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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, 1 February 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, 1 February 2022

Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



Following recent feedback, the articles in Suffolk headlines now include the first few lines of the article only with a link in the title where there is more information.

Please click the link in the title where the title is blue for more information.

For example, there is an article below about a voucher scheme to support families and children over the February half term holiday. The blue link in the title contains the details that you need to submit applications for these.

There is also an article about moderation assessment training opportunities with details about the sessions found by clicking the link.

Both of these are repeat articles to ensure all have the chance to access the additional information via the blue link in the title.

COVID cases

COVID cases across Suffolk continue to rise with 13046 reported cases across schools and settings since the start of this term. As of this morning, there are 75 schools or settings on level 3 and 85 on level 2.

School and setting leaders continue to manage situations using risk assessments and following the local [Public Health framework](#) to keep all safe and in education. For this we thank you and ask that you only contact the COVID officers on CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk where you are considering a remote learning offer for any cohort.

Vaccination update

There will be several pop up vaccination sites over the February half term offering vaccinations for those aged 12 and over. [Here is a list of opportunities](#) to share with your communities for the half term, including Friday 18 February 2022 which many have chosen as the additional 'Jubilee bank holiday' date. The list includes pop-ups in both Suffolk and Essex.

There is a letter below from Liz Moloney, Programme Director for the Suffolk and North East Essex Vaccination Programme about the vaccination program for 5-11 year olds who are in recognised risk groups or who are contacts of immunosuppressed individuals.

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



[Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds in recognised risk groups or who are contacts of immunosuppressed individuals](#) | For information | All schools

An update on the proposed plans for the roll-out of the vaccination programme for 5-11 year olds across Suffolk and north east Essex.

For full details click the link in the article title.

 **Suffolk** **Safety, Health and Wellbeing updates – C19 risk assessment template, SHaW training, and audit survey** | For information | All schools

Safety, Health and Wellbeing information for all educational settings – please follow the links to Suffolk Learning:

- An [updated COVID-19 risk assessment template](#) effective 27 January 2022
- New SHaW training available – [Workstation Assessor, Premises Management and Fire Warden training](#)
- Please remember to complete [SHaW Audit survey](#) (maintained settings) by the deadline given.

Contact the [Suffolk Schools and CYP Safety, Health and Wellbeing Advisor](#) if needed.

 **Suffolk** **[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.

For full details click the link in the article title.

 **Suffolk** **[High Needs Funding Spring 22](#)** | For information | All schools

The autumn term saw an extremely high number of requests for new bands and changes to existing bands. For the first time, we were unable to complete the work by the end of term and have needed a few weeks into the spring term to finalise all of the funding. Thank you for your patience and support and we trust that you now have received your funding and an answer to any enquiry you may have made.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Steve.newman@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 260012
joy.settle@suffolk.gov.uk, 07923 260597



[National Literacy Trust Annual Literacy Survey](#) | For information | All schools

The National Literacy Trust's annual survey of pupils aged 5 to 18 explores children and young people's reading, writing, speaking and listening enjoyment, behaviour and attitudes. Taking part in the survey is free of charge, and all participating schools will get their own individual school report that outlines basic findings, which you can compare nationally once the national reports are published.

You could use your report to:

- Inform your literacy and numeracy strategy
- Give as supporting evidence to OFSTED
- Review your current provision

Deadline: Friday 11 March

For full details click the link in the article title.



[Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 2022](#) | For information | All schools

This year's Children's Mental Health Week is taking place between the **7th-13th February 2022**, and is in partnership with Place2Be. To celebrate The Engagement Hub is running an event for all young people throughout the county to be involved.

The theme for this week is 'Growing Together'.

For full details click the link in the article title.



The new Jan/Feb 2022 digital edition of Families Suffolk Magazine is out now. | For information | All schools

Please click on the link to read online: [Families Suffolk January/February 22 by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)

It's packed with everything you need as we head into 2022!

Be inspired by our New Year, New You feature and try out our delicious winter warmer recipes, from hot chocolates to hearty soups.

We have [free Mental Health Activity Packs](#) from Storytime to give away to our readers, so don't forget to apply!

You can also be in with a chance of [winning a Gingersnap Balance Bike worth £119!](#)

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

For full details click the link in the article title.



Unity Teaching School Hub:CPD Collaborations | For information | All schools

1.New from the EEF: '5-a-day' poster with an [accompanying blog](#) designed to support evidence-informed inclusive teaching practices

2.Don't miss the final webinar: [book your free ticket here](#) Weds 2nd March, 4-6pm: '**SEND in mainstream for early career teachers and beyond**' exploring and exemplifying recommendations on effective interventions and working effectively with teaching assistants.

3.Free TSH Mentor conference: [book your free ticket here](#) Weds 2nd March, 4.30-6pm: keynotes from Dr Richard Kueh, Ofsted on subject-based curricula and Research Review Series and Charlotte Raby on the Reading Framework - tickets are first come first served so we encourage people to register early ([flyer attached](#))

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](#)



Events



Reimagining Alternative Provision in Suffolk | For information | All primary schools

An open webinar to discuss our Pathways.
Understanding the Pathways model An open webinar to discuss our pathways, focusing on:

- Pathway structures
- Curriculum
- Intended outcomes

Friday 4th February 3.00-4.00 Click here to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82103461470>

Contact: ceo@raedwaldtrust.org

Training



Suffolk
County Council

[Online training for teachers who are new to Year 2 and Year 6 assessment](#) | For information | All 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.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Jacqueline.cant@suffolk.gov.uk

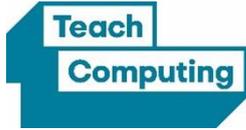
Special Educational Needs
and Disability Information
Advice & Support Service

sendiass

[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.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[Introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science – Remote CPD](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Date: Wednesday 23 February 2022

Time: 09.00-14.00

Take your first steps towards teaching computer science and establish a foundational knowledge of concepts, terminology and classroom practice. Find out how the components of computer systems interlink and how these can then be connected together to form a network.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Fundamentals of computer networks – Remote CPD](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Date: Friday 25 February 2022

Times: 09.00-14.00

Computer networks exist all around us. During the course, you will demystify the hardware and network topologies used for data transfer between computers and help you make topic learning relevant and engaging to students.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Higher attainment in computer science – meeting the challenges of the exams](#) | For information | All secondary schools

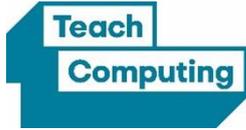
Date: Saturday 26 February 2022

Times: 09.00-14.00

This evidence-based CPD aims to raise knowledge amongst teachers of how to achieve the most out of your students, whilst preparing for their GCSE exams in computer science.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Primary School Face to Face CPD - Teaching KS1 computing](#) | For information | All primary schools

Day one: 24 March

Day two: 6 April 2022

Time: 09.30-15.30

Venue: West Suffolk College

This two-day course will develop your knowledge of internet-connected computer systems, from hardware to online safety. You will take-away engaging ways to use computers and software effectively, supporting other areas of curriculum learning.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



[Remote CPD: Art & Design Subject Leader Network](#) | For information | All primary schools

- Allows primary Art co-ordinators to connect and share ideas;
- Explores ways of ensuring that the Art curriculum engages and inspires;
- Considers what learning progress looks like and how to assess knowledge and skills.

Focus — 'How do we develop pupil voice to support the assessment of art and design?'

Thursday 17th February 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.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

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Developing Writing Excellence in Primary Schools | For information | All primary schools

Effective curriculum evaluation. Practical guidance for ensuring the quality of your writing curriculum & how this can be used to reshape provision.

Exploring:

What excellence looks like

Using pupil book study as an essential tool for quality assuring writing provision

The importance of the journey & the destination

Wednesday 9th February 2022 - 4.00pm

£25 per delegate

For full details click the link in the article title.

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Remote CPD: Ready for Big School | For information | All primary schools

Exploring the common areas of developmental delay affecting vulnerable children as highlighted in the Ofsted report, 'Are you ready? Good practice in school readiness'. A range of approaches and practical strategies for improving young children's communication, personal, social and emotional skills and physical development will be shared.

Monday 14th February 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk



Developing your working scientifically skills – a series of 3 workshops | For information | All primary & secondary schools

Starting 07 February 2022
Remote delivery: Zoom
Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Cost: from £60 for all 3 (bursaries available)

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk



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

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk



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

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: training@swaveseyvc.co.uk

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