

Hello colleagues,

We hope this email finds you well.

I am delighted to be able to welcome you to our first Weekly Briefing of the new Academic Year.

I would like to thank you all for your support in what will be an interesting year for all of us, and in particular, you and your schools. I would like to reiterate that the PiXL Primary Team are here to support you so that together, we can do the best we can for the pupils in your schools.

We are no doubt going to meet challenges never experienced before, but the strength of the membership means there will be the necessary expertise amongst us to answer your question.

The first big issue that has arisen has been where a teacher, pupil or member of support staff have tested positive for Covid-19 and the implications that follow. We have already had some feedback on the consequences of this event happening and I attach a summary of our [notes](#). This is not about specific guidance, that will come from your local authority or the government. Our notes are some of the consequences of the guidance they have followed and how these headteachers overcame them, and lessons learned which might be helpful to you.

We will keep this updated and later this month we will be running a **Primary Live Event** where some of our Headteachers will be sharing their experiences of the first month back with tips on what might help you. The date will be issued shortly.

In the meantime, as the Primary Team, we wish you every success for the year as we look forward to booking our first virtual Associate meeting and preparing for our **PiXL Primary National Digital Conference** on Tuesday 6 October. I can assure you that our Associates are very much looking forward to supporting you at this challenging time and that the visit will be focused on what is useful and helps to address your needs in the current context.

Here are some things you may find useful:

Autumn Transition Package:

The Autumn Transition Package assessments are now live! You can access these by navigating to the [Papers/QLA section](#) of PrimaryWise and clicking on the **'View Autumn Transition Package assessments'** button.

To support schools with the package, as well as uploading the QLA mark entry spreadsheets to populate the Transition Cohort Checklists (TTCs), we have a series of guidance documents and a short video which will walk you through the process.



Autumn Transition Package

These are all located within the Autumn Transition Package Guidance [folder](#). We would strongly recommend that colleagues watch this video along with using the Step by Step guide before populating the TTCs. Please [click here](#) for the Question Level Analysis (QLA) upload deadlines. Please note that for the Autumn Transition Package, these deadlines are provided as a guide.

New Schools Satellite Session:

Following the success of our satellite sessions last term, our Primary Regional Leaders will be hosting a satellite session for new schools on **Wednesday 16th September at 4pm**. This session will be a live Zoom call and will cover the following topics:

- Basic introduction to the principles of PiXL and Diagnosis, Therapy, Testing and Revisit
- The Autumn Transition Package
- An introduction to PrimaryWise and importing pupils
- Opportunity for Q&A.

Although this session is aimed at new schools, we welcome anybody to join. We would, for example, recommend the session for any new members of SLT who have recently joined your schools and want to learn more about PiXL.

Please [click here](#) to book onto the session.

Thinking Beyond Teaching Resources:

We are pleased to announce that we have now released the Phase 2 of our Thinking Beyond Project resources. We now have a set of eight PowerPoint lessons that cover the following thinking competencies:

- Active listening
- Classifying
- Making Connections
- Ordering and Sequencing
- Explaining and Justifying
- Inquiry and research
- Interpreting
- Summarising



[Click here](#) to access these resources.

Subject Leader Webinars:

We will be releasing two new subject leader webinars this month.



Look out for our English Subject Leader Webinar next week which will focus on forming a strategy for writing in the Autumn Term (released Thursday 17th September).

We will also be releasing a Mathematics Subject Leader Webinar at the end of the month. This webinar will focus on developing a whole school approach to mathematical language (released Monday 28th September).

Both webinars will be stored within the [Subject Leader](#) button on PrimaryWise.

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As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact primary@pixl.org.uk.

Best wishes,

The Primary Team