

Early Years and Childcare Service
Information for Suffolk's List of Provider (LoP) Members
Registered users of the Provider Portal (PVI & Schools)

Please pass this information to relevant colleagues in your provision.

Early Years Broadcast 17 – 11 May 2021

Suffolk List Of Providers (LoP) members virtual briefing (24 & 25 May 2021)

To book a place go to www.suffolkcpd.co.uk and search using course code: **E-LOP-MAY**

The main focus of these briefings will be the reformed EYFS which will become statutory from September 2021. The session will provide an opportunity for you to look again at some of the key messages about the reformed EYFS as you prepare for its implementation. We will also share a few other updates. These hour-long briefing sessions will be virtual and due to the anticipated number of attendees will not be interactive. We will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about the topics covered via a survey and will answer them shortly after the event by sharing FAQs or by contacting you individually if your question is not a generic one.

Please look at the links below before the session you are due to attend, so you are aware of the changes.

- This DfE information: [Changes to the early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) framework](#) has been updated and the link below added.
- The DfE information explains what the changes to the EYFS framework are, how the changes will affect you and what you need to do before September 2021. The link below takes you to a wealth of information for early years providers to help you to apply the changes to the EYFS framework.

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/>

Ofsted Inspections

Ofsted have announced they will be resuming some graded inspections. If Ofsted contact you giving notification your provision will be inspected, please remember to inform the Early Years and Childcare Service (EYCS) as soon as possible, to enable a EYCS adviser or worker to contact you to offer support. We will also endeavour to attend the feedback virtually.

Please do this by emailing childcare.planning@suffolk.gov.uk, in the subject line please state Ofsted Inspection, within the email please include:

- your Setting name
- the date of the inspection and
- the time feedback will occur
- a contact telephone number for us to call you on

Provider Portal & Early Education Funding (EEF)

Please remember to email provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk with any queries regarding the Provider Portal or Early Education funding, EYPP and Deprivation funding.

Provider Portal - reminder for users

- Registered portal users **MUST NOT** share their login details. To do so is classed as a data breach.
- Registered portal user absence- if your registered portal user has left your provision or will be absent during the task period, you must let us know **as soon as possible**. Please email: provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk. Failure to let us know will affect our ability to process your claim.
- A £100 administration charge will be applied where a data breach is identified (effective from 01 April 2021).

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Early Years SEND Funding (EYCSEN@suffolk.gov.uk)

Anaphylaxis Information

We have added some information around anaphylaxis at the link below which we hope you will find useful. It may be during the early years of a child's life that they may first become exposed to something which could trigger an allergic reaction.

<https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/early-years/inclusion/health-care-guidance>

Disability Access Funding (DAF)

Every year the claims made for DAF funding do not total the amount allocated to SCC by the DfE for this purpose. As you know, we do distribute the remaining funds to you, but we would like to use this funding more effectively.

This year the operational guidance from the DfE has changed. It used to state that DAF was to be paid at the rate of £615 per eligible child per annum. It now says DAF should be paid at the rate of at least £615. We have asked the views of members of the early years providers consultative forum and are going to set the rate for 2021-22 at £1,000 per eligible child per annum. This will be kept under review and if any changes are needed you will be informed.

Please remember to check with the parents of children with SEND if their child is in receipt of disability living allowance so that you can claim this funding and use it to support the child's inclusion and learning.

Early Years and Childcare Workforce Development (EYC.WFD@suffolk.gov.uk)

For our latest training newsletter please go to:

<https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/early-years/training-and-qualifications/training-newsletter>

The Solution Circle Approach – Early Years SEND Consultations

Course code: E-SCV2021-01 - Monday 07 June 16:30 – 18:00

The EYCS are offering an opportunity for you to take part in a small-group meeting, to explore in detail, general and specific issues you may have when supporting children with SEND.

This session will follow a Solution Circle Approach which is a focused and collaborative approach to problem-solving.

This virtual session offers SENcos, Key persons and practitioners different perspectives and support with the questions they bring to the meeting – developing new and practical ideas to take forward.

To find out more please look at the information and guidance here:

<https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/early-years/inclusion/send-solution-circle-approach->

Once you have requested a place via www.suffolkcpd.co.uk, practitioners attending will be asked to complete a brief survey in preparation for the meeting. This will need to be returned by 27 May 2021.

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SENDIASS sessions for parents

Providers, please pass this information on to any relevant families who may benefit:

Early Years to School Transition

Parents and carers helped coproduce this session which aims to help families with the transition from an early years setting to primary school. The session will be supported by a member of the Early Years and Childcare team and will explore what kind of information is helpful to find out from, and share with, school, ideas to help prepare for the start of term and considerations for children with SEND.

Booking now open for 27 May 2021 18:30 – 20:00

Places can be booked via <https://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk/news-and-events>

Games to help your child develop and practise their memory skills

The latest in our series of online 'coffee mornings' where members of this specialist service for pupils with speech, language and communication needs will explore some simple games anyone can play at home to help their child's speaking and listening.

Each session focuses on a different theme and is offered in the morning and repeated in the evening.

Booking is open for the next session: 18 May 2021 10:00 – 11:00 and repeated at 18:30 – 19:30

Places can be booked via <https://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk/news-and-events>

Early Years COVID information and updates (EYC19@suffolk.gov.uk)

<https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/early-years/covid-19>

Alerts from Department for Education (DfE)

Please subscribe to receive alerts directly from DfE, the link is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/help/update-email-notifications>

Primary schools and nurseries – volunteers required for COVID-19 testing quality assurance exercise

As part of the NHS Test and Trace schools rapid asymptomatic testing programme, we conduct ongoing quality assurance. This is a standard requirement to assess the performance of lateral flow devices (LFDs) in school and nursery settings.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in this. Schools and nurseries are asked to take part for a two-week period and will complete the exercise once only.

Staff will complete a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test alongside their usual LFD test and report the results of both tests to NHS Test and Trace. We will provide participating schools and nurseries with a supply of PCR kits to distribute to staff. There will also be support and guidance to explain the process and requirements for participating schools and nurseries.

To get involved, please email QAinSchools@test-and-trace.nhs.uk. You will then be contacted by a member of the team.

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Test and Trace Support Payment

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

More information is at the link: [Test and Trace Support payments for parents](#)

COVID Reporting -Test and Trace Procedure – Flowchart

Report positive cases as soon as possible - do not delay.

You can find the most recently updated flowchart information at the link below:

<https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/early-years/covid-19>

Suffolk Corona Watch – you may find this website useful to monitor where cases are increasing in local communities <https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch>

Link to the NHS Website for self-isolation guidance is below:

[How long to self-isolate - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

How to alert Ofsted

Please see the link below for guidance on reporting any serious childcare incidents which may occur and for reporting any Coronavirus cases and closures.

www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-serious-childcare-incident

Wellbeing Support for Leaders & Managers:

Call 01473260163 or email leadershipwellbeingsupport@suffolk.gov.uk

Other useful links:

Funding for charities, community organisations and social enterprises

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/business/funding-for-charities-business-and-community-organisations/>

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme: gateway partners

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/gateway-partners/>

Suffolk Advice and Support Service

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/>

Suffolk Family Information Service

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare-information-and-support-for-parents-and-providers/guidance-for-parents-and-carers/suffolk-family-information-service/>