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SUFFOLK HEADLINES

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Ensuring every child in Suffolk
can achieve their full potential



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

Tuesday, 23 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, 23 November 2021

Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



Vaccinations of 12-15 year olds

The Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust, who are responsible for the vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds across Suffolk has reported that 46.2% of 12-15 year olds in Suffolk have now received their first dose of the COVID vaccine. This compares to 45.2% in the East of England and 39% across the whole of England for this age group.

This does mean that over half of this cohort are still to be vaccinated.

The Hertfordshire team are working with local public health colleagues on a prioritisation of their finite resource to increase these rates. There are vaccination centres offering vaccines to 12-15 year olds so that they can be vaccinated outside of the team's visits to schools and settings. Please share this information with parents and carers.

[Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds flyer](#)

New COVID measures

[Public Health framework for managing COVID-19 in Suffolk childcare & educational settings](#)

If you have any questions about the new measures shared last week, please contact the COVID Support Team CYP19@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.

Suffolk Headlines Feedback

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey about Headlines. The team are working on adapting the format of Headlines to reflect the comments received. If you would like to be part of a test group of school/setting leaders for these, please e-mail suffolkheadlines@suffolk.gov.uk.

Fair Access Protocol changes to comply with New School Admissions Code

For information | All schools

The Department for Education confirmed the implementation of the new School Admissions Code from 1 September 2021. This included the requirement for Local Authorities to make some mandatory changes to their [Fair Access Protocol](#) (FAP).

We consulted with schools on the proposed changes to Suffolk's Fair Access Protocol from 3 September to 22 October 2021.

On 17 November 2021, CYP DMT considered the proposed changes to the FAP and the [Consultation Responses](#) received from schools. They agreed that the proposed FAP should be implemented with immediate effect.

The [In-Year Fair Access Panel \(IYFAP\) Guide](#) has been updated to reflect the mandatory changes to the FAP. This shows the changes that have been made to the Guide. The link to the new FAP and IYFAP guidance is [Suffolk's Fair Access Protocol | Suffolk County Council](#).

Schools Forum – 30 November 2021

For information | All schools

The papers for Schools Forum are now available on the [Schools Forum – Suffolk Learning](#)

Please ensure you contact your Schools Forum representative if you have any issues you would like raised on your behalf.

- Approval of De-delegated Budgets 2022-23
- High Needs Funding and DSG Deficit Recovery Plan for Suffolk
- Schools Block Funding Formula: 2022-23
- Early Years Surplus Delegation

Suffolk Childcare Survey 2021

For information | All schools

We need help from parents to complete our Suffolk Childcare Survey 2021

Suffolk County Council is reviewing the county's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. We need as many parents/carers to complete the Suffolk County Council Childcare Survey as possible, including those who currently access childcare and those who may wish to access childcare in the future. Please could you help by circulating the link below to the survey as widely as possible to parents/ carers, informing them the survey needs to be completed by the 08 December 2021.

[Childcare Sufficiency Assessment | Suffolk County Council](#)

Increasing Diversity in the Curriculum

For information | All schools

Suffolk curriculum leaders' network meeting – Tuesday 7 December 2021

Tuesday 7 December between 4 and 5 pm, will be the first of three termly Suffolk curriculum leaders' network meetings. These meetings are for senior leaders who have curriculum oversight and aim to provide a platform to learn from, collaborate with and ask questions of, each other. The meetings will be virtual, using Microsoft Teams, to enable curriculum leaders from across Suffolk to attend without the burden of lengthy and costly travel. The focus of the first meeting is 'Increasing Diversity in the Curriculum' and we will be joined by leaders from Barrow Primary School, Suffolk who will be sharing their work in this area. This presentation will be equally useful for both primary and secondary

curriculum leads. There will also be an open surgery – an opportunity for all delegates to ask any questions/queries they may have or recommend a particular curricular approach/resource.

If you would like to join the meeting, please email ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk with the subject of 'Suffolk Curriculum Leaders' network meeting' and you will be sent the virtual meeting link.

CHRIS (Crisis Help and Risk Intervention Service)

For information | All schools

Background

CHRIS will be a community-based team which will not hold care coordination responsibilities but will work alongside practitioners from core teams who currently support CYP&F. CHRIS will provide enhanced crisis MDT (multi-disciplinary team) support to children & young people requiring mental health related risk support, and the systems and services supporting them, through advice, consultation, joint and direct work. Referrals to CHRIS will be made by existing practitioners based within Local Authority or Mental Health teams.

Recruitment has been challenging and as a result, we had to go out to advert several times. We are very pleased, however, to now confirm that we have successfully appointed the Service Manager, two Practice Managers, two Senior Social Workers, one Senior Nurse, 4 Outreach Practitioners, one Systemic Psychotherapist, two Business Support Officers and our Clinical Psychologist.

We continue to recruit to the remaining posts within the team.

Project development. Due to the challenges faced with recruitment, our original launch date of Autumn 2021 has been revised. We are now aiming for the service to become operational on the 1st February 2022. In the meantime, we continue recruiting and getting everything in place. Teams and services will be contacted at the beginning of 2022 with more details of referral processes, care pathways, and the support CHRIS can provide.

Payroll codes, Virements, & VAT

For information | All schools

VAT Files

A reminder to schools to ensure not to export VAT files more than once as this creates duplicate entries in Oracle. If you are unsure if your file has been submitted, check your vat submittal for the month and if it is greyed out you know there is a good chance it has been submitted. Please contact SAT before sending your file again.

Wrong payroll codes

We are aware of the wrong payroll codes being used which we are correcting each month once closed, the corrections will be reflected in the next month's Oracle reports. Please do not send journals for these corrections as they may be duplicated.

Virements

School virements must be emailed termly to sat@suffolk.gov.uk for processing. See below for deadlines:

Autumn – Friday 10th December

Spring – Friday 18th February

Summer – Friday 27th May

Short Story writing competition for pupils in Suffolk primary schools – details are on the ‘Get Suffolk Reading’ website. Closing date 20th December 2021

For information | All primary schools

A host of local authors and illustrators have backed Get Suffolk Reading's mission to encourage a love of reading and writing for children and young people across the county. The line-up of ambassadors so far includes:

- Anthony Horowitz, author and creator of some of the UK's best loved TV and book series including the Alex Rider series and The Diamond Brothers.
- James Mayhew, author of the Kate Greenaway Medal longlisted *Mrs Noah's Pockets*, *Gaspard the Fox* and *Once Upon a Tune: Stories from the Orchestra*.
- Polly Dunbar, bestselling author and illustrator of *Penguin*, *The Hug* and *Why We Can't Hug*.
- Tallulah Smith, Felixstowe-based illustrator and designer of everything from children's resources to websites.
- Marjoke Henrichs, author and illustrator of the internationally popular *No! Said Rabbit*

All ambassadors have created a story prompt to inspire children across the county to think creatively and write their own story. All submissions will be entered into a prize draw to win a range of prizes including a school visit from local author and illustrator Marjoke Henrichs as well as a variety of book bundles. Story prompts can be viewed on the [Get Suffolk Reading website](#) and entries close on 20 December.



Suffolk Road Safe Newsletter

For information | All primary schools

Take a look at the new newsletter from the Road Safety Team which will go out to school's every term.

If your school would like to sign up and receive information on Road Safety, Active Travel and up and coming campaigns and events, follow the link <http://eepurl.com/hL89HD> to sign up for free.

If you'd like to view the online copy of the first edition, [click here](#)

Contact: suffolkroadsafe@suffolk.gov.uk

Make Your Mark – British Youth Council's Annual Consultation of 11-18 year olds; give young people the chance to have their say on what matters to them.

For information | All schools

In previous years Make Your Mark has taken place in the autumn. 2022's Make your Mark is being held in February. Please find the information you need for your young people to take part here: [British Youth Council | Make Your Mark - UK Youth Parliament \(byc.org.uk\)](https://www.byc.org.uk). You can download resources and register your school to take part. We will send more information nearer the time and happy to help with any queries!

SEND/Inclusion



SENDIASS free sessions for parents and carers

For information | All schools

Still time to book on our 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](#)

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](#)

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

Hub updates



Teaching School Hubs of Suffolk



For information | All schools

The Eastern Region Teaching School Hubs are pleased to offer 'Subject Forums' The subject forums will allow you to look at latest research in your subject area and how you can incorporate this into your practice. Our Subject Forums are delivered in partnership via Curriculum Hubs, and the Teaching School Hubs in the Eastern region.

From January, the subject forums will be held every half term. These will be virtual sessions lasting around 45 minutes.

Membership to the Subject Forums costs £50 per year for Primary and £100 for Secondary. The membership fee will allow you to add any teacher onto the Subject Forums during the pilot year.

- The subject forums will allow you to look at latest research in your subject area and how you can incorporate this into your practice.
- The subject forums will also cover unpacking NASBTT subject networking, looking at subject DfE research and any other needs of the group

[Primary schools register here](#)

[Secondary school register here](#)



Alpha Teaching School Hub

For information | All schools

The Alpha Teaching School Hub is proud to be working with Outstanding Leaders Partnership to deliver the National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) to colleagues across Colchester, Ipswich, Tendring and Babergh.

The frameworks for the NPQs have been updated and refreshed for February 2021 and draw from the very latest evidence and research into pedagogy, behaviour, curriculum and more. To best address the broad range of responsibilities of current and aspiring middle leaders, three new specialist NPQs have been introduced which support alternate career development

What are the benefits?

The provider where you can use your apprenticeship levy for training

Exceeding DfE performance metrics

DfE rated exemplary input

100% wrap around care and support

Best Practice Network are a provider who know schools and are ready to go in delivery of NPQ

Strong national partner-led model and proven infrastructure having supported 14,000+ NPQs

Programmes built on, and updated with, up to date research evidence

Please [click here](#) to register.

The 6 NPQs currently available are:

NPQ for Leading Teaching (NPQLT): For those who are, or aspire to, lead teaching in a subject, year group, key stage or phase.

NPQ for Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC): For those who are, or aspire to, lead behaviour and culture and/or pupil well-being.

NPQ for Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD): For those who are, or aspire to, lead the development of other teachers.

NPQ for Senior Leadership (NPQSL): For those who are, or aspire to be, senior leaders leading across a school.

NPQ for Headship (NPQH): For those who are, or aspire to be, headteachers leading across a whole school.

NPQ for Executive Leadership (NPQEL): For those who are, or aspire to be, executive leaders with responsibility across more than one school.



Unity Teaching School Hub

For information | All schools

Unity TSH: November Update

The [designated Teaching School Hub for EENEL8](#) (Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal)

Our work as a delivery partner within the early carer framework and new NPQ programmes sees our activity continue to grow. Alongside neighbouring teaching school hubs, and in alignment with curriculum hubs and wider organisations we are determined to support all schools in our area access high quality professional development.

We are pleased to share our [monthly update](#) containing links and signposting to opportunities including:

- 1. Early Career Teacher Programme:** *registering ECTs starting in January and resources*
- 2. National Professional Qualifications (NPQs):** *application links for February start specialist NPQs*
- 3. Initial Teacher Training:** *signposting to providers*
- 4. Wider CPD:** *opportunities from Angles Maths Hub, Whole School SEND, Science Learning Partnership*
- 5. Senior Mental Health Lead Training:** *DfE funded training*

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](#)

TRAINING



Working Memory and Dyslexia

For information | All schools

Have you ever wondered:

- what is Working Memory (WM)?
- How do WM difficulties affect pupils in the classroom?
- what is the relationship with Dyslexia?
- how can we support learners with WM Difficulties?

A range of strategies will be discussed.

Course Code: SCH 21/079

Microsoft Teams

Date: 6th December 2021

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Cost: £50

Contact: Nicky Wilde, nicola.wilde@suffolk.gov.uk



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



Remote CPD: SEN for Early Careers Teachers

For information | All 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 Years Teachers](#)



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

For information | All 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. (See flyer for further dates.)

Tuesday 18th January 2022 - 4.00pm

£25 per session (discount available)

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[Aiming High in Primary Mathematics](#)



Remote CPD: Deep Dive Readiness Writing

For information | All primary schools

Two session course which aims to prepare participants to confidently articulate how their writing curriculum supports excellent outcomes. Explore how to ensure a balance of skills teaching and application in writing is achieved, consider what excellence looks like and how an understanding of key milestones facilitates progress.

Monday 17th January & Monday 14th February 2022

£40 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

[Deep Dive Readiness Writing](#)



Remote CPD: Developing Writing Excellence in Primary Schools

For information | All 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](#)



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

Contact: Jane Cooper, training@swaveseyvc.co.uk

If someone else in your school would like to receive Suffolk Headlines
email suffolkheadlines@suffolk.gov.uk

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[View documents sent via Headlines during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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