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Suffolk County Council*

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The local authority (LA) is working with partners across the sector to coordinate responses to the government's regular and frequent announcements about arrangements for schools and settings.

**Message from Allan Cadzow- Director for Children and Young People,
Suffolk County Council**

To all School Leaders – Friday 16 July 2021

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Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



Colleagues

There are three items in this Special Headlines that we wish to bring to your attention. All are in response to information that has come to us since the publication of the Tuesday Headlines.

The first is a message from Stuart Keeble, Director of Public Health, including information about the continuation of contact test and trace support. This will be particularly relevant if you are running summer schools or have children in buildings next week.

The second is a request to share messages about face coverings with parents/carers and children and young people who will be using school travel transportation to come to your schools and settings after Monday 19 July 2021.

The third is for schools or settings who are their own admissions authority about changes that need to be made to admissions policies before the Autumn Term 2021.

Message from Stuart Keeble, Director of Public Health

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Thank you for the amazing work you and your staff have undertaken over the last 16 months to keep young people and staff safe during the pandemic, this has been an extremely challenging time for you all and we are grateful for the commitment you have given to keeping everyone safe. We sincerely hope you are able to enjoy some time off over the coming weeks to re-charge batteries and spend time with loved ones.

As you will be aware the country is moving into step 4 of the government's roadmap on Monday 19 July 2021, which removes the requirement for schools to operate a bubble system and passes over responsibility for contact tracing to the national test and trace system.

We are encouraging schools and settings to continue contact tracing for 48 hours after the last time individuals were in schools or settings. For many this will be Friday 23 July 2021 at the latest.

If you wish to continue with the measures you have in place including during your summer school arrangements, we encourage you to do so. Further details for support for contact tracing relating to summer schools will be shared once finalised.

The SCC CYP COVID team are available to support you along with other LA officers over the summer holidays.

School Travel

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The Department for Education (DfE) has issued updated guidance on [Dedicated transport to schools and colleges COVID-19](#). This will apply from Monday 19 July 2021 as we move into Step 4 of the COVID-19 Roadmap. Please read this guidance in full.

We are seeking your support to reinforce the message to your pupils and their parents that all pupils are expected to wear a face covering on all types of school transport unless they are exempt.

More information is available [here](#)

Amended School Admissions Code to be implemented from Wednesday 1 September 2021

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The DfE has confirmed that the new draft School Admissions Code (SAC) and associated Regulations that were laid before Parliament on Thursday 13 May 2021 will come into effect from Wednesday 1 September 2021.

All Admission Authorities are required to make some changes to their admissions

arrangements by Wednesday 1 September 2021 to ensure they continue to comply with the School Admissions Code and Regulations.

Schools or settings who are their Own Admission Authority (OAA) and have their own policy or the SCC policy written into their own document will need to make changes. The main part for change for September is adding admissions priority for children adopted from state care outside of England.

More information is available [here](#)

Key Contacts

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In the event of a bereavement within your school community please contact the Schools Organisational Support Education Officers: EducationOfficersResolution@suffolk.gov.uk or phone 01473 263942

For COVID related queries email EdC19@suffolk.gov.uk or phone 01473 263942.

In the event of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case in your school or setting please follow these guidelines which include the contact to alert in the LA:

[School flowchart](#)

[Early years setting flowchart](#)

If you have a concern or query about your risk assessment, please contact the LA's Safety, Health and Wellbeing Advisor at nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk.

You should contact your SEO or call 01473 263942 / email ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk if you would like to discuss your planning.

For leaders' wellbeing support: 01473 265656 leadershipwellbeingsupport@suffolk.gov.uk

To request tests for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms to using the [online portal](#)

For information about the local testing site for frontline staff: [briefing note from public health](#)

If school leads are aware of any potential Elective Home Education (EHE) cases and need any support, the EHE team are able to offer advice and guidance. [More information can be found via this link](#)

For the most recent information on School Travel visit the [Suffolk Onboard website](#)

Schools Helpline: 01473 263942

In the event of being unable to speak to someone or leave a voicemail message email ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk.

SENCO helpline: 01473 296631 (open 3.30 to 4.30 Monday-Friday)

[The Suffolk County Council COVID-19 website contains some frequently asked questions and is updated regularly](#)

[Key contact information sheet](#)

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