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

Tuesday, 16 November 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 and setting leaders – Tuesday, 16 November 2021

Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



Yesterday we shared a [framework for managing COVID-19 in schools and early years settings across Suffolk](#). This has been developed by Public Health and Children's and Young People's Services in consultation with Education Sector Leads.

We hope that all leaders will be able to implement this guidance ahead of next week to support the collective effort to manage the spread of COVID.

The guidance contains information that aims to answer any questions you have. You can find which level your school or setting is on using the flow chart in appendix 2 (page 17) of the guidance. You can find the measures advised for each setting type at each level in the table in section 3 on pages 6,7 and 8.

Most schools will be in level 1. Some schools will meet the threshold for level 2 or 3.

In level 3, attendance restriction is a last resort and will only be applied once other control measures have not been successful in breaking the chain of transmission.

If your school or setting is at level 3, it is important that control measures as outlined in level 2 are implemented before any restrictions on attendance are considered. For further support with implementing control measures, please email CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk

Where daily testing is required for close contacts, there is no expectation or requirement for schools to provide pupils with LFD tests. Please encourage parents/carers or older pupils to obtain these from their local pharmacy or order them online through the NHS website. More information can be found [Latest guidance COVID-19 | Suffolk County Council](#). You may wish to circulate this link to parents.

If you have any questions about the new measures, please contact the COVID Support Team CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk.

You can also contact the Education Skills and Learning business support team on 01473 263942 who will take details of your query. They will pass it on to the COVID officers who will get back to you directly with a response as soon as possible.

Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

The NHS team overseeing vaccinations across Suffolk have shared [this flyer](#) to share with parents/carers and students with information about the vaccinations including a link to where they can obtain appointments outside of the vaccination process in schools and settings

Phonics Autumn 2021 data collection manual available on Suffolk Learning

For information | All schools

The data collection manual for year 2 phonics, autumn 2021 is available on Suffolk Learning

[Statutory Data Collection – Suffolk Learning](#)



Fraud Awareness Week

For information | All schools

This week marks International Fraud Awareness Week.

With the recent release of new resources on Suffolk Learning, please familiarise yourself with the risks of Fraud in Schools and use the tools and resources available here [Counter Fraud Services – Suffolk Learning](#)

Thank you for your cooperation in preventing fraud.

Report any concerns to:

Email: fraud@suffolk.gov.uk

Hotline: 01473264399.



Is This OK?

For information | All schools

'[Is This OK?](#)' is a free, confidential and anonymous, digital gateway for young people aged between 13-18 at risk of, or currently experiencing, sexual or criminal exploitation and/or abuse.

Children and young people can:

- Seek local information / support,
- Talk to a chatbot
- Speak to a trained professional.

The service is a partnership between Missing People and Childline NSPCC Charities and is Headed up by Sara Rowbotham MBE the Sexual Health Worker from Rochdale who played a pivotal role in the Rochdale CSE Case.

Sara is inviting you to a 1hr session to briefly talk about her experience in Rochdale and her involvement with 'Is This Ok?' she will outline what the service provides to young people you may be supporting and how it could compliment your work.

The session dates and times are:

Thursday 18th Nov 9.30 – 10.30am

Tuesday 23rd Nov 12.30 – 1.30pm

Thursday 2nd Dec 4 – 5pm.

If you or any of your colleagues would like to join, please ask that they contact Catherine.bennett@suffolk.gov.uk with their preferred slot.



Pledge for the Planet Recycling Project

For information | All schools

Can your school make a fabulous display of pledges for the planet using recycled materials? With COP26 just taken place, we thought this was a great opportunity to think about things we can do to help reduce carbon emissions and our impact on the planet. More information on how to get involved can be found [here](#). Deadline to receive photos of the displays: 8th December.

We are asking you to make your own displays in your schools **using recycled materials** and send in your photos of your gorgeous *Pledge for the Planet* displays. We will use the images on a gallery page on our website www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk as well as on social media @suffolkrecycle during December.

All schools and groups will be entered into a draw to win a £100 gardening voucher!

For all the details click [here](#)

[Pledge for the Planet Examples](#)

[Pledge for the Planet Instructions](#)

Contact: waste.management@suffolk.gov.uk

Alcohol information Hub

For information | All schools

As part of Alcohol Awareness Week 2021, Public Health have launched an 'Alcohol Hub' on the Healthy Suffolk website, including information on exploring your relationship with alcohol, alcohol and parenting, and how to access support and treatment if required. We are keen to promote this information to all parents and would appreciate if schools and education settings can include a link to the hub in their correspondence to parents: www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/alcoholhub.

Suffolk Teaching Assistant Network newsletter

For information | All schools

Please see [here](#) the most recent newsletter from the Suffolk Teaching Assistant Network, provided by our colleague Abi Joachim.



Fairtrade video link to Kenya – available now

For information | All schools

On 13 October 2021 twelve Suffolk schools joined a live video link to Fairtrade farmer, Patrick Kaberia, in Kenya. Children from three selected schools put questions to Patrick. An edited version of the video link can be accessed from the website of the Suffolk Association of Fairtrade Towns at www.suffolkfairtrade.org.uk together with a wide range of teaching material.

SEND/Inclusion

Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme

For information | All schools

How schools with reception classes can register for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme

State-funded schools with reception classes have accessed the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) free of charge this academic year. This has supported COVID-19 recovery efforts with thousands of pupils accessing vital support for their communication skills.

The registration window for NELI 2021/22 closed on Sunday 31 October 2021. If you have not registered and would like to access the programme, please

contact primary.enquiries@oup.com.

Further information about the programme is available on the [Nuffield Early Language Intervention](#) website.



SENDIASS free sessions for parents and carers

For information | All schools

Booking will soon be open for the final two sessions for parents and carers exploring SEN support in schools for pupils with different categories of need. Please share with parents and carers – thank-you!

[SEN support for pupils with communication and interaction needs](#) (opens PDF flyer)

This session will be supported by a teacher from the specialist education service for pupils with communication and interaction needs. We will look at the cycle of SEN support, how parents and pupils are involved and look at examples of support which schools can

reasonably offer.

Tuesday 7th December

10 – 11:30am

[Register for SEN Support for pupils with Communication and interaction needs](#)

[SEN support for pupils with sensory processing needs.](#) (opens PDF flyer)

In the last 30 minutes of this relaxed session we will be joined by two Paediatric Occupational Therapists from the Paediatric Occupational Therapy Sensory Pathway Service. The session will look at the cycle of SEN support, how parents and pupils are involved and look at examples of support which schools can reasonably offer.

Friday 10th December

10 – 11:30am

[Register for SEN Support for pupils with sensory processing needs](#)

We would be pleased to hear from you with any further development ideas. Suffolk SENDIASS provides impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND, and their parents and carers.

We have lots of information on our website and YouTube. Here are our various publicity leaflets as PDF's, which explain the service and how to reach us:

- [Our impartiality explained](#)
- [Our service leaflet for parents and carers](#)
- [Contact card \(credit card sized\)](#)
- [Young person leaflet](#)
- [Child/young person postcard style leaflet](#)

Helpline: **01473 265210**

Email: enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk

Text: **ADVICE4ME** to **87007**

www.suffolksendiass.co.uk

Key Contacts

For information | All schools

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

For COVID related queries email the COVID support officers: CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk or share details of your query with the Education Skills and Learning business support team on 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/Early Years 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)

[Key contact information sheet](#)

EVENTS

**Join author Matt Haig to discuss his new book 'A Boy Called Christmas'
Tuesday 22 November 10-10.45am, Ages 7+**

For information | All Primary schools

A Boy Called Christmas with author Matt Haig, Tuesday 22 November 10-10.45am, Ages 7+

“Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a woodcutter and an evil aunt and a brave young boy and a sad king and lots of elves and a talking mouse...”

Join Matt Haig for a special Christmassy session exploring his book, and soon to be Netflix film, *A Boy Called Christmas*. The true story of Father Christmas.

Hear Matt read from the book, discuss his inspirations and get exclusive sneak peeks from the film. You will have a chance at the end to ask Matt questions from your class.

Register via the link below to join the

event: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p8093A0gS2SpHGatZ0DNqQ

TRAINING



Modeshift STARS Training

For information | All schools

The Way To Go Suffolk Team at Suffolk County Council are organising another online Modeshift STARS training session for your school.

This will provide you a detailed overview of how to use the Modeshift STARS online system and the process for applying for the nationally recognised STARS accreditation

This is free to take part. The training will take place on MS Teams, where an invite will be sent, once we have agreed your place.

Training Dates:

Tuesday 30 November 16:00 – 18:00

Tuesday 7 December 16:00 – 18:00

Tuesday 14 December 16:00 – 18:00

If you would like to book a place these are on a first come first serve basis. Please email: schooltravelplans@suffolk.gov.uk

[Please see flyer for information here](#)

Contact: schooltravelplans@suffolk.gov.uk

Important information for all Suffolk schools and settings: Headteachers, SENCos, Leaders of SEND and Inclusion

For information | All schools

Please see [here](#) details of Engagement Model Training available in the Spring term 2022 on Suffolk CPD Online. The training will be led by Vicky Platt in the Cognition and Learning Service. Please do join us.

Contact: lizzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk, 07540 673775



Remote CPD: English Subject Leader Network

For information | Primary schools

Aims to:

- Keep English Subject Leaders abreast of topical issues
- Develop participants' understanding of what excellence and good progress looks like in their subject, sharing strategies
- Consider assessment in English
- Enable English Subject Leaders to lead improvements in their subject with confidence

Thursday 25th November 2021 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[English Subject Leader Network](#)



Remote CPD: SEN for Early Careers Teachers

For information | Primary schools

This course aims to accelerate the development of Early Career Teachers' SEN knowledge and skills so that they feel confident about enabling SEND pupils to thrive in the classroom. This series of training sessions should complement the SEN training of your chosen ECF provider. Session 1: inclusive planning, teaching & learning.

Tuesday 18th January 2022 - 2.00pm

£20

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[SEN for Early Careers Teachers](#)



Remote CPD: Aiming High in Primary Mathematics – Session 1 of 4

For information | Primary schools

The first of four linked sessions which aim to develop participants' knowledge and understanding of 'what makes a good mathematician'. Exploring a range of practical strategies and ideas for developing primary pupils' fluency, reasoning and problem solving capabilities in mathematics.

Tuesday 18th January 2022 - 4.00pm

£25 per session

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[Aiming High in Primary Mathematics](#)



Remote CPD: Developing Writing Excellence in Primary Schools

For information | Primary schools

Understanding progression in core Writing concepts and how this can help us to drive and shape practice.

Aims:

To explore:

- Key Writing milestones
- Progression in key aspects of Writing
- How metacognitive scripting and questioning can support the delivery of complex concepts

Wednesday 12th January 2022- 4.00pm

£25 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[Developing Writing Excellence in Primary Schools](#)



Remote CPD: Humanities Subject Leader Network

For information | Primary schools

The network aims to: · examine the key features of high quality curricula for History & Geography; · consider what learning progress looks like in both substantive & disciplinary knowledge; · develop strategies for evaluating the quality of teaching & learning; · enable History & Geography subject leaders to lead improvements in their subject.

Thursday 18th November 2021 – 4pm

£20

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[Humanities Subject Leader Network](#)



Free Primary and Secondary Research and Innovation Work Groups

For information | Primary and Secondary Maths Teachers and Leaders

Angles Maths Hub is thrilled to be offering 2 additional, free Work Groups this year: “**Seeing Number at LKS2 with Andrew Jeffrey and Liz Gibbs**” and, for **Secondary**, “**Collaborative Teaching in Maths and Science**”.

Further details, and links to Work Group application forms, are available via the flyers below.

[Seeing Number at LKS2](#)

[Collaborative Teaching in Maths and Science](#)

Contact: admin@anglesmathshub.org



Norfolk & Suffolk Science Learning Partnership – Primary & Secondary Science CPD

For information | All schools

[Narrowing the gap: Supporting disadvantaged learners in science](#)

2 sessions starting 18 January 2022

Remote delivery: MS Teams

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Cost: from £60

[Space as a context for learning](#)

Date: 20 January 2022

Remote delivery: Zoom

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Cost: from £60

[Developing the skills of measuring and observation](#)

Date: 07 February 2022

Remote delivery: Zoom

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Cost: from £20

Coming soon: Strengthening practical work in Physics, Chemistry and Biology – contact us for info

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk

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