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Headlines

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

Tuesday, 25 January 2022

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, 25 January 2022

Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



Following messages from the Prime Minister last week announcing the removal of Plan B COVID restrictions and the expected return to "business as usual", we wanted to provide an update about the support moving forward for schools and settings with COVID outbreaks. We know that it is not a return to business as usual for many of you with similar number of cases across Suffolk settings already this half term to the whole of the first half term in Autumn 2021.

We will continue to support settings in your response to COVID outbreaks. With reduced funding from central government, we will need to focus on those settings where there are significant outbreaks.

The [framework](#) will remain in place and will be updated regularly as it is now. We continue to work with leaders across the education sector and public health colleagues. An updated framework will be shared in a Special Headlines on Thursday 27 January 2022.

The [flowchart](#) will also remain in place and will continue to be updated as necessary.

We continue to support school and setting leaders' decisions using these alongside your risk assessment on any further action that may be required given the unique circumstances of schools and settings across Suffolk.

Where there is more information you will find the full article by clicking the link in the title.



[Letter regarding the Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges](#) | For information | All schools

Following the findings of the Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges, Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership and Suffolk County Council's CYP Service have written a response letter which summarises the main findings of the review, suggests useful resources and tools and gives pointers as to what schools and colleges can do to support children and families.

Contact: enquiries@suffolksp.org.uk



Suffolk County Council **Safety, Health and Wellbeing Audit Survey – request to complete** | For action | All LA maintained schools

Following the roll-out of the mandatory H&S audit in the autumn term, all maintained schools are now required to [fill out this short survey via Microsoft Forms](#). Please ensure that this is carried out before the end of February 2022. Support is offered to all schools who have found auditing a challenge or to those whose audits have uncovered areas of uncontrolled risk. Please contact the [Suffolk Schools and CYP Safety, Health and Wellbeing Advisor](#) if there are any concerns.



[Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund](#) | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the February half term holiday. The grant will be issued as a £15 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the half term.



[Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard \(PCI DSS\) Compliance and Audit](#) | For information | All schools

The Local Authority requires all maintained schools/PRUs to provide an annual assurance that they are compliant with PCI DSS requirements and I am writing today to set out requirements for 2022.



[‘Yojo’ Careers and Apprenticeship App for young people in Suffolk](#) | For information | All schools

Yojo is an app designed by young people for young people, with lots of features which puts the world of work in young people’s pockets.

It provides support to young people in Suffolk, aged 14-25, who are looking for an apprenticeship, career path information, or help if they are feeling stuck about what to do next.

Hub updates



[Alpha Teaching School Hub](#) | For information | All schools

We are delighted to be working with a strong network of schools within the Alpha Teaching School Hub Area of Tendring, Colchester, Ipswich and Babergh, who are collaborating through the already rich sense of purpose across, to ensure an exciting and forward thinking future for students in the four local district areas. We are offering NPQ Programmes and a wider CPD programmes.

Key Contacts

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



[Online training for teachers who are new to Year 2 and Year 6 assessment](#) | For information | All primary, first, infant and special schools

There will be short online training for colleagues who are new to the Year 2 and Year 6 end of Key Stage assessments. The sessions will include plenty of time to ask any questions you may have about tests and teacher assessment.

Contact: Jacqueline.cant@suffolk.gov.uk



Use of Restorative Practice in Schools – Training | For information | All schools

The Psychology and Therapeutic Service are running two more half day virtual training sessions to introduce school settings to the history and practice of Restorative Practice. These sessions are aimed at helping education setting staff to understand what constitutes restorative practice, and how and why it works as a whole school approach; feedback from previous sessions has been very positive.

The first of these sessions will be for secondary school staff (Post-16 staff also welcome), and will be run virtually from 9:30 til 12:30 on 16th February.

The second session will be for primary school staff and will be run virtually from 9:30 til 12:30 on 28th February.

Contact: EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk



Planning and Delivering an Effective Literacy Intervention for Learners with Literacy Difficulties/Dyslexia | For information | All schools

This training will provide approaches for personalising and delivering a multi-sensory, structured literacy intervention for learners with dyslexia/literacy difficulties.

Book through Suffolk CPD Online: [Suffolk CPD Online](#)

Microsoft Teams: Course Code: SCH 21/082

Date: 15th February

Time: 1.30 – 3pm

Cost: £50

Contact: sandra.sidoli@suffolk.gov.uk



SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers | For information | All schools

Suffolk SENDIASS provides impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND, and their parents and carers. Booking is open for our upcoming online sessions.

Contact: enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk



Remote CPD: Deep Dive Ready for Middle Leaders | For information | All primary schools

To help enable subject leaders to talk confidently about the principles which underpin the curriculum (intent), the way in which their subject is taught for progression in learning (implementation) and how they monitor and evaluate the quality of learning (impact). Practical tools and strategies will be shared.

Wednesday 16th February 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Making Best Use of TA's | For information | All primary schools

Aims to give participants a better understanding of:

- How TAs can 'add value'.
- How teachers ensure that TAs are fully prepared for their role.
- What is known about effective interventions and how teachers can monitor and evaluate their effectiveness.
- How teachers make explicit connections between classroom teaching and interventions

Monday 7th February 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Essential Skills for EYFS TAs | For information | All primary schools

This course seeks to address the needs of Teaching Assistants working in an early years setting and will cover all aspects of the observing, assessing and planning cycle. It also aims to deepen understanding of the 'Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage' document.

Monday 31st January 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: EYFS Network | For information | All primary schools

Practical examples of high-quality early years teaching and elements of an outstanding EYFS curriculum will be shared. Opportunities to discuss how the new Statutory Framework is changing practice in Reception. The specific foci for this network session will be:

- Early Years Mathematics
- Interventions in Communication, Language & Literacy.

Thursday 3rd February 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Maths Subject Leader Network | For information | All primary schools

A network group for primary subject leaders of mathematics. The foci for the Spring session are: What Subject Leaders need to know about KS1 moderation; Maths Planning part 1 – Use of diagnostic assessment to inform planning; NCETM - Prioritisation materials; and recent maths deep dive information.

Monday 31st January 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Reading Interventions with Impact | For information | All primary schools

This course focuses on research-based strategies for teaching reading fluency and comprehension. It supports teachers to know how to: track pupils' reading progress effectively, teach reading prosody explicitly to improve fluency and extend children's vocabulary to improve reading

comprehension.

Tuesday 8th February 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Using Student Digital Leaders | For information | All primary schools

This one-hour course will focus on reducing teacher workload by using Student Digital Leaders to build and maintain your standards evidence base for any subject that doesn't use books - e.g. Computing, PE, DT, RE, PSHCE and Music - using Google sites alongside the free version of Seesaw.

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Primary School Face to Face CPD - Leading Primary Computing | For information | All primary schools

This two-day course will help new primary computing leaders to clarify their role and develop and implement a broad and balanced curriculum.

Venue: West Suffolk College

Times: 09.30 – 15.30

Session 1: 18 March 2022

Session 2: 30 March 2022

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Primary School Face to Face CPD - Primary programming and algorithms | For information | All primary schools

5 April 2022

West Suffolk College

09.30 – 15.30

During this one-day professional development, you will discover engaging and effective ways to help children use computational thinking. You will be equipped

to develop their knowledge of how technology works, and the skills to make computers follow instructions in simple programs.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Python programming constructs: sequencing, selection and iteration - remote](#) | For information | All secondary schools

18 February 2022

09.30-15.00

Take your first steps to becoming a competent teacher of Python programming; this CPD will develop your foundational knowledge around the Python language.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Introduction to algorithms, programming and data in computer science - remote](#) | For information | All secondary schools

15 February 2022

09.30-14.30

Take your first steps towards teaching computer science and establish a foundational knowledge of concepts, terminology, and classroom practice.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Sensory strategies to manage behaviour and support learning CPD](#) | For information | All schools

After successful workshops in November last year, Dr Ivana Lessner Listiakova, FHEA, Senior Lecturer in Childhood Studies at the University of Suffolk, is delivering two extended workshops of 'Sensory strategies to manage behaviour and support learning'. This course looks at children's sensory processing needs and what sensory strategies can be used to provide calmness, promote feelings of safety and support focusing on tasks.

Contact: cpd@uos.ac.uk



**Norfolk & Suffolk Science Learning Partnership – Online
Primary Science Festival** | For information | All primary &
secondary schools

Choice of 8 sessions starting 31 January 2022
Remote delivery: Zoom
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Cost: from £20 / session (bursaries available)

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk



**Norfolk & Suffolk Science Learning Partnership –
Strengthening practical work in Biology** | For information
| All primary & secondary schools

08 March 2022
Venue: County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds
Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Cost: from £95

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk



**Norfolk & Suffolk Science Learning Partnership –
Teaching assistants supporting science** | For information
| All primary & secondary schools

09 March 2022
Remote delivery: Zoom
Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Cost: from £50 incl free resource

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

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk

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