

Eye on Supply

The supply teaching newsletter for cover coordinators

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Tap Teachers

...Let's teach!



Teacher ID card scheme to return

Tap Teachers are planning to reintroduce photographic ID cards for all their teaching staff.

We had previously produced photographic ID as part of a scheme called Spotcheck. Spotcheck cards carried the personal details of teachers and involved a complicated system of card swiping hardware to be installed on site at school. Unfortunately the scheme was somewhat ahead of its time and the technology was surpassed by online teacher vetting. All teacher details can now be accessed much more conveniently via the Schools Area of the Tap Teachers website; however there have been growing calls from our schools to bring back a photographic ID card in its own right.

These new cards will ensure that all supply staff are easily identifiable when arriving on site, - even if they are greeted by a member of staff that did not initially place the booking. Various designs are currently being considered based upon feedback from our schools and we hope to have all Tap Teachers' staff issued with a personal ID by the end of February.

More schools claiming discount on Tap Teachers bookings!

We are pleased to announce that thirty schools are now claiming discount on bookings as part of Tap Teachers' School Discount Scheme. This is great news and we have received some very positive feedback from cover Coordinators who have recognised the impact it has had on supply budgeting.

The School Discount Scheme runs from 1st August to 31st July each academic year. It is based around the principle of 'the more you spend the more you save'. All our schools are automatically entered into the scheme, so you do not need to do anything to initiate it.

Our School Discount Scheme is designed to help you get more from your supply budgets and as a reward for your loyalty. It's just another way that Tap Teachers are helping schools to get the most from their supply teaching service! To find out more, call one of our friendly consultants on **01604 646 333**.



Legislation Watch



NEW BILL TO EQUIP THE COUNTRY IN MEETING THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY

New legislation to help deal with the country's long-term economic and social needs was published February 5th by Skills Secretary John Denham and Children's Secretary Ed Balls.

The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill provides the first complete overhaul of Apprenticeships legislation for nearly 200 years. The new legislation will put apprenticeships on a statutory basis, establish the entitlement to an apprenticeship place for every suitably qualified young person who wants one and will ensure a good quality apprenticeship for apprentices and employers alike.

It will help to meet Ministers' ambitions that one in five young people will undertake an apprenticeship by 2020, building on the startling transformation in numbers starting an apprenticeship in the last decade - rising from just 65,000 in 1997 to a quarter of a million this year, with overall Government investment soon to top £1bn annually.
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BBC Education News

Vorderman heads maths task force

Carol Vorderman, the former co-host of Channel 4 gameshow Countdown, is to head a maths task force for David Cameron, the Conservatives have said.

She will assess teaching methods in England, how to tackle the "fear" of maths and if tests have got easier. **Read More**