce6cbd966f2f4fd1944c08d89135a2e0%7C88b0aa0659274bbba89389cc2713ac82%7C0%7C0%7C637419006848854300%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Ajicwpbcl%2FaWivpmGP8rIaJ7W9%2BNwptYzFlUONmMsv0%3D&reserved=0) for Powerpoints and meeting recordings if you have missed these)

Consortium Expert Users have completed their training and are now in a position to provide your school and staff with remote support for:

* Remote/Bended learning options
* Microsoft Teams training
* Google Classroom training
* Purple Mash training

Specifically, your nominated expert user can help you to select an appropriate Learning Management System (MS Teams, Google Classroom, etc.) and support you and your staff in using this in a blended approach to learning. This will not only ensure that you can meet the requirements the Government has for remote learning but will also allow your staff and pupils to get the most out of these tools when used in a traditional classroom environment.

ICTDS will continue to support the expert users as they support you.

Schools are at very different stages with remote learning. Many did fantastic work with the available tools last academic year during the first lockdown and so may not feel that they need any further support at this stage.

If you would welcome support for your school **please contact your allocated expert user to discuss your needs.** Contact details for expert users were shared in the Education Corona bulletin for schools on 23.11.20 and 30.11.20, and in an email directly to headteachers from Sarah Fitzgerald on 25.11.20

If you have further questions regarding this offer, please contact our Service Desk to raise a support call –[ictdsservicedesk@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ictdsservicedesk@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Examples of Good Practice**

See here <https://sites.google.com/welearn365.com/wccblendedlearning/case-studies> for case studies collected by ICTDS and shared on their blended learning site. The team will continue to collect and share good examples.

**Updated DFE Guidance – Remote Learning Webinars**

DFE have made a variety of webinars available: this guidance has been updated with an offer for middle leaders to be delivered by Ark English Mastery via Zoom on 9th December 2020 at 4pm. Previous pre-recorded webinars are still available:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/remote-education-webinars

There are a wider range of supporting evidence and reports written by different people including Ofsted Inspectors and other local authorities that you might find useful to read.  The link to these can be found here: [https://sites.google.com/welearn365.com/wccblendedlearning/further-support](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fwelearn365.com%2Fwccblendedlearning%2Ffurther-support&data=04%7C01%7Cmargotbrown%40warwickshire.gov.uk%7C8d53eba3f59d4151974108d8950bed42%7C88b0aa0659274bbba89389cc2713ac82%7C0%7C0%7C637423225751549603%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EZnisSdyhp0C0y2ApYNXcBrA%2FAMsY90Gq2cI60UTIao%3D&reserved=0)