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Headlines

Raising the Bar 2018-2020
Ensuring every child in Suffolk
can achieve their full potential



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

Tuesday, 19 April 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.

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



[Cycle allowance pilot for pupils with a County Council travel pass](#) | For information | All schools

The pilot scheme encouraging pupils eligible for funded travel to school to swap their bus pass and be paid to cycle to school instead, has been extended for 2 more years.

All pupils applying must complete free Bikeability Level 3 training. The cycle allowance is £70 per term or £210 towards a new bike or for a pupil with Special Educational Needs or Disability. A higher amount will be considered to purchase a specialist bicycle if one is required to meet their needs.

If you would like some posters and postcards to promote the scheme please email Belinda.godbold@suffolk.gov.uk or download from [Suffolk on Board](#) -

[School Travel / Travel options / Walk or cycle / Cycle Allowance Pilot for 2021-23](#). Perhaps you could task promotion to your Eco Committee? Applications are invited now for September 2022.



[Home-Start in Suffolk - Character Creations Competition](#) | For information | All primary schools

Home-Start in Suffolk are once again inviting Suffolk primary schools and all Suffolk based Primary School aged children to join in this year's activity's fundraiser, which, is being championed by Suffolk based children's author and comedian James Campbell and author and founder of Featherbed Tales, Caroline England.

James Campbell is a popular children's author and comedian. He is renowned for performing his comedy for children shows all over the place and visits many, many primary schools with his unique blend of storytelling, talking about writing and being properly hilarious. His Funny Life books are published by Bloomsbury. James lives in the Essex/Suffolk borders in an off-grid caravan where is creating a food forest.

Caroline England is a writer based in the Peak District, in Derbyshire, UK. Living where the wind blows down from the moors of Featherbed Moss, much of her inspiration is gathered from the magic of the natural world around her. She started writing children's books when her own children were young, as a way of making it through the sleepless nights of feeding, colic, illness and tantrums (sometimes it was even the children who had the tantrums). Caroline is passionate about the power of the spoken word and sharing stories together.

[Character Creations - A Competition for Suffolk Schools 2022 \(office.com\)](#)

Closing Date for sign up: 9 May 2022

For full details click the link in the title above.



Child Q | For information | All schools

Following the report from the Child Q case in Hackney, the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership feel that it is important to have a discussion about this case and its findings, review practices and explore any implications and learning in Suffolk.

This invitation is extended to all Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) within education settings in Suffolk.

The review can be read in full here:

['We are absolutely focused on making sure the legacy of Child Q's experience results in change': Hackney Council responds to Local Child Safeguarding Review](#)

The date and time for the Child Q meeting is Wednesday, 4 May 2022, 2pm to 3.30pm.

Please click on the link below if you would like to join the meeting.

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+44 1473 526554,,780565697#](#) United Kingdom, Ipswich

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Titles for Stephen Lawrence Day | For information | All schools

To mark Stephen Lawrence Day on 22 April 2022, Suffolk Libraries have compiled lists of books for children and young adults around diversity, empathy and anti-racism.

The Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation was created to inspire a more equal, inclusive society, and to foster opportunities for marginalised young people in the UK.

- [Children's titles](#)
- [Young adult titles](#)

You can always find more children's book recommendations [on the Suffolk Libraries website](#) with new titles published regularly.

Events



Eastern Opportunity Area LinkBIG launch event - Wednesday, 27 April 2022 | For information | All schools

Celebrate the launch of the LinkBIG Sharing Learning Hub at the University of Suffolk on Wednesday, 27 April 2022.

LinkBIG is the Eastern Opportunity Areas' online learning hub and its aim is to make sure that no child or young person in our area ever gets left behind again.

Without you and your continued input and interaction, the past five years of

shared learning risks being lost. LinkBIG is future-focussed and showcases proven, proactive approaches focussed on helping children and young people.

To book your place please visit [Ipswich Opportunity Area Sharing Learning Launch Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Contact: David.ladbrook@newanglia.co.uk



National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Online Event: Health Research in Schools Stakeholder Event

| For information | All schools

Invitation for schools to join the NIHR Clinical Research Network virtual **Health Research in Schools Stakeholder Event** on **Thursday 28th April 2022**, between 3.30 – 5.30pm. The event will provide an opportunity to find out more about the benefits of health research in schools, have a say on shaping health research for children and young people in the future and get involved in health research projects.

For full details click the link above.

Key contacts

In the event of a bereavement within your school community or for leadership wellbeing support 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.

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.

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](#)

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