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# Suffolk

# Headlines

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

**Tuesday, 29 March 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, 29 March 2022**

**Message from Allan Cadzow**

**Corporate Director for Children & Young People**



We have read with interest the government's [White Paper](#) and await further detail on the legislation that will follow. We are also considering the [Green Paper](#) consultation on SEND released today.

We will continue to work with all across the sector to secure the best possible outcomes for all children and young people in Suffolk so that they are fully

prepared with the skills and knowledge for the next stages of their lives.

On Friday 25 February 2022 we shared a [new guidance document](#) co-produced with our local public health colleagues in response to updated national guidance 'Living with COVID'. This contained data about falling case numbers at that time as well as guidance around managing COVID-19 in line with your management of all infections.

Unfortunately, and in line with the national situation, we have seen an increase in Covid cases this half term across Suffolk. We have also seen the number of people feeling more poorly with the virus increase, resulting in them being unable to return to school as quickly as the current guidance allows for. This is resulting in extended staffing pressures. We are also seeing an increase in hospital admissions and our colleagues in Public Health are continuing to closely monitor the situation across the county.

We will continue to monitor the situation and are working closely with colleagues in the East of England, UK Health Security Agency and the DfE. At this time, we are not planning to re-introduce the Suffolk Framework, however, this will be kept under review.

Please continue to contact the COVID Support Officers for advice and support. Where decisions about closure are taken out of hours there is no need to inform the emergency line, please continue to report any closures to the COVID Support Team using the Microsoft form or emailing them directly – [CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk)

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

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 [School Admission support for Ukrainian refugees](#) | For information | All schools

The response to the Ukrainian refugee situation is moving at pace. For up to date school/setting admission information please refer to [Supporting Afghan and Ukrainian refugees | Suffolk County Council](#)

For full details click the link above.

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 [Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans \(PEEPs\) – updated guidance for schools](#) | For information | All schools

This is an important reminder that all school staff and pupils who have a

condition which makes it unsafe or difficult for them to evacuate a premises, must have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) in place for their place of work or education. Please read the attached article which has links to an updated template and the guidance.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk)

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**Families Suffolk Magazine - Mar/Apr 2022 Digital Edition** | For information | All schools

Please click on the link to read

online: [https://bit.ly/FamiliesSuffolkMagazine\\_Issue64\\_Mar\\_Apr22\\_DigitalEdition](https://bit.ly/FamiliesSuffolkMagazine_Issue64_Mar_Apr22_DigitalEdition)

It's packed with everything you need as we head into spring. You'll love the Easter feature which includes some fabulous craft ideas, yummy recipes and this year's best Easter eggs.

We also have 200 **DoodleJamz** to give away - these mess-free drawing pads will be a hit with both children and parents so don't forget to apply! You can also be in with a chance of winning a **Smoby Ks Slide** worth £77.99.

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**Use of Restorative Practice in schools** | For information | All schools

The Psychology and Therapeutic Service have now run several half day virtual training sessions to introduce school settings to the history and practice of Restorative Practice (previously known as Restorative Justice). These sessions have been aimed at helping education setting staff to understand what constitutes restorative practice, and how and why it works as a whole school approach; feedback so far has been very positive.

For those who have already attended one of these half day introductory sessions, we are running a second follow-up 'in person' session to help practice and embed restorative conversations and conferencing skills. This will be an interactive session with live teaching and coaching.

The session will run from 9:30 to 12:30 and will be held at Endeavour House in Ipswich on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

If you would like to book a place on this course please email: [EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk)

Equally, if you have any questions about this training being co-ordinated by the SCC P&TS, please do contact us on the same email above.



**Free webcasts with Michael Rosen & Miriam Halahmy: Day of Welcome 17 June 2022** | For information | All schools

For the **Day of Welcome**, 17 June 2022: <https://www.norfolksos.co.uk/a-day-of-welcome-2022>

**Michael Rosen Year 5/6** will share his connections with and reflections on migration and displacement, perform poems from 'On the Move' and answer questions. Register: <https://vnetcic.com/entry/michael-rosen-on-the-move-for-years-5-6/>

**Miriam Halahmy Year 3/4** will lead a poetry workshop about her new book 'Saving Hanno', a tale of friendship inspired by the Kindertransport. Register: <https://vnetcic.com/entry/miriam-halahmy-saving-hanno-for-years-3-and-4/>

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## SEND/Inclusion



**Inclusion Quality Mark** | For information | All schools

The Whole School Inclusion team are delighted to introduce an opportunity to be part of a Nationally recognised award.

The **Inclusion Quality Mark Award (IQM)** provide schools with a validation of their inclusive practice and ongoing commitment to developing educational inclusion.

"The IQM process supported our reflection of inclusion in the school, gave us a platform to articulate and celebrate what we do, and empowered us to continue to be ambitious and identify next steps for all learners". Lisa Tweed, Executive Head, Woodhall Primary

In recognition of IQM's impact, the DfE have granted Suffolk CC match funding to complete the award. Any questions, please contact [jamie.hudson@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jamie.hudson@suffolk.gov.uk)

For full details click the link above.



**Engagement Model Hub** | For information | All schools

**Important information for all Suffolk schools and settings: Headteachers, SENCOs, Leaders of SEND and Inclusion**

Please see details of an [Engagement Model Hub meeting](#), 11 May 2022, 4pm

to 5pm run by the Cognition and Learning Service.

**Contact:** [Vicky.Platt@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Vicky.Platt@suffolk.gov.uk)

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**Specialist Education Services** | For information | All schools

### **Important information for school leaders, SENCOs and leaders of SEND and Inclusion**

Please see a [reminder](#) of the offer from Specialist Education Services (SES).

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Sally Blackman, [Sally.Blackman@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Sally.Blackman@suffolk.gov.uk)

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**Phase Transfer Visits** | For information | All secondary schools

### **Important information for secondary school Headteachers, SENCOs and Leaders of SEND and Inclusion**

Teachers from across the Specialist Education Services (SES) will be in touch with you over the next few weeks, to arrange a virtual phase transfer support visit to your school in the summer term 2022. We hope this will support you with those pupils joining you in Year 7 with EHCPs; signposting to the right support and advising around suitable strategies and interventions to support the pupils' transition and onwards success. The teachers visiting your school will be in touch before the end of this spring term. Any questions, please contact [Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk)

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### **Hub updates**

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**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 a number of wider CPD programmes:

Click here to view the [Wider CPD Brochure](#) for Alpha Teaching School Hub

- [EAL CPD](#) - this consists of live twilight session and will cover a range of topics.
- [SEND CPD](#)
- [Speech and Language CPD](#) - this is a 1-day course and 7 Twilight sessions and is aimed at primary aged children focusing on the increasing number of children at risk of speech, language and communication delay.
- [Talk and Tours CPD](#) - these sessions offer planning, differentiating and personalising of the curriculum for particular SEND students.



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

Teaching school hubs are school-led centres of excellence for teacher and leadership training and development.

Inspiration Teaching School Hub has an ambitious vision to offer outstanding provision for schools in our area and beyond.

We deliver the [Early Career Framework](#) (ECF) programme, [National Professional Qualifications](#) (NPQ), [Initial Teacher Training](#) (ITT) and [Continuous Professional Development](#) (CPD).

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [inspirationschoolhub@inspirationtrust.org](mailto:inspirationschoolhub@inspirationtrust.org)



**Unity Teaching School Hub** | For information | All schools

**Employing an Early Career Teacher in September?** We are here to support you over the coming months in navigating the entitlement and associated opportunities, including the full induction programme offer. Updates, webinars and resources will be shared to help guide you through and make your decisions. Our Early Career Teacher Programme, Jo Francis, is on hand throughout and welcomes contact via email ([jfrancis@unitysp.co.uk](mailto:jfrancis@unitysp.co.uk)) and by phone (07384 110668)

**Research Schools Network:** the EEF is looking for primary and secondary schools to participate in upcoming trials of educational programmes including 'Stop and Think (software for quizzes/games to aid learning in Y3/5 science and maths), Thinking, Doing, Talking Science (professional development for creative, effective primary science) and Student Grouping Study (mixed attainment grouping in Y7/8 maths) - details [here](#).

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**Key Contacts**

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In the event of a bereavement within your school community please contact the Schools Organisational Support Education Officers: [edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk) or phone 01473 263942

For COVID related queries email the COVID support officers: [CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk) or share details of your query with the Education Skills and Learning business support team on 01473 263942.

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](mailto:nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk).

You should contact your SEO or call 01473 263942 / email [ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk) if you would like to discuss your planning.

For leaders' wellbeing support: 01473 265656  
[leadershipwellbeingsupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk).

SENCO helpline: 01473 296631 (open 3.30 to 4.30 Monday-Friday)

[Key contact information sheet](#)

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Events



**[Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Event](#)** | For information  
| All schools

## **Safeguarding Children and Young People Online: Learning from the voices and experiences of young people**

This presentation offers a glimpse into the experiences of young people and the impact of digital technologies in their lives and well-being. Focusing on the significance of the voice and visibility of young people in services and drawing on some of their experiences.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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# Training



Special Educational Needs  
and Disability Information,  
Advice & Support Service

**[SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers](#)** | For  
information | All secondary schools

Suffolk SENDIASS provides impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND, and their parents and carers.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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**[Mental Health First Aid Training Courses](#)** | For information  
| All secondary schools

**The Raedwald Trust are delighted to be offering;**

### **Two Day Youth Mental First Aider – Cost £255 per person**

13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (online training)

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (face-to-face, venue Copleston High School)

1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (online training)

### **Mental Health First Aid Champion 1 day training – Cost £150 per person**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (face-to-face, venue Copleston High School)

20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (face-to-face, venue TBC)

### **Mental Health Awareness half day training**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (face to face, venue Copleston High School)

**Contact:** [MHFA@raedwaldtrust.org](mailto:MHFA@raedwaldtrust.org)



**[Reading Wise: Reading Support in KS2](#)** | For information  
| All schools

ReadingWise Decoding is a leading literacy intervention, used by thousands of struggling readers in primary and secondary schools across the UK. On average it increases reading age by 9 months in 20 hours delivering animated lessons incorporating multi-sensory activities.

Join us to discover how Reading Wise can support you in improving reading, fluency and comprehension in your school

23 May 2022, 3.30pm

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk)

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**[Meet the Validated SSP Programmes](#)** | For information | All  
schools

Join us after our English Hub Showcase, to discover more about each individual SSP including: Anima Phonics: Letters and Sounds Revised, Essential Letters and Sounds, Letterland, Monster Phonics, Read, Write, Inc. Sounds-Write, Success for All, Twinkl Phonics.

Meet the authors and publishers as they discuss their SSP, costs, assessments, resources and answer any questions

26th April 1.30pm- 5pm

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk)

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

Our English Hub showcase events are practical, half day workshops which share best practice in relation to the teaching of early language, reading and phonics.

The events will also include more information about applying for English Hub funding up to £6,000 and gaining access to free bespoke support to develop early language and reading in your school.

26th April 2022 9am-3pm

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk)

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**[Making a Strong Start to Phonics](#)** | For information | All primary schools

A free session designed to help schools ensure that every child has a strong start to their phonics journey.

The session will cover

- Advice on how to start strong in September
- Covid recovery advice
- Top Tips to teaching phonics
- Support for PSC.

Dates: Thursday 23rd June 1.30pm- 3.30pm or Tuesday 6th September 3.30-5pm

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhublead@wensumtrust.org.uk)

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**[An introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science](#)** | For information | All secondary schools

This computer science remote CPD will help you 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.

Date: 11 April 2022

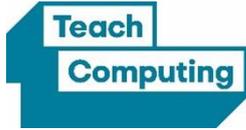
Time: 09.30-14.30

Fees: Teachers from state-funded schools or colleges Computer Science Accelerators courses would normally be free with a bursary – for more information go to [Teach Computing](#)

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [computerhub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computerhub@wsc.ac.uk)

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**Python programming: advanced subject knowledge, implementation and testing** | For information | All secondary schools

Progressing beyond the basics of Python programming, this course will help you develop an understanding how programs are developed using the software life cycle, specifically the implementation and testing of a working solution. Develop your Python skills by exploring advanced programming techniques whilst applying them into the implementation and testing stages of the software life cycle.

Date: 30 May 2022  
Time: 09.30-14.30

Fees: Teachers from state-funded schools or colleges Computer Science Accelerators courses would normally be free with a bursary – for more information go to Teach Computing

For full details click the link in the article title.

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**Remote one-hour Python programming sessions** | For information | All secondary schools

3 May 2022 Arrays: concept of data structures and how to program 1D and 2D arrays in Python.

10 May 2022 Handling files: how to open, read, write and close external files in Python including both text and CSV

17 May 2022 Writing functions: how to write sub-program in Python including passing parameters, scope and using sub-programs to produce structured code

**Time:** 16.00-17.00

To book your place click link below:

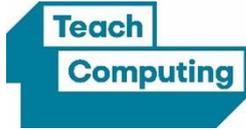
[Python Programming: arrays | STEM](#)

[Python Programming: handling files | STEM](#)

[Python Programming: Writing functions \(Sub-programs\) | STEM](#)

**Contact:** [computerhub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computerhub@wsc.ac.uk)

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**Teaching KS1 computing face to face CPD** | For information | All primary schools

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.

Day one: 16 June 2022

Day two: 23 June 2022

Time: 09.30-15.30

Venue: West Suffolk College

This CPD complements our one day [Primary programming and algorithms course](#)

Fees: £130 (state funded schools)

For information on fees and bursary eligibility go to the Teach Computing website <https://teachcomputing.org/>

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [computerhub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computerhub@wsc.ac.uk)

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

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.

**Date:** 17 June 2022

**Venue:** West Suffolk College

**Times:** 09.30 – 15.30

**Booking:** [Primary programming and algorithms - face to face | STEM](#)

You may also be interested in [Teaching key stage 1 computing - face to face | STEM](#)

**Fees and bursary** eligibility go to the Teach Computing website <https://teachcomputing.org/>

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [computerhub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computerhub@wsc.ac.uk)

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

Connect and share with other Music Subject Leaders. Explore ways in which the Music curriculum can engage, inspire and enable pupils. Consider learning progress and how to assess pupils' knowledge/skills. Key focus – the features of a good music lesson.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - 4.00 to 5.30pm

£20 per delegate

Email [admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk)

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**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.

Foci for this session: Assessment: capturing children's learning, tracking progress and support for the process of coming to ELG judgements.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email [admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk)

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

Email [admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk)

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