

Tuesday, 13 August 2024

Dear Local Authority,

Please find below an overview of important operational updates across all TCES schools and services relevant to your teams and to your children and young people.

TCES North West London School

- We are delighted to welcome Steve Speck as the new Headteacher from September 2024. We were sad to say farewell to Carley Stephenson after she moved up from Deputy to Headteacher, but we wish her all the best in her new role.
- Please contact myself or the Business Development Team if you would like to meet Steve and visit the school, and we will coordinate as soon as possible.

TCES Nurture Primary

- Please note the new school name, changing from 'Create Primary'.
- The name reflects our new partnership with Nurture International (<https://www.nurtureinternational.co.uk/>) recognising TCES Nurture Primary as a 'flagship' Nurture school environment.
- From September 2024, Nurture Primary will run a Year 7 class to allow for a better transition to a secondary school. New pupils can be placed in this Year 7 class until January 2024. Placements after this will not allow for the extended transition to a secondary setting.
- Despite the addition of a Year 7 class, we were delighted to see two Year 6 pupils graduate into TCES East London from September after a successful integration in the summer term.

Create in the Community - IMPORTANT

- New offers sent for Create in the Community (CiC) will reflect the following changes:
 - From September, places will be commissioned only for the Two-Term EOTAS Assessment for a fixed fee. This will not impact Offer Letters already sent for September.
 - After the third half term of the EOTAS Assessment, Local Authorities will receive a draft report covering multiple areas for each student.
 - Based on our detailed feedback and recommendations, the LA will then be able to decide on one of three options:
 - The student Steps Down directly into a TCES school, with TCES coordinating this transition over the final half term of the EOTAS Assessment
 - Commission TCES to integrate the student into a named LA provision outside of TCES.
 - The student remains with CiC on a project-based learning pathway until they are ready to Step Down. From September 2024, we aim for 85% of students to Step Down no later than five terms after beginning the EOTAS Assessment.

- CiC will move to fixed intake dates across the year at the beginning of each half term (six dates in total).
- We recognise that legacy students on CiC need to be moved on to the next stage of their education as quickly as possible. In 23/24 a total of eight students finished or began the Step Down process to TCES East London School, which marks significant progress and is a reflection of the time invested by senior TCES management this year on refining the model and internal processes.
- We welcome ongoing individual referrals from LAs across London. However, we encourage conversations around localised 'cohorts' or 'clusters' in 24/25 – ideally with a location provided by the LA for in-person therapy and small-group learning across the week – to improve Step Down success rates and to access potential fee reductions. Please contact us for more information about this if interested.

TCES National Online School

- TCES National Online School (NOS) has almost tripled in numbers over a year and has had a momentous year including achieving DfE accreditation through the Online Education Accreditation Scheme (OEAS) and being nominated for multiple awards including TES, NASEN and CYPN.
- Importantly – as you are hopefully already aware – the DfE accreditation means that NOS has its own school roll and can be named in an EHCP.
- Working alongside NOS, from September **TCES Great Minds** can also offer standalone 1:1 online intensive therapy packages. We recognise the lack of therapeutic provision across the UK and with our large team of therapists we can offer therapy packages online for NOS pupils AND non-TCES students. Packages are available for:
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech and Language Therapy
 - Creative Arts Psychotherapy

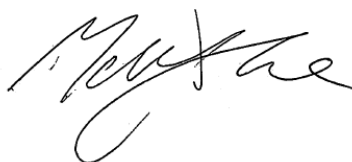
Ongoing 1:1 sessions are available as well as standalone initial assessments and reports. Again, please contact us if you would like more information.

TCES General

- We will be invoicing for September term fees shortly. This process has been delayed slightly by ongoing negotiations so we would appreciate prompt payment if at all possible when uplifts are confirmed and invoices are received. Thank you in advance.
- There are many exciting TCES updates with extensive work being done on our curriculum in particular so please look out for our new prospectus and information shortly, as well as invites to TCES events and Open Days across the year.

Thank you for your consideration of the above service-level updates across TCES. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, or if anything is unclear.

Kind Regards,



Matthew Tighe, TCES Commercial Director