

Update from the Director of Education and Skills

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Dear Headteacher

It has been good to meet so many of you in recent weeks at our sessions about the new system leadership model of school improvement. I am writing with a quick update on a number of matters.

Steve Belbin

After 26 loyal years of service to schools and children of Lancashire, Steve Belbin finished working for us at the end of the year. We would like to thank Steve for his support and dedicated service over so many years, recognising his true commitment to the children of Lancashire. You may be interested to know that Steve has returned to headship in a school for the next few months. We wish him well for the future.

System Leadership

Following 12 sessions with headteachers, we are now in the middle of five briefing sessions for Chairs of Governors and have started providing regular updates and information on the schools' portal. Two weeks ago we posted the materials from the sessions, an ISOS report and details of the steering group to take this forward. Last week we posted North West LA data and proposed ICP area cross-phase networks lists.

With this letter we are posting the FAQs from the sessions so far, which we will keep updated. I have committed to more regular communication with you as we take this forward and this is a priority for the team and the steering group.

Yours sincerely



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