

## News 4 Schools –January 2019

### **FS4S News**

Happy New Year to everyone, all of us here at **FS4S** wish you a successful 2019 and we're looking forward to working with you over the next year. It will be a busy year for us as we will be moving offices in the summer, we'll make sure that we keep you informed of our progress.



*Look who came to help us out over the busy Christmas period!*

### **Dates for Your Diary**

<b>FS4S</b> and <b>SBS Online</b> Budget training	16 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>FS4S HR</b> Workshop in Bath– Restructuring	17 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>FS4S</b> Network 4 Schools	28 <sup>th</sup> February

### **Latest Information from the ESFA**

1. There is published guidance from the ESFA for academies that are sending in their Financial Statements year-end submission.
2. The arrangements for school funding for 2019-20 have been announced:  
Teachers pay grant will continue in academic year 2019 to 2020;  
Pupil premium will continue at the current per-pupil rates for the 2019 to 2020 financial year, you can read the published pupil premium conditions of grant;  
The grant for universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) continues at a meal rate of £2.30 for the 2019 to 2020 academic year;  
The year 7 catch-up premium continues in financial year 2019 to 2020;  
The free school meals supplementary grant will continue in 2019 to 2020;  
The grant for key stage 2 moderation and key stage 1 phonics will continue in financial year 2019 to 2020, and will be paid in August 2019;  
Education services grant (ESG) protection for academies will continue in the 2019 to 2020 academic year.
3. In the Budget, the Chancellor announced an extra £400 million capital funding for schools in 2018 to 2019. The ESFA has published a ready reckoner to help schools and other eligible institutions estimate the allocation they can expect to receive and so plan how to spend the money.

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## Collecting BACS Reports

All schools that use our Payroll Service will receive an e-mail from BACS when a BACS submission has been made, that advises that reports are available to be collected. It is a school's responsibility to collect reports to check that the submission made is correct. BACS has produced helpful guidance on its website on the collection of reports including a video on how to collect reports. The following is included in the BACS guidance:

<https://www.bacs.co.uk/services/bacsschemes/operatingtheschemesbusinesses/collectingreports/pages/collectingreports.aspx>

### COLLECTING REPORTS

Learn how to collect messaging reports from payment services website

Bacs has prepared a PDF document and video to assist you in collecting and accessing reports. Please find links below to access the guides.

### COLLECTING REPORTS DOCUMENT

An overview on how to access and collect reports from payment services website can be found in the Information Hub.....

### COLLECTING REPORTS VIDEO

Bacs has prepared a useful video demonstrating the step-by-step process to collect messaging reports....."

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## Don't Forget To Send In Your Returns

*LA Schools:* Please ensure that you send in the following returns to the Local Authority:

- ✓ VAT Submittal Report for December

*Academies:* Please ensure that transactions to 31<sup>st</sup> December are complete in readiness for month end:

- ✓ VAT Online Submittal Report for December (where the Academy is VAT registered)
  - ✓ VAT form 126 with full report (where the Academy is not VAT registered)
  - ✓ Final Accounts to DfE 31<sup>st</sup> December
  - ✓ Accounts Return to DfE 21<sup>st</sup> January
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## Services for April 2019

We are delighted to offer the following Services in addition to our Finance, HR and Payroll packages, contact us for further details:



**Mazars LLP** and **FS4S** are offering a VAT Helpline Service to Academies



**FS4S** will be offering a generous 25% discount on the Annual Licence to all **FS4S** customers



Gain peace of mind that your statutory returns and tasks are taken care of by the **School Business Services** team in partnership with **FS4S**.