

# TERMLY TUTORS

THE OFFICIAL CONNEX EDUCATION TUTORS NEWSLETTER

## Connex Tutors Newsletter Autumn Term

Hello Connex Tutors, welcome to the Autumn 23/24 edition of our tutor newsletter. We hope you have settled well into your Autumn tuition sessions and are enjoying building on or establishing new relationships with your pupils.

### Safeguarding

As you will likely be aware, the government updated the Keeping Children Safe In Education guidance for the 2023/24 academic year, which took effect from 1st September. To continue working in schools, it is compulsory that you familiarise yourself with the changes and complete the **Advanced Safeguarding, Child Protection and Prevent KCSIE23**, if you have not done so already.



## Welcome to Connex Tutors Newsletter!

Our termly newsletter  
will have updates on:

- Safeguarding (KCSIE 2023)
- Quality Assurance Processes
- Connex Education Professional Tutor Quality Mark
- Connex Education Academy CPD
- Maximising the effectiveness of your tuition



Connex Education and its staff prioritise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, to minimise risk and keep them safe and secure. At all times, tutors are required to act in accordance with the safeguarding policies and procedures of the education setting in which they are placed in addition to our policy, which can be accessed [here](#).

It is also of paramount importance that you know the Designated Safeguarding Lead for your school(s) and are confident in the steps you would need to take to report an incident, detailed in your schools' safeguarding policy. If you have any difficulties accessing this information or require any further support with safeguarding, please speak to your branch consultant or contact the Quality Assurance and Impact Team at your earliest opportunity.

## Quality Assurance at Connex

Last year, we introduced Tutor Reviews and Professional Conversations as part of our Quality Assurance processes. Information about this was shared via the Termly Tutor's newsletter and via your branch consultant. We had an overwhelmingly positive response to these processes last year and are proud, and not at all surprised to report that 100% of tutors reviewed in the 22/23 academic year demonstrated good or better tutoring. We value your feedback on these processes and really enjoyed speaking to so many of you about your tuition delivery and CPD opportunities. One example of the positive feedback we received was from Siân, one of our valued Primary tutors in Yorkshire: *'It is good to know that the agency are keen to hear the points of view of their tutors and offer support if it is needed. It was informative and useful.'*

From September 2023, these processes are mandatory and all Connex Tutors are required to engage with these processes for the benefit of our schools, children and young people and also your own professional development. The Quality Assurance and Impact Team will contact you when you have an upcoming review with one of our skilled assessors. All of our assessors are extremely well qualified so please do use this as an opportunity for professional dialogue to support and further develop your tuition delivery.





Ruth, an expert primary tutor in the East Midlands, attended her review with Katy in summer term and afterwards she shared the following feedback following her review, *'I found the meeting very constructive. My assessor was a very experienced teacher and I felt she had a clear understanding of the kind of issues that arise in the classroom. She was very easy to talk to and offered helpful advice and support.'*

You can access and read our [\*\*Quality Assurance Brochure for Tutors\*\*](#) at any time for more information.

## Free CPD with Connex Education Academy

Connex Academy have an extensive catalogue of online learning to support your professional development needs, developed in partnership with industry experts. You can access our range of courses completely free, with new courses being added regularly.

You can view our most recent course matrix [\*\*here\*\*](#), with some of the new additions including:

[\*\*How to Develop Oracy in the Maths Classroom – Giving Your Learners their Voice\*\*](#)

[\*\*Primary Maths: Variation to Deepen Mathematical Understanding\*\*](#)

[\*\*Awareness and Support for Students With Dyslexia\*\*](#)

[\*\*Developing Formative Assessment in Mathematics\*\*](#)



## Maximising the Impact of Tuition

Thank you for your feedback on your experience of tutoring in schools, this is invaluable in helping us to understand the effectiveness of the tuition delivered in schools. We understand that schools are busy places and, more now than ever, school staff are working under mounting workloads, however, it is clear that well planned tuition and communication with tutors ensures the best impact on pupil outcomes.

Many schools are doing a fantastic job of selecting, grouping and planning sessions, with Connex Education Partnership tutors delivering impactful sessions to pupils as a result of this. We also know that many tutors are able to use their vast knowledge and experience to plan and deliver effective sessions where schools have not shared specific information or outcomes. If you need support working with your school to collaborate on the planning and organisation of the sessions, please speak to your branch consultant or contact the Quality Assurance and Impact team, who will be happy to help.

