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# Suffolk

# Headlines



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

**Tuesday, 17 May 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, 17 May 2022**

## Message from Allan Cadzow

**Corporate Director for Children & Young People**



This month has seen the return of formal public examinations and other statutory assessments for some children and young people across our schools and settings. We hope everything has gone well and continues to do so and that the outcomes of this process reflect the hard work of all involved.

There is an article below shared on behalf of the Suffolk Safeguarding

Partnership (SSP) asking all designated safeguarding leads to complete the annual safeguarding self-assessment. [This year's assessment is now live.](#)

There were several government bills relating to education in the recent Queen's speech. We wait for the detail that will follow these. In the meantime, we will continue to work with you on a collaborative approach to achieve the best outcomes for the children and young people of Suffolk.

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

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This is a reminder that schools are asked by the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) to complete a safeguarding self-assessment audit annually.

We would appreciate it if you would draw this to the attention of your Designated Safeguarding Lead and nominated safeguarding governor.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [Safeself-review@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Safeself-review@suffolk.gov.uk)

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The deadline for eligible schools and colleges to [submit a claim](#) for absences experienced between Monday 22 November 2021 and Friday 8 April 2022, is 23:59 on Tuesday 24 May.

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

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Please be reminded that the deadline for parents to opt-in for SCC funded school travel is 31 May 2022. Where possible please can you help us to remind parents to opt-in before this date. The following message can be used;

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel? If they are, you will need to opt-in by Sunday (31 May 2022) to receive travel for the start of the 2022/2023

school term.

If your child already receives SCC funded travel you still need to opt in every year. [Find out more](#).

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[\*\*Year 2 Phonics Re-Check 2022\*\*](#) | For action | All primary, first, infant and special schools

The DfE have provided a file indicating pupils required to take the year 2 phonics re-check. The file has been placed on [PerspectiveLite](#) in the LA Documents folder.

For full details click the link above.

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[\*\*Data collection guidance for EYFSP, Phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 is now on Suffolk Learning.\*\*](#) | For information | All primary, first, infant and special schools

Data collection guidance for EYFSP, Phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 is now on the [Assessment and Data page of Suffolk Learning](#).

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[\*\*Update on Capital Programme\*\*](#) | For information | All schools

In April 2019, Cabinet approved a capital programme to the value of £45m to develop SEND provision on mainstream school sites and to build/redevelop a number of new special schools. £15m of this figure came from the DfE to fund a free school. Cabinet approved Council borrowing of £30.6m. The SEND Capital Programme's ambition was to create 874 new specialist placements across Suffolk.

For full details click the link above.

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[\*\*Fraud Prosecution - School Business Manager\*\*](#) | For information | All LA maintained schools

Following a criminal investigation by the Council's Counter Fraud Service into the activities of the Business Manager at Trimley St Martin Primary School, Katherine Todd pleaded guilty to two charges of fraud over the period March 2017 to December 2019 totalling £13,177.45.

She was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment suspended for 2 years, and also ordered to pay compensation of £13,177.45 and legal and investigatory costs of £13,502.70.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** 01473 264399, [fraud@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:fraud@suffolk.gov.uk)

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**educate.against. Educate Against Hate | For information | All schools  
hate**

The Department for Education's Educate Against Hate campaign has released four [resource packs](#) to help teachers with difficult classroom conversations about topics such as extreme right-wing terrorism, Islamist extremism, fundamental British values and left-wing, anarchist and single-issue extremism.

Aimed at KS3, KS4 and FE each resource pack provides teachers with a short film, lesson plan, classroom task and PowerPoint presentation to help them facilitate classroom conversations and build their students' resilience to extremist ideologies.

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**Suffolk County Lines Pathfinder Resources | For information | All schools**

The Suffolk Pathfinder have produced a set of new resources, videos and webinars. The resources are designed to support professionals and practitioners in their work with children and families. A number of the resources have been co-produced with parents and others produced from rapid reviews of literature, national research, evaluations and learning from case reviews. The resources explore the following:

- Cultural Competence
- Parent Webinar
- FLATS and groupwork risk assessment and plan
- Emerging and Promising Practice
- Safe Exit
- Safety Planning

The resources can be found on the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website on the following pages [Gangs, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines Child Exploitation \(CE\)](#)

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## Hub updates



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

Alpha Teaching School Hub: Early Career Framework 2022.  
Please see information for ECT's beginning in September 2022

For full details click the link above.

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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.

For full details click the link above.

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[Free and funded Maths CPD Opportunities 2022/23 – Application Window Now Open](#) | For information | Primary and secondary schools in the Angles Maths Hub area

Angles Maths Hub is thrilled to announce that application windows are now open for free and funded professional development opportunities available to all primary and secondary schools for 2022/23 and beyond.

Programmes include whole school mastery development, age-phase specific projects and individual teacher and TA training.

For more details of these opportunities, express your interest via the following link: <https://forms.gle/irwwNTNdwgygHmcX9>.

- [Primary CPD opportunities for 2022-23](#)
  - [Secondary school and post-16 opportunities 2022-23](#)
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## 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](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.

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



### [SPHA summer conference - 25 May 2022, Wherstead Park, Ipswich](#) | For information | All schools

SPHA are holding their first SPHA conference for two years.

This year's conference theme is "Equality and Diversity" and will be held at Wherstead park, Ipswich.

For full details click the link above.

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# Training



## The Struggling Reader: Developing Reading Comprehension Skills in KS2 & 3 | For information | All primary schools

This training event will give an overview of the skills needed for effective reading comprehension to take place and provide strategies to support students who find reading comprehension difficult and /or students whose comprehension is challenged by decoding difficulties.

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 (2pm to 3.30pm)

Details and cost: [CPD online](#)

Course code: SCH 20/012

Venue: Online

Contact: [nicola.wilde@sufolk.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.wilde@sufolk.gov.uk)

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## [Remote CPD: Accessible Assessment](#) | For information | All primary schools

To help consider how to:

- avoid unnecessary burden on learners with SEN when measuring the assessment construct
- use accessible language, within an accessible layout
- design and develop assessments in a way that facilitates Reasonable Adjustments
- develop inclusive practices that may help make their assessments as accessible as possible

Thursday 9th June 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link above.

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## [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:

- News & Updates;
- Writing - Coherence, cohesion & cohesive devices;
- Subject Leader Round Up/Forward Planning - Priorities & action planning;
- Cultural Capital - What is this? Why should you consider this?

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link above.

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[\*\*Remote CPD: Build a Subject Evidence Base Using the Free Version of Seesaw\*\*](#) | For information | All primary

schools

Will your subject evidence base hold up to an Ofsted deep dive?

Using the free version of Seesaw learn how to build a rich subject evidence base; including:

- Capturing pupil voice
- Showing progression between and within year groups
- Capturing photos and videos to enrich your evidence base

Wednesday 25th May 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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[\*\*Remote CPD: Create a Virtual Tour of Your School using CoSpaces\*\*](#) | For information | All primary schools

Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) are becoming an increasingly popular way of experiencing new things and places.

In this session you will learn how to:

- Create a VR world, that can be used to enrich writing
- Make a virtual tour of your classroom
- Inspire pupils

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link above.

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### [Remote CPD: Art & Design Subject Leader Network](#) | For information | All primary schools

Aims to equip primary Art & Design subject leads with the skills and knowledge to fulfil their role more confidently.

Foci:

- Artsmark / Arts Award - what are they?
- Art clubs - Who & what do we include?
- Working with artists - top tips
- Ways to develop art ambassadors

Thursday 26th May 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link above.

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### [Remote CPD: Phonics for TAs](#) | For information | All primary schools

Aims to develop Teaching Assistant's subject knowledge and understanding about effective teaching strategies for Phonics.

Focus:

- Developing the skills of hearing, identifying and using phonemes
- Systematically teaching learners the relationship between these sounds and the graphemes which represent them.
- Decoding new words by sounding them out and blending

Monday 23rd May 2022 - 4.00pm

£20 per delegate

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

For full details click the link above.

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### [Remote CPD: Working with Parents](#) | For information | All primary schools

Preparing for meetings/conversations with parents. Explores:

- Key ingredients of a positive meeting/conversation

- Underlying causes for a parent's stress, distress or anger
- Practical approaches for positive communication with parents, to support them to participate.

Monday 23rd May 2022 - 4pm (A 2nd session on management of meetings and conversations will be held on Monday 13th June.)

FREE VIRTUAL COURSE

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

For full details click the link above.

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[\*\*Python programming: advanced subject knowledge, implementation and testing\*\*](#) | For information | All secondary schools

**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](#)

The Suffolk Computing Hub: <https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/>

For full details click the link above.

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

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[\*\*Python programming constructs: sequencing, selection & iteration - remote\*\*](#) | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 4 June 2022

**Time:** 09.30-15.00

**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](#)

The Suffolk Computing Hub: <https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/>

For full details click the link above.

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



## Teaching key stage 1 computing – module 1 - remote |

For information | All primary schools

**Date:** 7 July 2022

**Times:** 09.30-14.30

Suffolk Computing Hub website: <https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/>

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

For full details click the link above.

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



## Teaching key stage 2 computing – module 1 - remote |

For information | All primary schools

**Date:** 27 June 2022

**Time:** 13.00-17.30

Please visit our website for more information about the Suffolk Computer Hub: <https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/>

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

Teach computing has free editable schemes of work and the resources can be accessed at: [www.keychaincomputing.co.uk](http://www.keychaincomputing.co.uk)

For full details click the link above.

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

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