



## Welcome to NOT Meets!

Dear colleague,

Thank you for expressing your interest in this exciting CPD opportunity to network with fellow NOTs during this academic year. Across the remainder of the year, we will invite you to join us for four 'TeachMeet' sessions (one per half term), each focused on a different theme linked to primary education.

During each session, you will have the opportunity to meet and engage with like-minded colleagues, sharing and learning about great practice from each other. The details of our first session and how to sign-up by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January are below, including a summary of frequently asked questions:

### SESSION 1

Theme	Supporting children remotely: overcoming barriers to home learning	
Date	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	
Time	4:30pm – 6pm	
Location	Zoom online meeting (details available after signing up)	
Cost	FREE	



Please confirm your attendance by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021:

[SESSION 1 sign-up form](#)

### Further information about our SESSION 1 theme

“Supporting children remotely: overcoming barriers to home learning”

From Google Meets to Zoom, Google Classroom to SeeSaw, online to more traditional methods of communicating with parents/carers and our children; our resilient profession continue to innovate, adapt and adjust in order to support our children and parents/carers in every way possible during these challenging times. So which activities or communication tools have you made use of to support your children and their immediate families over this academic year?

Our TeachMeet will be an opportunity for you to celebrate your own innovations, as well as hearing from other teaching professionals in our local area who can offer their perspective too so that we can all continue to develop our own practice over the coming weeks and months. Remember that every idea shared will support and inspire at least one other colleague who attends so know that we are all here to learn from each other.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Why should I attend?

Whilst working in such a busy and demanding (albeit extremely rewarding) environment, it can often be challenging to find time to continue your own professional development. But what better way to enhance your own CPD than by joining together in a welcoming, friendly and relaxed atmosphere with like-minded individuals from other schools in our local area?

Our 'TeachMeets' will give you the exciting opportunity to connect with others and offer a fresh perspective on your own teaching, leaving each session motivated and inspired to trial new ideas (whilst knowing that every idea has been already successfully implemented in another classroom near you).

### How will each session be structured?

Each session will begin with a brief introduction from our session leader, with an opportunity for everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to each other.

The session leader will invite one colleague at a time to present an idea (with or without resources/ presentation slides) for up to 3 minutes with a short opportunity for any follow-up questions the group may have about the presentation. This process will be repeated for each group member who would like to present their own idea linked to the session's theme.

### Do I have to present an idea in order to take part in the session?

Whilst we encourage all participants to share an area of their current teaching practice through a short presentation of no more than 3 minutes, we realise that not everyone will feel confident about doing this and you should be under no pressure to do so. We are here to support and learn from each other so the more ideas available to take inspiration from, the greater the reward for our own professional development.

### I would love to share an idea! What should I prepare?

Firstly, please do not spend hours of your time preparing for this. Your presentation should be **no more than 3 minutes** long and should be about an area of your current practice which you can describe to the group. This could be something you are trialling currently or have been implementing for a number of weeks/months. You may wish to explain the impact on your children/their family/school/community (including the likely rewards and potential pitfalls that you have encountered so far). **This is your presentation so there is no set structure or criteria that you must include.**

There is **no requirement for you to make/share any resources** on the day and you may just want to make some brief notes in advance so that you can use these to guide you during your presentation. If you find it helpful to create a digital presentation (e.g. PowerPoint or similar – no more than 3 slides), these can be shared with the group but there is no expectation or requirement to use any resources in the session.