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# Suffolk

# Headlines

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



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

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**Tuesday, 22 November 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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Where there is more information you will find the full article by clicking the link in the title.

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[School Admissions Arrangements for 2024/2025](#) | For information | All academies, frees and voluntary aided schools

Admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every seven years, even if there have been no changes. If you have not consulted on your admission arrangements or you would like to change your admission arrangements, the next chance to do this, in line with the School Admissions Code, will be for the 2024/2025 school year. Admission arrangements include your oversubscription criteria. **A consultation must take place for at least six weeks between 1 October 2022 and 31 January 2023.**

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [jan.scott@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jan.scott@suffolk.gov.uk), 01473 264657

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 **[Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund](#)** | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Christmas holidays. 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 holiday.

**Can all schools please remind any parents who are still to redeem their voucher for the October half term, to do so before their 3-month expiry date. Once this voucher has expired, it cannot be reissued.**

For full details click the link above.

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 **[Free Energy Saving Support for Suffolk Schools](#)** | For information | All schools

Suffolk schools can benefit from access to expert energy-saving consultants, funded by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders.

For example:

- Full energy audit of your school
- Find your carbon footprint
- Guidance and support to access funding
- Develop a Sustainability policy, or Pathway to Net Zero

Specific proposals for your school  
(e.g. developing a business case for renewables, setting up a student programme)

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [suffolkbusinessadvisor@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:suffolkbusinessadvisor@groundwork.org.uk), 01473 350 370

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 **[Pastoral and Family Support access to the Schools RSHE Portal](#)** | For information | All schools

The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) for the Christmas period should soon be available. With this in mind, schools are encouraged to request logins for the

Schools RSHE Portal for any staff who take responsibility for communicating about HAF with families as the information will be hosted there.

For full details click the link above.

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

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 **[Ofsted Inspection Data Summary Report \(IDSR\) has been updated](#)** | For information | All schools

The inspection data summary report (IDSR) has been updated to include

- Key stage 4 attainment and progress data for 2022
- Key stage 4 subject entries for 2022
- Key stage 5 average point score per entry for 2022
- Key stage 5 best 3 A levels and AAB including at least 2 facilitating subjects for 2022
- Expanded pupil movement section covering latest 3 years and movement into alternative provision
- Updated stability data & disadvantaged pupil group data (key stage 4 only)

The IDSR now shows phonics screening test data for 2022, Key stage 1 & 2 attainment data for 2022, and Key stage 2 progress data for 2022.

For full details click the link above.

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 **[Sharing School Attendance Data](#)** | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council are very keen to switch the way we collect school attendance data to the fully automated system being trialled by DfE in association with Wonde.

We are encouraged by the number of Suffolk schools who have already signed up to this and invite all schools to follow suit.

For full details click the link above.

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 **[Fixed Penalty Notice \(FPN\) Process](#)** | For information | All schools

As the nationwide drive to improve attendance continues, schools are encouraged to use the full range of preventative and enforcement measures available.

This has caused an increase in the number of schools requesting FPNs for non-regular school attendance.

To ensure all schools are aware of the new FPN process and approximate timelines we have attached this flow chart.

For full details click the link above.

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**[Suffolk Assessment and Moderation Team - Spring term 2023 training courses](#)** | For information | All schools

The Suffolk Assessment and Moderation Team's Spring 2023 training courses are now available to book online. Courses will be held in a variety of venues across Suffolk and are available at no charge to Suffolk schools.

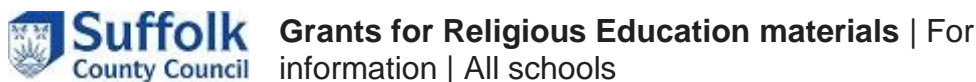
Courses for the Spring term include.

- New to Year 2
- New to Year 6
- Making your Teacher Assessment in Year 2
- Making your Teacher Assessment in Year 6.

If you have any questions or queries, please email [elstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:elstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk).

For full details click the link above.

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**Grants for Religious Education materials** | For information | All schools

The Jerusalem Trust awards grants of up to £600 to state primary and secondary schools (including middle schools) to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education. Grants can cover: teaching resources including textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts, videos, tapes and CD-roms for use in RE lessons.

[Visit the website](#)

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**[Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service \(CSAIS\)](#)** | For information | All primary schools

The Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service (CSAIS) providers are currently visiting all primary schools in the region to offer flu vaccination to children in Years reception to 6 (aged 4 to 10 years on 31 August 2022).

**[The flu vaccination: who should have it and why \(print version\)](#)**

For full details click the link above.

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**[Transition Working Groups](#)** | For information | All schools

This year, the focus of the transition steering group, established under the IOA, is phase specific transition.

Three working groups have been established to concentrate on transition at three crucial stages: EYFS-KS1, KS2-3 and KS4-5. Please read about each of these groups below and consider joining one this year to make a real difference to the transition process in Suffolk.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [abigail.ioachim@attrust.org.uk](mailto:abigail.ioachim@attrust.org.uk)

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**[Update from Suffolk Constabulary Schools Team](#)** | For information | All schools

**HOPE Awards 3 nominations open**

In October 2022 during the National Hate Crime Awareness Week the Suffolk Constabulary School Liaison Team, with support from the Suffolk Community Safety Partnerships, were proud to announce the launch of the third Hope Awards.

These awards were created as a platform to acknowledge and celebrate some of the amazing work our young community are doing outside of their academic studies.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [Stuart.Curtis@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:Stuart.Curtis@suffolk.police.uk), [Hannah.creasey@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:Hannah.creasey@suffolk.police.uk)

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**[November/December edition of Families Suffolk magazine](#)** | For information | All schools

Including a Christmas [What's On guide](#), full of ideas for festive days out, places to visit and Christmas pantomimes. This issue is also packed with articles and activities, it's got everything you need for the perfect family Christmas.

For full details click the link above.

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## Hub updates



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

### [Advantaging the Disadvantaged](#) 22-23

This training is for classroom teachers to explore inclusive classroom culture and strategies that focus on quality first teaching to ensure students are advantaged.

### [SEND solutions](#) 22-23

This is a half termly online programme for all classroom teachers in schools with specific focus on needs and wanting support. The sessions run online for 45 mins from 4.00-4.45pm

### [EAL Project & Advancing EAL Project](#) 22-23

The EAL Project is designed to give support and guidance to those staff involved in the admission and induction of students with English as an Additional Language.

Please visit our [website](#) to see our Wider CPD offers.

For full details click the link above.

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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: [ehpt@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ehpt@suffolk.gov.uk)

If you have any queries or concerns about Safety, Health and Wellbeing in general, please check out the resources on the [SHaW pages of Suffolk Learning](#) and contact the LA's SHaW Advisor via [nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk).

You should contact your Standards and Excellence Partner 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)

For general advice and signposting on any aspect of SEND provision or process, please call the Inclusion Support Line on 01473 265502. Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

[Key contact information for Suffolk school and setting leaders](#)

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## Events



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

Our English Hub showcase events are practical, a day workshop which shares 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.

24th January 2023

9am-3pm

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [Englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:Englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk), 01603426438

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## Training



[SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers](#) | For information | All nurseries

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 above.

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["Supporting child development and wellbeing through dance and movement" training](#) | For information | All nurseries

Opportunity for practitioners working in nursery classes to access training with dance artist Louise Klarnett at Dance East in Ipswich, on 19 January 2023. Practitioners who attended the event in November rated it as excellent saying: "The course has given me the tools to understand how important movement is for trauma as well as for every day work with children." "A really lovely day! Lots of activities to put into place."

For full details click the link above.

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[Gateway Qualification Level 3 Accredited Course: Double Award: Dyslexia Awareness and Supporting Learners with Dyslexia](#) | For information | All nurseries

**This course is a double qualification accredited by Gateway:**

**Unit 1: Dyslexia Awareness**, which will explore:

- Definitions of dyslexia
- How dyslexia is identified and assessed
- The impact of dyslexia on the individual
- Strategies and interventions to support learners with dyslexic tendencies in the classroom

**Unit 2: Supporting Learners with Dyslexia**, the course will:

- Equip attendees with the skills to support individuals with dyslexia/literacy difficulties in a 1:1 intervention
- Be practical and provide participants with a range of strategies to employ during personalised intervention work
- Require the attendee to plan, deliver and evaluate a personalised literacy intervention with a reading focus.

For full details click the link above.

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**Remote CPD: Supporting Children & Young People with Dyspraxia** | For information | All schools

Children with Dyspraxia are not only likely to struggle physically, but their attention, memory, time-management, speech and social interactions may also be affected by their condition.

This course aims to provide information on how best to offer support in the classroom. Includes practical tips, strategies and approaches.

**Tuesday 13 December 2022 - 4pm**  
**£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: Supporting Children & Young People with Dyscalculia** | For information | All schools

This course should enable participants to:

- Be able to identify pupils with Dyscalculia and know the difference between this and Maths Anxiety
- Know what approaches are more likely to support effective learning in Maths
- Understand how to support children with Dyscalculia to manage their emotions around Maths

**Tuesday 29 November 2022 - 4pm**  
**£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: Supporting Children & Young People with Hearing or Visual Impairments** | For information | All

schools

Aims to enable participants to:

- understand the needs of Hearing & Visually Impaired children;
- provide a suitable classroom environment;
- ensure the necessary support and learning strategies are in place;

- enable HI / VI children to feel included in all areas of their school life;
- know where to obtain advice.

**Tuesday 6 December 2022 - 4pm**  
**£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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**Foundational knowledge of computer science for KS3 and GCSE – face to face** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 9 January 2023

**Time:** 9.30am - 4.00pm

**Venue:** Adastral Park, Ipswich, IP5 3RE

If you are new, moving towards or an existing teacher of KS3/GCSE computer science, then this course will allow you to explore the foundation subject knowledge, required to teach computer science as part of the national curriculum.

For full details click the link above.

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**Remote CPD Getting started with Python programming** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 9 December 2022

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

This CPD is for prospective teachers of KS 3/4 computing who may be new to the subject or have little to no programming experience.

You will be introduced to the 3 programming constructs, sequencing, selection and iteration. We will also introduce you to the new, Isaac GCSE computer science platform.

For full details click the link above.

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**Introduction to Isaac GCSE computer science – Remote CPD** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 30 November 2022

**Time:** 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Isaac GCSE computer science is an exciting, free learning platform, aimed at supporting students with the subject knowledge required for GCSE. During this short course, you'll learn about the features available on the Isaac GCSE computer science platform.

For full details click the link above.

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

**Date:** 3 January 2023

**Time:** 09.00am-2.00pm

**Venue:** Remote

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.

For full details click the link above.

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[Supporting GCSE computer science students at grades 1-3 – remote CPD](#) | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 9 December 2022

**Time:** 09.00am-3.00pm

This CPD aims to raise knowledge amongst teachers of how to achieve the most out of students, working towards grades 1 – 3 in GCSE computer science.

Already teaching computer science or completely new to the subject, this course is designed to support your understanding of GCSE grades 1-3.

For full details click the link above.

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