

### Important Updates

As we enter year 2 of the Nurturing Kent Programme across the Kent County Council local authority area, we would like to provide you with some key updates.

#### Internal Staff Changes at nurtureuk

We are excited to announce that we have a new Programme Coordinator. Laura Codrington has joined the nurtureuk team in August and she will be one of the main points of contact alongside myself for any questions or queries related to the Nurturing Kent Programme following Tilly Evans moving on. Laura will be a key point of contact for both current and new schools in all aspects of the programme roll out and delivery in Kent.

The contact details you will need to use are:

Harry Freeman (Programme Manager) - [harry@nurtureuk.org](mailto:harry@nurtureuk.org)

Laura Codrington (Programme Coordinator) - [laura.codrington@nurtureuk.org](mailto:laura.codrington@nurtureuk.org)

#### Cohort Start Date Changes

As the programme progresses, we are continually reviewing and using feedback received to improve the set up and customer experience, where possible.

It is noted that the period between Easter holidays until the end of the academic year is a very busy time for schools due to examinations, school trips, reviews etc and as a result this can and has impacted on some schools being able to fully engage with the programme in the way that they would want to.

To ensure schools are able to take full advantage of our offerings we have decided to take the following action and shift the start dates of Cohorts 7 & 8 to a later date. The changes are indicated in the table below:

<u>Cohort</u>	<u>Original Start Date</u>	<u>New Start Date</u>
Cohort 7	May/June 2023	September 2023
Cohort 8	September 2023	November/December 2023

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All schools currently enrolled in both affected cohorts will be contacted individually to check whether you wish to remain in the selected cohort or be moved to an alternate cohort. If you have any questions with regard to these changes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Terms and Conditions Update - Course Non Attendance**

Since the start of the programme roll out in Kent, we have done our best to accommodate the needs of each school to support their engagement with the courses we are providing on the Nurturing Kent Programme.

Up to now, if schools have not been able to attend a scheduled session or course, we have where possible provided additional catch up courses outside of the allocated dates. However, this has had a financial impact on us a charity at nurtureuk.

Therefore, following a recent review with our Commissioners at Kent County Council we have reassessed our approach for when schools are unable to attend booked courses and require additional sessions to catch up or continue on the programme. The new guidelines we will be implementing from September 2022 are as follow:

If schools do not/are not able to attend their booked sessions then:

- If available, the school may be provided with alternative dates on later cohorts on the Kent programme, as long as it does not adversely impact the capacity of the Kent programme for schools that have not yet registered.

If the school cannot be accommodated within the Kent programme, then:

- At the discretion of the provider, the school is provided with alternative dates on the national programme, insofar as NurtureUK is able to offer. This approach will have cost implications, which the school will be required to pay. The prices per course are as follow:
  - o Theory and Practice of the Boxall Profile - £50+VAT
  - o Theory and Practice of Nurture Groups - £148+VAT
  - o National Nurturing Schools Programme - £887+VAT

Please note. These costs are only applicable for schools engaging on the Nurturing Kent Programme.

We hope that in the majority of cases we will be able to support schools with their choices. If neither of the above options are feasible, the school may be withdrawn from the course, with appropriate and timely communication and explanation.

We hope that the guidance above will not be required to be used often, however, it is important to highlight the implications of non-attendance. This programme is funded by

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Kent's mainstream primary and secondary schools, and it is vital that it is fairly and equitably resourced.

If you have any questions regarding the updated terms and conditions, please do not hesitate to contact the Programme Manager, Harry Freeman, directly by email [harry@nurtureuk.org](mailto:harry@nurtureuk.org)

Kind regards,  
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The nurtureuk Nurturing Kent County Council Team

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