

WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder ...

CONNECT
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That may seem ages away but ...

- Risk assessments need to be done
- Insurance details have to be checked
- Health & safety checks need to take place

and another school or college may have the same WEX week as us!



So - what do I need to do now?



First of all - download the Connect Management app.

This will NOT find you a job!

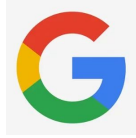
You have to find a placement for yourself - once you have found an employer and they have agreed to take you for a week, then you input their details (name and email address) into the app. Changing Education will then request the relevant documents to ensure you will be safe on your WEX placement.

How do I find a placement?

Think about all the places you pass on the way to school or where parents or relatives already work: cafes, restaurants, garden centres, solicitors, vets, nurseries, schools, offices, engineering firms, building firms, hospitals, pharmacies, shops, garages, accountants



Use Google



Or ask Alexa



Or Siri



Hey Siri



Or even the
good old
Yellow Pages!

Whatever you use, try and find something that you will enjoy and that will challenge you. Don't just settle for going back to your old primary - unless you are desperate to become a primary school teacher!

If you don't try out a job, you won't know if you really like it - and who wants to do 2 years at college or start an apprenticeship in something they have never experienced?

Make contact!

- Write an email (use the template I shared)
- Send a letter
- Make a phone call
- Call in and speak to someone



Tell them who you are, what you are looking for (1 week of work experience), tell them the date (15-19 July), ask for their email address and input it to your app.

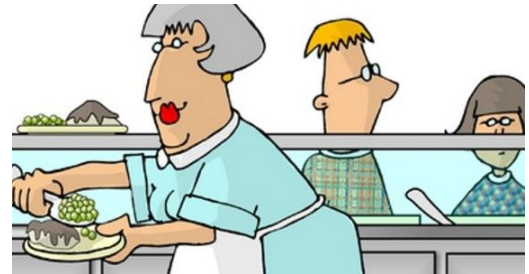
Sit back and relax for a while!



What happens next?

You may have an interview, either in person or over the phone, or an induction, so you know what you will be doing for the week. You may need to wear something specific - safety boots or plain black trousers - you need to check with the employer what they supply and what you might need to buy (or borrow!)

A few weeks before the placement starts you need to contact your employer to remind them that you will be with them for a week in July and to ask about things like start and finish times, lunch arrangements and so on.



Make the most of it!!

If you choose the right placement, you will have a fantastic experience. You will learn new skills, work with people of all ages, gain confidence and have a much better idea of what you want to do in the future!

There will be a competition whilst you are on work experience - and you may win an iPad. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

