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Headlines

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

Tuesday, 8 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, 8 February 2022

Message from Allan Cadzow

Corporate Director for Children & Young People



It is another full edition of Headlines this week. Please click on the blue links at the top of each article to read the full article.

While COVID cases continue to rise across Suffolk schools and settings, they do at last appear to be slowing. We have seen a fall in the number of schools or settings on level 2 and 3 this week. There are 40 at level 3 and 84 on level 2. 14

schools or settings have some kind of remote learning offer for some year groups.

Please continue to follow the [local public health framework](#) and [flowcharts](#) to answer and the CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk e-mail when you are considering any remote learning offer.

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



[School Admission Arrangements for 2023/2024](#) | For information | All academies, free schools and voluntary aided schools

All voluntary aided schools, free schools and academies must determine their admission arrangements for the 2023/2024 school year by **28 February 2022**, even if they have not been changed from the previous year and a consultation was not required.

Admission arrangements include your oversubscription criteria, Published Admission Number and Supplementary Information Form, if relevant.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: jan.scott@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 264657



[LMS letter 2022-02](#) | For information | All LA maintained schools

Please see above letter to LA maintained schools regarding organisational change management process for settings identifying a potential financial shortfall which could lead to staff reductions.

For full details click the link in the article title.



[Suffolk Virtual School - Funded Action-Based Research Opportunities](#) | For information | All schools

The extension of duties of the Virtual School has added the strategic responsibility for enhancing the progress and provision for children and young people with a social worker. By pooling funding streams open to the Virtual

School we would like to finance up to 10 action research projects over two years from 1st September 2022 with the aim of improving achievement and raising aspiration through the protective factor of school attendance.



[Message from the Schools Accountancy Team](#) | For information | All schools

Any school who are depositing cash with the post office and sending paying in slips to our Income team will need to start using our new Dynamics system for coding rather than sending in the paying in slips going forward. You will still need to complete the front of the paying in slip for the Post Office, but the coding will have to be entered via the Dynamics system.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: sat@suffolk.gov.uk



[Final RSHE Portal Know-How Webinar for 2021-22 academic year](#) | For information | All schools

A final RSHE Portal Know-How Webinar is being hosted during Spring Term RSHE Focus Month due to the number of new users and the on-going interest in finding out more about this free resource from Public Health Suffolk.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: 01473 263296, jane.stannard@suffolk.gov.uk



[Vote now in Suffolk UKYP elections](#) | For information | All schools

Election Month is here and it is your time to take part and vote for the next Members and Deputy Members of Youth Parliament for Suffolk. There are eight wonderful candidates. If you are not the correct person to lead on this, please pass it on.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk



[Warm Homes Suffolk](#) | For information | All schools

Warm Homes Suffolk is here to support you and keep Suffolk warm – offering free advice and possible grants.

For more information:

Visit: www.warmhomessuffolk.org

Call the team: 03456 037 686 (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm)

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.



Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme | For information | All schools

With The DfE's Holiday Activity (HAF) Programme continuing to be funded for the next three years over the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. We would like to invite schools to a Suffolk HAF provider workshop (sessions running 14th, 16th & 17th), so that we can outline how the programme will operate across Suffolk this year. Schools will be able to apply for funding in order to run their own holiday programmes and or work with providers to run joint programmes, host activity through making their site and facilities available to providers.

If you would like to find out more about The Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF) in Suffolk for 2022, please register for one of the provider sessions.

[Suffolk's Holiday Activity & Food Programme 2022, provider sessions \(office.com\)](#)

Any questions please email HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk

SEND/Inclusion

 **Suffolk** [SEND Update](#) | For information | All schools
County Council

Following on from the Independent Review of Suffolk SEND Services, the recommendations have been embedded into the current SEND priorities.

To keep up to date with our progress and the work that is ongoing please access the Local Offer link above.

For full details click on the link in the article title.

Contact: localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk

 **Suffolk** [KS1&2 Alternative Education Survey](#) | For information | All schools
County Council

We are looking to commission an Alternative Education Provision offer across Suffolk for Key Stage 1&2 learners from September 2023.

We would value your input to shape this service. [Please fill out our short survey via Microsoft Forms.](#)

Your views will help to inform the direction of a virtual Market Engagement event planned for after the Easter Holidays.

Please contact the Provider Services Team if you would like to attend.

Contact: ProviderDevelopmentTeam@suffolk.gov.uk

 **Suffolk** [Coproduction Training for SEND Partners](#) | For information | All schools
County Council

Would you like to take part in Coproduction training for the SEND Partnership? Following the launch of our new SPCF, a training session will be facilitated for key stakeholders of the SEND Partnership to come together to train, alongside each other on how we can form a strategic coproduction partnership.

For full details click on the link in the article title.

Contact: localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk

Hub updates

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

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 a number of wider CPD programmes.

For full details click the link in the article title.



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

Unity Teaching School Hub is keen to share updates from partners including curriculum and specialist hubs.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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

English Hubs
Wensum English Hub

[Meet the Phonics SSP Providers](#) | For information | All schools

Are you looking for a new validated SSP? Wensum Hub welcome you to join us for our FREE briefing sessions. Meet the author as they present their SSP. There will also be the opportunity to ask them any questions on their SSP or ask us more about how to claim funding towards improving phonics in your school.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk, 01603 426438

English Hubs
Wensum English Hub

[Reading in Year One with Emma Spires](#) | For information | All schools

This webinar is specifically designed for inspiring creative, cross curricular approaches to **Reading in Year 1**.

It's jam-packed with practical, purposeful, and inspiring ideas to use straight away.

Get your children decoding quickly, using engaging activities and texts across all subjects. You'll learn simple and effective ways to make the most of every opportunity, with children at all stages of phonic development.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk, 01603 426438



[Wensum English Hub Showcase](#) | For information | All schools

Headteachers, Senior Leadership members and reading/phonics leaders across Norfolk & Suffolk are invited to observe phonics lessons, find out how we have developed a reading for pleasure culture and achieved phonics results of 90% and above.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk, 01603 426438

Training



[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.

Contact: 07894 251462, nicki.howlett@suffolksendiass.co.uk



[Using student digital leaders to build your computing evidence base - remote](#) | For information | All schools

Thursday 10 February 2022

4.00-5.00pm

Do you want to reduce teacher workload, empower your digital leaders, and be prepared for an Ofsted deep dive?

This course will show how you can train student digital leaders to use a combination of google drive/google sites/free version of Seesaw to create a digital evidence-base ready for an Ofsted deep dive

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Leading Primary Computing - Primary School Face to Face CPD | 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. 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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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. Learn how to write code to input, process and output data, and how to manipulate data stored in variables.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Remote CPD: Computer Processors and instruction set |

For information | All secondary schools

Date: 22 February 2022

Times: 09.30-14.30

Explore the core of a modern computer, the processor. Learn how the instructions that humans write in computer programs are translated into machine code that the computer can process. Compare the differences between high-level and low-level programming languages, and how these can be used in the classroom.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Understanding Phonics: Getting to the Heart of Word Recognition | For information | All schools

Wensum English Hub presents Primary Leader and author of 'The Art and Science of Teaching Primary Reading,' Christopher Such, for our free phonics CPD event.

Christopher will be supporting teachers and leaders in grasping the underlying theory behind phonics. Discover how to really get to the heart of word recognition and support your children when learning to read.

For full details click the link in the article title.

Contact: Englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk, 01603 426438



Free Primary Mathematics Twilight CPD | For information | All schools

Angles Maths Hub is thrilled to offer free, online sessions for primary teachers to support and develop the use of representation in mathematics across the primary phase.

Our twilight sessions run across [Spring 2](#) and be repeated in [Summer 1](#). Follow the relevant link to our Eventbrite page for more details and to sign up for your school's free place.

Contact: admin@anglesmathshub.org



Free Secondary Mathematics CPD Opportunities | For information | All schools

Angles Maths Hub has several free CPD opportunities starting shortly to support teachers and their PD.

For colleagues teaching maths, who are not maths specialists we are launching a new cohort of our [Subject Knowledge for Non-Specialists at Easter](#).

Across Spring and Summer terms, we are also offering a [suite of introductory sessions on a variety of maths topics](#).

Contact: admin@anglesmathshub.org



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



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



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



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



Remote CPD: Computing Health Check | For primary information | All 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

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