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# Suffolk

# Headlines

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

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**Tuesday, 8 March 2022**

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**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.**

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**Message from Allan Cadzow - Director for Children and Young People,  
Suffolk County Council**

**To all school and setting leaders – Tuesday, 8 March 2022**

**Message from Allan Cadzow**

**Corporate Director for Children & Young People**



We are grateful for the positive response to the [new guidance document](#) shared last week to complement the government's Living with COVID' guidance and the proactive approach that leaders across Suffolk are taking to manage, control and where possible, prevent the spread of COVID as you do other with other infections.

I have been writing to you directly via Suffolk headlines for nearly two years now, starting with daily communications (and sometimes more frequently) in response to the rapidly changing picture and updates to government guidance). The Education Sector Leads group also met daily for many months in the early stages of the pandemic and one legacy of COVID is that group that still meets weekly. That group has represented and continues to represent all across the sector with members of SASH, SPHA, CEON and the diocese contributing alongside others.

I am interested in your feedback on these messages at the top of Headlines and how they can most usefully support your leadership of schools and setting across Suffolk. Please share your thoughts directly to [SuffolkHeadlines@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:SuffolkHeadlines@suffolk.gov.uk) on the content and frequency.

We have recently learnt about a series of fully funded seminars that the University of Suffolk is hosting that you and your staff can attend in person at The Hold in Ipswich or live stream. Information on the first of these, *A sociocultural analysis of pedagogies of the transition from Reception to Year One*, can be found below and here: [Research Community Seminar Series | University of Suffolk \(uos.ac.uk\)](#)

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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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 **Suffolk**  
County Council [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 Easter school holiday. The grant will be issued as a £30 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the Easter school holidays.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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 **Suffolk**  
County Council [St Giles Trust SOS + Programme Gangs and County Lines Parent and Carer Webinars](#) | For information | All schools

Our Gangs & County Lines Parents' Session consists of speakers utilising their lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines drug smuggling, gang involvement, criminal exploitation and serious youth violence. Perspectives from previous

perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue. The session will allow parents to identify signs and triggers that a young person might be involved in a county line and know how to appropriate respond.

West Suffolk Parent/Carer Session 6.30pm – 8pm 23<sup>rd</sup> March [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Ipswich and East Suffolk Parent / Carer Session 6.30pm – 8pm 30<sup>th</sup> March [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

For full details click the link in the article title.



**LMS Letter 2022-04** | For information | All maintained schools

Please find [attached letter](#) regarding Pay Award for Support Staff agreed Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.



**Modeshift STARS & Suffolk Roadsafe** | For information | All schools



Take a look at the new newsletter from the Active Travel team being sent to school's every half term.

If your school would like to receive information on Modeshift STARS, Road Safety, Active Travel and upcoming campaigns/events [sign up for free](#).

[To view the online copy of the first edition, click here](#)

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



**[#LookCloser awareness weeks will be running between 7th - 20th March 2022](#)** | For information | All schools

#LookCloser is a partnership campaign between The Childrens Society, the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre and the British Transport Police aiming to raise awareness of child exploitation and abuse, with a particular focus on public spaces. The campaign also seeks to challenge stereotypes of victimhood, highlighting that child exploitation can happen anywhere, and any young person can be a victim.



**Using artefacts to enhance the curriculum**  
**Suffolk curriculum leaders' network meeting – Tuesday**  
**22 March 2022** | For information | All schools

Tuesday 22 March between 4 and 5 pm, will be the second of three termly Suffolk curriculum leaders' network meetings. These meetings are for senior leaders who have curriculum oversight and aim to provide a platform to learn from, collaborate with and ask questions of each other. The meeting will be virtual, using Microsoft Teams, to enable curriculum leaders from across Suffolk to attend without the burden of lengthy and costly travel. The focus of the second meeting is '**Using artefacts to enhance the curriculum**' and we will be joined by colleagues from Suffolk Archives and Colchester & Ipswich Museums who will be talking about some of the artefacts available for use by Suffolk schools. This presentation will be equally useful for both primary and secondary curriculum leads.

If you would like to join the meeting, please email [ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk) with the subject of 'Suffolk Curriculum Leaders' network meeting' and you will be sent the virtual meeting link.



**Coronavirus (COVID-19) no recourse to public funds –**  
**free school meals additional pupil premium claim form** |  
For action | All schools

The coronavirus (COVID-19) no recourse to public funds: free school meals additional pupil premium claim form is now live.

The deadline to submit your claim is 23:59 on 1 April 2022.

We've published [guidance to help you complete the claim form](#).

You can read more [guidance for schools and local authorities on school meals arrangements during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).



**Coronavirus (COVID-19) workforce fund extension to**  
**Easter for support with the costs of staff absences in**  
**schools and colleges** | For information | All schools

The coronavirus (COVID-19) workforce fund has now been extended, providing financial support to eligible schools and colleges for costs incurred due to staff absences from Monday 22 November 2021 to Friday 8 April 2022.

The fund is available to support schools and colleges facing significant staffing and funding pressures in continuing to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils.

Further information on the COVID-19 workforce fund is available in our guidance for [schools](#) and [colleges](#).

The claims window will open in the spring.

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### [Turning Point's Universal Service](#) | For information | All schools

Our team of Universal Education Facilitators provide evidence-based drug and alcohol education to children and young people across Suffolk. Our educational programme is designed to complement the Schools drug and alcohol curriculum.

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [Stephanie.cook@turning-point.co.uk](mailto:Stephanie.cook@turning-point.co.uk), 07773003987

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### [Suffolk Libraries' Digital Storytelling Service expands](#) | For information | All schools

This Saturday (12 March) is Suffolk Libraries Day – with libraries across the county offering a range of fun and fundraising activities.

Suffolk Libraries, the charity that runs all libraries across Suffolk has a bumper line up of events and activities taking place for their annual Suffolk Libraries Day fundraiser on Saturday 12 March.

This will be the third Suffolk Libraries Day and will feature an online book festival, live music gigs and events and activities across libraries for parents and families to enjoy.

Events include owl drawing at Thurston Library, a Treasure Hunt at Southwold Library, bubble-blowing at Stowmarket Library, Animal Antics at Woodbridge Library and Alice in Wonderland activities at Framlingham Library.

It's a great opportunity for families and children to discover and support their local library. For full details please visit the [website](#).

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[Celebrate National Careers Week 2022 by raising awareness of the 'Yojo' App to young people](#) | For information | All schools

This week is National Careers Week (7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March) which celebrates careers guidance for young people leaving education and moving on to employment.

To mark the week, the Children and Young People's Engagement Hub Team at Suffolk County Council, would like school staff to help promote all the great features that the new Yojo Careers and Apprenticeships App can offer their students.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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[The Emotional Wellbeing Hub are trialling a new Barnardo's phonline service to help families get help sooner](#) | For information | All schools

The Emotional Wellbeing Hub Service which provides access to mental health services for children and young people aged 0-25, in East and West Suffolk, are working with Barnardo's to provide a new phonline service to help guide families and young people to emotional wellbeing and mental health support.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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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.

For full details click the link in the article title.

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[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:** [inspirationteachinghub@inspirationtrust.org](mailto:inspirationteachinghub@inspirationtrust.org)

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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



**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.

[Eventbrite link](#)

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

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**Preparing for Adulthood National Celebration Event** | For information | All schools

The Preparing for Adulthood team are planning to hold a celebration event to mark the end of our current contract with the Department for Education. It is an opportunity for us to share what we have done but also to showcase and celebrate some of the fantastic things that are going on around the country to support young people with additional needs to have a good life. The event will take place from 9.30am to 3pm on 11th March.

We aim to:

Highlight what is positive and possible across the 4 Preparing for Adulthood pathways

Encourage the use of person- centred approaches

Showcase practice that promotes preparing for adulthood from the earliest years.

Please visit the [website](#) to book your place.

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**University of Suffolk, Research Community Seminar series. Phil Nicholson: How the macro mediates the micro: Locating the socio-cultural-political factors that**

**shape** | For information | All schools

This presentation focuses on an aspect of Phil's doctoral work which researched pedagogies of the transition from Reception to Year One in two primary school settings. It explores how teacher values and agency are moderated by the socio-cultural-political conditions unique to different educational contexts. The implications that this has for pedagogical practice will be considered and discussed during the presentation.

The March Research Community Seminar series takes place on [Wednesday 16 March, 4-5pm](#). You can attend in person at The Hold Auditorium, via our live-streaming channel or access recorded sessions.

For further details on forthcoming sessions, please visit the [website](#).

Contact: [m.georgiadis@uos.ac.uk](mailto:m.georgiadis@uos.ac.uk)

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# 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 the following online sessions for parents and carers.

For full details click the link in the article title.



**Remote CPD: Accessible Assessment** | For information | All primary schools

This twilight course will help teachers to consider how they can make accommodations in assessing pupils with SEN or language learning needs so that they are fully able to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding.

Session 1: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - 4.00pm (Session 2 9/6/22)

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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**[Remote CPD: Humanities Subject Leader Network](#)** | For information | All primary schools

Aims to equip primary subject leads with the skills and knowledge to fulfil their role more confidently. The focus for this session is to explore the importance of substantive and disciplinary knowledge and key principles for effective assessment in History and Geography.

Thursday 24th March 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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**[Remote CPD: Computing Subject Leader Network](#)** | For information | All primary schools

Aims to equip primary subject leads with the skills and knowledge to fulfil their role more confidently. Aims to deepen understanding of the strategic and routine elements of Computing leadership and enables participants to drive improvements in their subject. This session focuses on creating and using QR codes

Thursday 17th March 2022 - 4.00pm

Free to attend

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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**Remote CPD: Ready for the Next Stage** | For information | All primary schools

For EYFS teachers.

- Know about 'next stage' readiness, how to assess it and what to do for those who are 'not there yet'
- Build understanding of how pupils are best prepared for Yr 1
- Understand a rigorous approach to early reading & writing
- Know how to develop number fluency

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link in the article title.

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**Primary Mathematics Curriculum Prioritisation: One Year On with Debbie Morgan** | For information | All primary

schools

Angles Maths Hub is delighted to have Dr Debbie Morgan, NCETM Primary Director, returning to lead a free, online session focusing on developments within Primary Curriculum Prioritisation.

Debbie will explore the continued developments within the NCETM curriculum materials, focusing on 'closing the gap' and developing an inclusive curriculum for all children.

For full details click the link in the article title.

**Contact:** [admin@anglesmathshub.org](mailto:admin@anglesmathshub.org)

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**University  
of Suffolk**

**[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](mailto:cpd@uos.ac.uk)

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**Leading Primary Computing 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

**Venue:** West Suffolk College

**Booking and information:** [Leading primary computing - face to face | STEM](#)

**Fees:** £130 (state-funded schools)

**Bursaries:** go to the Teach Computing website <https://teachcomputing.org/>

**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:** 24 March

**Day two:** 6 April 2022

**Time:** 09.30-15.30

**Venue:** West Suffolk College

### Information and booking

Fees: £130 (state funded schools)

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

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

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**Behaviour for learning in a computing environment** | For information | All secondary schools

This course is aimed at secondary computing teachers who are looking to ensure the behaviour management and learning atmosphere in a computing environment enables progress. Participants will get the opportunity to look at the adolescent brain development, assess their own behaviours and look at computing related strategies such as rules, routines and habits as well as recognition, reward and interventions.

**Date:** 24 March 2022

**Times:** 15.30-17.00

**Booking link:** [Behaviour for learning in a computing environment - short course | STEM](#)

Bursary information go to: <https://teachcomputing.org/bursary>

Computer Science Accelerator information: [Click here](#)

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

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**An introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science** | For information | All secondary schools

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

For more information and to book a place click the link:

[An introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science - remote | STEM](#)

Fees and bursaries: [Teach Computing](#)

**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

As you progress 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.

**Date:** 30 May 2022

**Time:** 09.30-14.30

For more information and to book a place click the link:

[Python programming: advanced subject knowledge, implementation and testing - remote | STEM](#)

Fees and bursaries: [Teach Computing](#)

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

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