

First Edition | November 2021

# IRIS Textbook



## Welcome to the first edition of the IRIS Textbook.

We'd like to introduce you to your new monthly resource, designed to keep you informed about education news, what's happening at IRIS Education, activities for your school to get involved in, exciting new partnerships and more.

November was an action-packed month; as we approach the end of 2021, the world is beginning to wake up to the power and potential of systems that are integrated and talk to each other. Last month, our MD made his debut on [The EdTech Podcast](#), discussing the importance of technology and its positive impact on student outcomes, and IRIS made some exciting HR and payroll acquisitions in **Dataplan** and **Every**.

We received an overwhelming response to our **Children in Need** competition last month! We would like to extend our thanks to everybody who took part and submitted photos; you can check them out by searching **#IRISChildreninNeed** across all social media platforms. Your submissions are currently being reviewed by our judges, and our winners will be announced very soon! We look forward to updating you on how we are continuing to work with BBC Children in Need throughout the year.

So, what's exciting in education right now? From the departure of newly qualified teachers (NQTs) and the introduction of early career teachers (ECTs), the rise of education intelligence to important dates for your diary, we've got the latest.

Read on to find out more about what's happening in the world of education this month. In the meantime; here's to making every school day a smarter one.

All the best,  
**Your IRIS Education Team**

## Education intelligence

The role of technology in education

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## The rise of education intelligence

Are teachers equipped with the tools required to maximise pupil outcomes? Whilst the education sector coped well during the pandemic, it's clear that we must empower school staff with the real-time education intelligence they need to succeed. So, what role does technology play in improving our educational processes?

IRIS Product Director, Winston Poyton, explores how teachers can benefit from education intelligence to make smarter decisions about pupils, schools and trusts.



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### Don't commit to a MIS without knowing the facts

Schools commit to Management Information Systems as trusted solutions to free up staff time, work collaboratively and stay connected as a team. That's why schools must ensure that their MIS is equally committed to them.

Do you know the full facts on your MIS renewal? Speak to IRIS Education today for expert guidance.

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**Changes to the teacher induction**

 Blog  5 minutes to read

### Hello ECTs

In the 2021/22 academic year, an important change to the teaching profession has kicked in; we've said goodbye to newly qualified teachers (NQTs) and hello to early career teachers (ECTs). Those who are new to the role will now be required to complete a two-year teaching induction process.

The government says that these reforms "will create a step change in support for early career teachers, providing a funded entitlement to a structured two-year package of high-quality professional development". What does this change mean for your school?

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## The children's mental health charity

As children's mental health in a post-pandemic world comes to the fore, IRIS ParentMail is proud to be supporting the launch of ParentingSmart by Place2Be.

ParentingSmart, a brand-new hub of resources including articles and videos, has been designed to offer practical advice to parents of children aged 4-11 regarding a range of mental health topics, covering everything from gender identity to racial discrimination. Their content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts, based on evidence and primary experience of working with children.

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**Real-time data for schools: could it help save a life?**

 Blog  2 minute read

### Real time data: Your school saviour

Does your school have instant access to information that enables you to identify risk factors? When worst-case scenarios arise, real-time data empowers you to think fast, preventing delays in the receipt of information that could save lives.

**Lucy Newman**, Pre-sales Consultant at IRIS Education, explores how real-time data enables your school to safeguard its pupils, from recognising behavioural patterns to raising those all-important alarm bells.

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**Supply teachers at your fingertips with Teacher Booker**

 TeacherBooker

 Website  10 minutes

### Are you looking to fix supply teaching in 2021/22?

A seamless process for securing teaching cover at your school is essential to maintain learning outcomes for your pupils. That's why IRIS Education has partnered with Teacher Booker, expanding our suite of education software to include a supply teacher solution built with schools in mind.

**Teacher Booker** helps your school, MAT or Local Authority to establish a talent pool of approved teaching professionals via instant access to hundreds of fully vetted, local supply teachers and support staff. Source, review, and book approved teachers for short and long-term roles at an exclusive rate for IRIS Education customers.

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## Dates for your diary

Upcoming webinars, event attendance and more



### Dates for your diary

#### 8th December 2021: Where to now for blended learning?

Does your school have the facilities to accommodate hybrid learning? In 2021/22, the new normal involves a shift to e-learning, and schools require innovative tools to empower their students. So, how can your school thrive in the new normal?

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#### 9th December 2021 | 11am: Smarter equipment loans with IRIS Assets

Are you keen to simplify your equipment loans process as pupils continue to learn from home during COVID-19?

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#### 10th December 2021 | 11am: Automate more with IRIS Financials

How can you and your staff reduce your time spent on data entry and manually submitting data to the DfE website?

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#### 14th December 2021 | 11:30am & 3:30pm: Changing your MIS – it may be easier than you think

Change can be daunting, but what if changing your MIS was positive? What if migration was smooth and the system was easy to use? What if a new MIS gave your school or trust better tools to improve workload and pupil outcomes?

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#### 19th – 21st January 2022: You BETT we're at BETT

IRIS Education will be exhibiting at BETT in 2022. Will your school or MAT be attending? Let us know via the link below, and don't forget to visit us at stand NM51!

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## Evenings possible

Demand for clever technology within the education sector has grown over the last year, and it's apparent that virtual parents' evenings could be here to stay.

Sometimes, face-to-face meetings aren't an option and participation at school events declines at the hands of personal circumstances such as childcare, work commitments and geographical constraints. So, how can video appointments enable you to collaborate with parents in a smarter way?

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Schools require access to software that empowers them to be innovative in their approach to school management, ensuring that teachers get their time back to do what they really love. Smarter software enables schools to take a smarter approach to day-to-day management, so your teachers can spend quality time in the classroom.

**How can your school become a smarter one? We'll guide you through.**

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