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

Tuesday, 15 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, 15 February 2022

Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



At the start of the pandemic Suffolk County Council established a reporting mechanism to enable school and setting leaders to notify us of positive COVID cases. Education and Early Years Officers were then able to respond proactively to outbreaks and provide support in real time. I know this is time consuming, especially when you have a lot of cases to put through, and I would like to thank you all for supporting us by completing the notification form over

the last 2 years. While cases are still high, we are in a different place to where we were, and therefore we have reviewed the current reporting process, and following consultation with our Education Sector Leads group, the following changes will be implemented after half term:

From Monday 28 February 2022, Suffolk schools and settings will no longer be asked to notify Suffolk County Council of positive cases.

Instead, the COVID Support Team will continue to monitor the national data provided by the UK Health Security Agency to identify schools and settings whose cases are increasing. Where the team are not already supporting, they will make contact and provide support and advice as required.

The reason national data was not used as our primary source of information before now is because there is a 24hour delay in the data being sent to us from the UK Health Security Agency. This meant there would have been a delay in supporting you. The reason we consider this to be an appropriate response at this time is twofold: Firstly, it will reduce the workload for school and setting staff and secondly, the feedback from Sector Leads and many school and setting leaders is with the Local Public Health Framework ([Latest guidance COVID-19 | Suffolk County Council](#)) in place and your individual risk assessments, you are able to make decisions that are right for your setting. I would like to assure you that the COVID Support Team is remaining in place, and schools and settings can still contact the COVID Support Officers for any queries, concerns or would like to sense check anything.

Where schools and settings are having to move to an online offer for some, complete closure or you would like to discuss capacity issues with the COVID Support Team, we will be making a Microsoft Form available to enable you to easily inform the team. This form will also enable you to send us the details of any vulnerable pupils who may be learning remotely for a period of time. The link to this form will be available in the flowchart.

The current flowchart will be updated to reflect these changes and will be communicated after half term. We are all expecting an announcement and changes around the current isolation guidance. These too will be reflected in updates to the flowchart.

The current Local Public Health Framework also remains as it is until there are changes to national guidance, so please continue to use the current framework, your risk assessments and the COVID Support Team to support you.

The COVID Support Team can be contacted for any queries and concerns on CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk

Opportunity for LA maintained schools

There are two places for all Suffolk LA maintained schools, full funded by Suffolk LA, on Anti-Racism Education webinars delivered by Professor Paul Miller through the East Anglian Anti-Racism Education Collective (EAAREC). These must be claimed by Friday 11 March 2022.

The details are in the [workshop catalogue](#) - sessions 5 and 9. Session 9 is on developing an Anti-Racist Pedagogy and will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 3:30pm. Session 5 is on Diversifying, decolonising and inclusivising the curriculum and is on Thursday 17 March 2022 at 3:30pm.

If you are in an LA maintained school, please let ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk know if you are interested in attending and you will be sent the joining link. Each LA maintained school has two places on either one of these sessions.

If you are in an academy trust please share the details with your CEO who may organise places directly with the EAAREC.

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

 **Suffolk** County Council [Annual S175/157 Safeguarding Self-Assessment](#) | For information | All schools

Annual S175/157 Safeguarding Survey
Report on last year's survey and details of change of timing for this year's survey

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Safeself-review@suffolk.gov.uk

 **Suffolk** County Council [LMS Letter 2022-03](#) | For information | All schools

The LA are introducing shorter pay bands on 01 April 2022, by removing 6 spine points. School Leaders and Business Managers/Bursars need to read this LMS letter for essential information that will impact on the preparation of budgets and the award of performance related incremental pay.

For full details click the link in the article title.



Engaging Young People in Suffolk | For information | All schools

The Communications team at Suffolk County Council are currently working on a project to research how we can better communicate and engage with the young people of Suffolk. The project is led

completely by young people within the council, who believe it's extremely important that more 16–25-year-olds have a place to voice their opinions, especially those that are normally hard to reach as they can offer some very valuable insights.

If you are a young person or involved with any groups of young people, that would like to have a voice in this project, please do email charlie.moulds@suffolk.gov.uk as we would love to hear what you/they have to say.



[Let's Get Creative: Arts and culture events across Suffolk](#) | For information | All schools

Suffolk Libraries have recently launched their new web directory for free and low-cost creative activities happening in and around Suffolk.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Georgina.Quinn@suffolklibraries.co.uk



[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.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[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.

Hub updates



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

Half-term update: It has been a privilege to link with ever-growing numbers of colleagues on our professional development offer - thank you for all the positive feedback and commitments made to professional learning. We are very pleased to share our half-termly update and wish you a refreshing break over half-term.



[Inspiration Teaching School Hubs](#) | For information | All schools

At the Inspiration Teaching School Hub, we send out monthly newsletters to those who engage in our hub. For this edition of Suffolk Headlines, we have included an example from our recent National Professional Qualifications newsletter.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: inspirationschoolhub@inspirationtrust.org

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: CYP19@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



[SENDIASS session 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 session.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[SENDAT Virtual Recruitment and Careers Week](#) | For information | All schools

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Academies Trust (SENDAT) is hosting its second virtual recruitment and careers week Monday 21st – Friday 25th February.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[Webinar: Education – Supporting Children from Armed Forces Families](#) | For information | All schools

Supporting Service Children in Education: Webinar, Monday 28 February 3.30-5.30pm: Aims to inform and brief those working with children from armed forces families about evidence and good practice.

The [SCiP Alliance](#) (Service Children's Progression Alliance) aims to engage and influence policy makers, education authorities and schools by making a real difference to the lives of Service children and their families.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: projects@makehappen.org



**Learn-Explore-Debate events:
Getting the new EYFS and EYFS profile right in schools** | For information | All primary, infant and nursery schools

The Department for Education and the National Children's Bureau are delighted to announce 3 **free** Learn – Explore – Debate events in March 2022 aimed at school-based early years practitioners. The agenda will include a focus on the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, the Early Years Education Recovery Programme and Ofsted inspections under the revised framework.

Go to the [Foundation Years website](#) to find out more and book your place.

Training



Assessing writing at the end of Key Stage 1 | For information | All primary, first, infant and special schools

These sessions will cover the Teacher Assessment Framework for the end of Key Stage 1. We will discuss writing in detail using some of the materials from the moderator training. Maths and reading will also be discussed and there will be time for colleagues to ask questions.

To book a place, please email me jacqueline.cant@suffolk.gov.uk and I will send a meeting link closer to the date. There is no charge for the sessions.

- Monday 21 March 2022 - 1:30 to 3:00 or 3:30 to 5:00
- Thursday 24 March 2022 - 1:30 to 3:00 or 3:30 to 5:00



Assessing writing at the end of Key Stage 2 | For information | All primary, middle and special schools

These sessions will cover the Teacher Assessment Framework for the end of Key Stage 2. We will discuss writing in detail using some of the materials from the national moderator training. There will be time for colleagues to ask questions.

To book a place, please email me jacqueline.cant@suffolk.gov.uk and I will send a meeting link closer to the date. There is no charge for the sessions.

- Wednesday 23 March 2022 - 1:30 to 3:00 or 3:30 to 5:00
- Monday 28 March 2022 - 1:30 to 3:00 or 3:30 to 5:00



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.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: cpd@uos.ac.uk



[3 in 1 Medical Conditions Training](#) | For information | All schools

Delivered via Microsoft Teams - Epilepsy & asthma & Anaphylaxis presentation

The school nursing service offers free awareness training for all school staff. The training will offer comprehensive awareness in all three subjects and how these can be managed within the school setting.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[Getting the new EYFS and EYFS profile right in schools](#) | For information | All schools

Join the Department for Education (DfE) and the National Children's Bureau (NCB) to *Learn - Explore - Debate* the key early years policy and practice developments that matter to school-based staff.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[Remote CPD: Computing Health Check](#) | For information | All primary schools

This course will help you to know whether or not your computing curriculum is in a healthy place. Participants will explore what a good computing curriculum looks like and will find out what free resources are available to support the teaching of Computing, including courses and schemes of work.

Wednesday 9th March 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link in the article title.



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

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link in the article title.



Remote CPD: Design & Technology Subject Leader Network | For information | All primary schools

Aims:

- Allows DT co-ordinators to connect together & share ideas
- Explores ways to ensure that the DT curriculum inspires pupils to use creativity & imagination
- Considers what learning progress looks like in DT & how to assess knowledge & skills

Focus: Leadership of Food & Nutrition.

Thursday 17th March 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link in the article title.



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

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link in the article title.



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

Aims to equip English Subject Leaders with the skills and knowledge to lead improvements in their subject.

Foci: Strategies to secure/accelerate progress in Spelling and Deep Dives (inc. validated phonics programmes; keep up/catch up; decodable texts and weaker readers in KS2; text progression to build reading independence.)

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link in the article title.



Remote CPD: Where Next with Phonics | For information | All primary schools

Designed to complement the Phonics Basics course and further develop teachers' subject knowledge around the effective teaching of early reading. · Phonics into spelling - linking Phonics phases 5 & 6 with spelling patterns · Responsive phonics – methods of assessment & planning remedial phonics interventions · The place of Phonics in KS2

Monday 7th March 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link in the article title.



Higher attainment in computer science – meeting the challenges of the exams | For information | All schools

Saturday 26 February 2022

09.00-14.00

Whether you're already teaching computer science or completely new to the subject, this course is designed to support your understanding of how to increase student attainment at GCSE level. Within this course you'll receive insights into accurate assessment to aid centre assessed grading, explore the key terminology used in exams and how this should be approached by

students.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science – Remote CPD | For information | All 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.

or

[Monday 11 April 2022](#)

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Fundamentals of computer networks – Remote CPD | For information | All 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.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



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

This two-day course will help new primary computing leaders to clarify their role and develop and implement a broad and balanced curriculum. Learn how best to lead the improvement of computing teaching and learning, and to provide professional support and development to others.

Times: 09.30–15.30

Session 1: 18 March 2022

Session 2: 30 March 2022

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk

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