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The weekly bulletin presenting information for all schools from Suffolk County Council

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

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 – Tuesday 20 July 2021

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

To all the staff and volunteers in all schools and settings across Suffolk we would like to say another massive thank you as you prepare for the summer break. You have had to show great agility and responsiveness in your planning over this academic year as the pandemic has thrown up challenge after challenge. It is truly amazing how the sector has worked together selflessly to keep both the educational needs and the safety of children and young people and their families at the forefront.

Whilst today is the last day of term, we know the work does not stop. Contact tracing continues and many of you are offering summer school provision.

As usual, LA officers will be available throughout the summer. Please see the list of contacts below.

Suffolk Headlines will be issued on a Tuesday throughout the summer holidays. Additional

Headlines will be issued if there are messages we must share in response to national or local changes.

We cannot thank you and your staff enough for all your work and care you have shown this year for our children and young people. We sincerely hope that you get some time away from work to relax and do something you enjoy.

Important information for all schools: Inclusion Referral Form

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

Please see the revised Inclusion Referral Form (IRF).

The revised form should be used for the following purposes:

- The Specialist Education Services (SES): Cognition and Learning, Communication and Interaction, SEMH and Sensory / Physical
- Graduated Response Stage 3
- Whole School Inclusion Service
- The Alternative Tuition Service

For all of the above four areas, please send your referral form from 1 September 2021 to SESReferrals@suffolk.gov.uk

Please note the appendices below are required in addition to the Inclusion Referral Form for: Permanent Exclusions (Risk Assessment please); the Alternative Tuition Service (appendix below with the Risk Assessment please) and the Specialist Learning Support Assistant Service:

Alternative Tuition Service and Risk Assessment

Specialist Learning Support Assistant Service

Please also use the Risk Assessment for Permanent Exclusions

In addition, please use the same Inclusion Referral Form for:

- IYFAP referrals
- Permanent exclusion
- Alternative Provision / PRU requests
- Requests for placement in Reception / Key Stage 1 specialist units

For the above four areas, please send your referral form from 1 September 2021 to InclusionService.Referrals@suffolk.gov.uk

If you have recently sent a form to us using the previous version, please do not worry. We understand there will be a period of transition and you will not be asked to complete the form again. We ask please that you use the revised Inclusion Referral Form (IRF) from the start of the new academic year.

Contact: Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk, 07540 673775
Stacy.Bell@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 264725

Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage Webinar

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

Date: 8 September
Time: 9.30 to 11.00

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership will be holding a webinar on Teams on 8 September, 9.30 to 11.00 on HBA and FM. The webinar will be delivered by Karma Nirvana who are leading specialists in this work.

The webinar is open to all agencies and all practitioners and professionals and will aim to build confidence and resilience in identifying and challenging Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage. The session will explore the following:

- The support Karma Nirvana offer to victims, survivors and professionals
- Definitions of HBA and FM and the triggers for these abuses
- Dispel common misconceptions
- Offer an insight into understanding honour systems & honour codes within family dynamics
- Identify HBA and FM and explain the warning signs and indicators
- Clarify best practice when dealing with HBA and FM
- Provide an insight into FM law and FMPOs
- Explain the prevalence nationally and statistics for Professionals
- Demonstrate how HBA and FM is happening in emerging communities.

If you would like to book a place on the webinar, please e mail the Safeguarding Partnership at enquiries@suffolksp.org.uk

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Cannabis edibles in sweets

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

There is information that products are circulating Nationally, branded like and packaged as common sweets, containing THC – the main psychoactive substance in cannabis. These are being supplied by outlets in the UK or purchased online and delivered by Royal Mail.

On closer inspection the sweet packet is labelled as containing THC, but to all other purposes they look like common brands of sweets marketed to children.

If you suspect you have found one of the packets of sweets, please follow your schools' protocol for banned substances, and if the sweets have been ingested consider seeking medical attention. In adults the effects are generally mild and short-lived, but in children can be more profound.

If you are concerned about a child's substance use, or require further support, you can contact Turning Point, who provide a young people's drug and alcohol support and treatment service across Suffolk, on 0300 123 0872.

An example of a 'cannabis edible' seized by Police

Brick History exhibition and events

FOR INFORMATION | ALL PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Suffolk Archives is pleased to present Brick History, a family-friendly journey through famous historical moments, all imagined in LEGO® bricks! The exhibition at The Hold, on Ipswich Waterfront, opened at the weekend and runs throughout the summer until the end of September. A packed events programme is also planned to run alongside the exhibition, including family activities, talks and a Saturday morning Cinema Club.

Full exhibition and event details are available on the Suffolk Archives website.

Unity Teaching School Hub: end of term update

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

After all that this year has demanded, we wanted to wish you and your colleagues a thoroughly refreshing break over the summer. As a final communication this term, this pdf provides updates on:

- The Early Career Teacher Programme - *next steps and key dates*
- Appropriate Body for Early Career Teachers - *reminder and guidance*
- National Professional Qualifications - *funding, application, and facilitation opportunities*
- Wider CPD and professional learning - *opportunities ahead in 21/22 from us, other hubs, and partners*

We will continue to communicate opportunities as we start the new term. In the meantime, if you have pressing questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Samways (asamways@unitysp.co.uk).

Thank you for the contact, engagement and support as we shape and schedule Teaching School Hub activity for the new school year.

Wishing you a relaxing and refreshing summer holiday. Take care.

Key Contacts

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

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

TRAINING

Moving Forward in Primary Mathematics with Debbie Morgan

FOR INFORMATION | ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Angles Maths Hub is thrilled to welcome back Debbie Morgan, NCETM Primary Director, to lead a free, online session focusing on moving forward in the new academic year.

Debbie will look at how to make the best of this year, give our pupils the best learning in primary mathematics and share practical resources and PD opportunities to support the curriculum.

Moving Forward in Primary Mathematics

Contact: admin@anglesmathshub.org

Alpha Teaching School Hub – NPQ Training

FOR INFORMATION | ALL SCHOOLS

We are delighted to be partnered with Best Practice Network to deliver the National professional Qualifications in Tendring, Colchester, Ipswich and Babergh.

If your school is in Tendring, Colchester, Ipswich or Babergh, Alpha Teaching School Hub is your local training provider for the Early Career Framework, National Professional Qualifications and CPD opportunities.
We are delivery partners for National Professional Qualifications with Best Practice Network. The benefits of these programmes are:-

- **The provider where you can use your apprenticeship levy for training.**
- **Exceeding DFE performance Metrics & DFE rated exemplary output.** Our programmes are challenging and push leaders to get the maximise the impact of their learning beyond final assessment
- **Strong national partner led model and proven infrastructure; supported 14,000+ NPQ participants in the last 3 years.** BPN Delivery is proven to be of the highest quality and deliverable at scale ensuring the expertise and capacity to support all learners
- **Programme built upon and updated research evidence. School Improvement Library**
- **100% wrap around care and 24/7 support.** Participants are supported throughout their learning journey by our delivery teams, their performance coaches and our central administrative team. Performance coaching underpins all our NPQs with additional bespoke training for in-school coaches
- **Best Practice Network are a provider who knows schools and are ready to go in the delivery of NPQs.** Delivery is tailored to participant geography, school phase and type, and the individual participant themselves

Register by 20 July at National Professional Qualifications | Alpha Teaching School Hub | Colchester, Ipswich, Tendring, Babergh (alphatsh.org)

For more information or to express an interest in participating in this programme please contact:

Samantha Torr – Vice Principal: Director of Alpha Teaching School Hub
Email: storr@cchsg.com T: 01206 546082
Education | Alpha Teaching School Hub | Colchester, Ipswich, Tendring, Babergh (alphatsh.org)

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