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Dear colleagues,

Please find below the April Update from the Highland Emerging Literacy Group. This update outlines the Highland support arrangements for the 2017/ 2018 session for Emerging Literacy which have now been finalised and are detailed below.

For schools that have Emerging Literacy on their School Improvement Plan in 2017/2018, please find information below:

- ❖ **2017/2018 Emerging Literacy School Improvement Indepth Action Plan** – this has been created using the Council’s updated improvement planning format. It is primarily for schools who plan to have Emerging Literacy for the first time in their SIP during 2017/2018, however, it can also be used for schools who had Emerging Literacy on their SIP this year and are continuing to have this as a primary focus in 2017/2018. This is a template which can be edited as appropriate. [CLICK HERE to download 2017/2018 Indepth Action Plan](#)
- ❖ **Moving from P1 to P2 – 2017/2018** – this has been created for schools who have had Emerging Literacy on their SIP this year and have accessed the support through the Local Networks. It details the next steps which are recommended as schools continue to take a developmental approach, including accessing ongoing Local Network support (as detailed below). [CLICK HERE to download Moving from P1 - P2 in 2017/2018](#)

There are three elements of the support package for Emerging Literacy in the 2017/2018 session:

1. **Whole Day Emerging Literacy Training** – this training will take place in term 4 of 2016/2017, term 1 of 2017/ 2018 and term 4 of 2017/2018. It is targeted to P1 Teachers, SMT, ASN Teachers, Educational Psychologists and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs). This training provides an introduction to the theory and rationale, the assessment tools and the support materials available in taking a developmental approach. The following dates are available to apply for through the [CPD Calendar](#).

2016/2017					2017/2018				
ID	Ref	Start Date	Sector(s)	Title	ID	Ref	Start Date	Sector(s)	Title
51634	JCEL08	23/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy INVERNESS	54659	ELTrain1	18/08/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Dingwall
53650	JCEL09	24/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy DINGWALL	54660	ELTrain2	08/09/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Inverness
51631	JCEL05	25/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy INVERNESS	54661	ELTrain3	15/09/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Portree
51632	JCEL06	30/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy FORT WILLIAM	54662	ELTrain4	29/09/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Thurso/Wick
51633	JCEL07	31/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy WICK	54663	ELTrain5	11/05/2018	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Fort William
					54664	ELTrain6	18/05/2018	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Thurso/Wick
					54665	ELTrain7	24/05/2018	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Portree
					54666	ELTrain8	25/05/2018	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Inverness
					54667	ELTrain9	28/05/2018	Primary Head Teachers	Emerging Literacy Training - Dingwall

2. **Emerging Literacy Networks** – the Emerging Literacy networks have proven to be a supportive mechanism for practitioners during the 2016/2017 session in supporting practitioners to take a developmental approach through five twilight sessions during the academic session. These will continue during the 2017/2018 session in ten locations across the Local Authority. There will be separate support available for schools who are beginning their Emerging Literacy journey (Year 1 schools) to those who are continuing their Emerging Literacy journey (Year 2+ schools). For a whole-school approach to Emerging Literacy to be effective, we have seen the greatest impact when P1 Class Teachers and a member of SMT attend together. A whole-school approach will ensure that all children and young people who can benefit from taking a developmental approach make appropriate progress. Local Networks provide the opportunity for school practitioners to work with support services, Educational Psychologists and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in a universal way. The following dates are available to apply for through the [CPD Calendar](#). When applying you will be signed up to the five sessions within your local network. Venues to be confirmed.

Area	Network Name	Year 1 Support	Year 2 Support	Network 1	Network 2	Network 3	Network 4	Network 5
South	Inverness	✓	✓	Wednesday 16/08/2017	Thursday 07/09/2017	Monday 13/11/2017	Tuesday 13/02/2018	Tuesday 22/05/2018
Mid	Dingwall	✓	✓	Thursday 17/08/2017	Wednesday 06/09/2017	Thursday 02/11/2017	Thursday 01/02/2018	Tuesday 08/05/2018
Mid	Invergordon	✓	✓	Monday 21/08/2017	Tuesday 03/10/2017	Monday 06/11/2017	Monday 12/02/2018	Wednesday 23/05/2018
West	Ullapool	✓	×	Tuesday 22/08/2017	Tuesday 26/09/2017	Wednesday 15/11/2017	Tuesday 06/02/2018	Monday 14/05/2018
South	Culloden	✓	✓	Wednesday 23/08/2017	Wednesday 27/09/2017	Wednesday 08/11/2017	Wednesday 14/02/2018	Wednesday 16/05/2018
West	Fort William	✓	✓	Thursday 24/08/2017	Wednesday 04/10/2017	Tuesday 07/11/2017	Wednesday 07/02/2018	Thursday 10/05/2018
North	Thurso	✓	✓	Monday 28/08/2017	Thursday 28/09/2017	Thursday 09/11/2017	Thursday 15/02/2018	Thursday 17/05/2018
North	Golspie	✓	×	Tuesday 29/08/2017	Monday 02/10/2017	Tuesday 14/11/2017	Thursday 08/02/2018	Wednesday 09/05/2018
West	Portree	✓	×	Wednesday 30/08/2017	Monday 25/09/2017	Thursday 16/11/2017	Thursday 22/02/2018	Wednesday 23/05/2018
South	Aviemore	✓	✓	Thursday 31/08/2017	Tuesday 19/09/2017	Wednesday 01/11/2017	Monday 05/02/2018	Tuesday 15/05/2018

3. **Early Years Emerging Literacy** – this training has been primarily designed for Early Years Practitioners to support taking a developmental approach to Emerging Literacy through developmentally appropriate child initiated learning experiences. We have been delivering this training towards the end of term 3 and will continue into term 4. There are still some spaces on the remaining training for Term 4. Training dates for the 2017/2018 session will be added to the CPD calendar at the beginning of next session to cover the localities involved in the Emerging Literacy Local Networks.

In addition to this, as part of the Local Networks, we will be supporting practitioners in embedding the [Words Up Key Messages](#) through practitioner reflection and enquiry. Further information will follow next session.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to develop a whole-school culture to taking a developmental approach to Emerging Literacy.