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

Tuesday, 6 December 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.

As we see temperatures dropping and the chance of snow in some parts of the county later this week, can we remind colleagues in schools that to report severe weather closures they should complete the online form which can be accessed at this link: [Severe Weather Form \(office.com\)](#).

Further information and advice can be found on the Suffolk Learning pages [Weather – staying safe in the heat and cold – Suffolk Learning](#).

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



**Consultation – School Term Dates 2024/25 | For
information | All schools**

The consultation on School Term Dates 2024/2025 has now opened.

The consultation will run from Monday 5 December 2022 until Monday 16 January 2023.

The proposed term dates and how to respond to the consultation can be found on Suffolk County Council's website at [Setting of term dates for 2024/25 school year | Suffolk County Council](#).

Responses to the consultation should be submitted no later than 5pm on Monday 16 January 2022.

 **Transition to secondary schools – out of year group requests** | For information | All secondary schools

In July 2022 the DfE provided [a statement for admission authorities on the admission of summer born children](#). This included guidance for those children who have been educated out of their chronological year since the Reception Year who are now transitioning to secondary school.

Secondary schools are now starting to receive requests for these children to continue out of their chronological year group. The DfE has produced [advice for own admission authority schools](#) in relation to this, and Sections 14 and 15 in particular, which will help when considering these requests.

Please contact the [Admissions Team](#) for any further advice.

Contact: jan.scott@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 264657

 **[Scarlet fever increase in school age children – what to do?](#)** | For information | All secondary schools

You will have heard that there is an increase in scarlet fever in school age children in England. Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

As of 2 December, we've had no cases of iGAS in Suffolk so far but are seeing some cases of Scarlet fever.

For full details click the link above.

 **[NSFT Alert – Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections – advice to schools](#)** | For information | All schools

Important information on symptoms and actions regarding Group A Streptococcal Infection. Health Protection Team information is included within the document and instruction to maintained schools regarding notification to the SHaW Advisor. See under 'Latest News' at [Safety, Health and Wellbeing \(SHaW\) – Suffolk Learning](#).

For full details click the link above.

 **Celebrating School Activity in Black History Month**
October 22 | For information | All secondary schools

As we draw to the end of a busy term, I am writing to ask schools if they are able to loan the council artwork made by pupils during Black History Month back in October. We know some schools will be changing displays over as the terms ends. The council is planning an exhibition celebrating Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the New Year and would like to include the work of Suffolk Pupils. The exhibition will be in Endeavour House in Ipswich and will be a great way to showcase the work of schools and the creativity of Suffolk Children. Any artwork on the theme of celebrating Black History Month, the achievements of Black citizen's and our shared commitment to Race Equality would be gratefully received. We can collect and return work to schools following the exhibition. If your school could support this event, dates to be confirmed, please let Teresa.Spilling@Suffolk.gov.uk know.

 **Analyse School Performance** | For information | All schools
Department for Education [Analyse School Performance](#), the web-based interactive tool developed by Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE) which allows schools to review their performance data to support self-evaluation, continues to be updated. To explore the latest data for your school, click on the link above. Recent updates include question level analysis for KS2, provisional outcomes at KS2 as well as 16-18 pupil level outcomes.

 **Energy efficiency** | For information | All secondary schools
Department for Education It's important that schools and colleges are energy efficient so they can provide the best possible learning environments for young people, minimise operating costs and reduce carbon emissions.

The links below provide details about how the DfE are supporting schools and colleges to become more energy efficient.

- [How the DfE are supporting schools and colleges to be energy efficient - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)
 - [Energy efficiency: guidance for the school and further education college estate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
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[Home-Start in Suffolk](#) | For information | All schools

In the last 6 months there have been some changes from voluntary sector organisations in the county which may have caused some confusion. We wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you and your pastoral teams that Home-Start in Suffolk are still providing support to families in the usual way, and we would appreciate it if you could share the attached leaflet with your teams and where possible with your parents through Parent Mail to ensure that families can access the support they need, when they need it most.

If you have any concerns, please do get in touch with the Home-Start team on 01473 621104 or email headoffice@homestartinsuffolk.org.

For full details click the link above.



Ormiston Trust's #WeWill Social Action Grant Fund | For information | All schools

Grants of up to £1,000 aim to support youth social action in schools focused on:

- Environment and climate justice
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Equality, Diversity, and inclusion
- Community-based issues

Successful applicants need to deliver a multi-stage YSA process using our toolkit filled with resources, curriculum guides, and templates during the programme.

Deadline: 16th December 2022.

Contact: philippamorgan@ormistontrust.co.uk

Webpage: [WeWill Grants – Ormiston Trust](#)



[GCHQ Christmas Challenge \(11-18-year-olds\)](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency, is launching a Christmas Challenge for 11-18-year-olds. Students can put their science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills to the test by tackling a series of puzzles, which will be downloadable from the GCHQ website from 12 December. Schools, colleges and youth organisations can register: ymaschallenge@gchq.gov.uk.

For full details click the link above.



[Fully Funded Offer for Suffolk Schools from St Giles Trust SOS+ Programme](#) | For information | All schools

St Giles Trust have received funding to deliver assemblies / sessions from January 2023 – June 2023 for Year 6 and above

St Giles have been running as a charity for 60 years, working with a quarter of a million children, young people and adults to live safe, and positive lives. They specialise in uniquely employing, developing and professionalising incredibly passionate and dedicated people with first hand experiences of the issues the clients they work with face, and this is what makes the support they provide so effective.

The mission of SOS+ is to prevent children and young people becoming involved in gangs and youth violence by equipping them with tools, knowledge and support delivered by experts with lived experience.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: sosplussuffolk@stgilestrust.org.uk

SEND/Inclusion

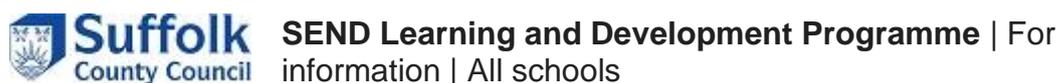


[Education, Health and Care SEND Services in Suffolk - Service Awareness Survey](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Suffolk County Council are participating in the DfE commissioned 'Delivering Better Value' programme. This aims to improve outcomes for children and young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) while putting high needs funding on a more sustainable footing. To support this work

we are keen to get a better understanding of school and early years setting awareness of, access to, and perceived value of Education, Health and Care services that can help prevent, delay or reduce the level of SEND needs. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your help with this would be hugely appreciated.

For full details click the link above.



Do you work with children and young people aged 0-25?

Special Educational needs & Disabilities (SEND) is everyone's responsibility and the **updated [SEND Learning and Development Programme](#)** outlines a set of core principles and values that we expect everyone working with children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 to adopt.

It also gives you information on the training and learning resources that will help you to understand your duties and responsibilities and support you in your work with children with SEND and their families.

If you have any questions about the Learning Programme please contact Lisa Crane: Lisa.crane@suffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk County Council have now secured the funding required for Phase 3 of the SEND Capital Programme.

We will create 8 new units for Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) in KS2,3 and 4 split across Suffolk.

Along with 2 new R/KS1 specialist units with an expertise in Communication and Interaction in the West and the North.

Expressions of interest will open in the Summer term 2023, however if you have any questions about this development please contact ProviderDevelopmentTeam@suffolk.gov.uk.

For full details click the link above.

Hub updates



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

Alpha Teaching School Hub:

[Advantaging the Disadvantaged](#) 22-23 - Launching Spring Term 2023

[SEND Solutions 22-23](#)

4 sessions – 6th December 22, 18th January 23 and 9th February 23

[Elevation Coaching and Consulting - Diversity](#) – **3 diversity videos for £100**

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

For full details click the link above.



Unity Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

Fully funded NPQs with Unity Teaching School

Hub: deadline for completed applications January 10th

Don't miss out on February '23 start fully funded NPQs - [our website guides you through the process](#).

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: 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.

You should contact your Standards and Excellence Partner 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)

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](#)

Training



[Remote CPD: Supporting Children & Young People with Dyspraxia](#) | For information | All primary 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 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate

Email: admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.



[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.

Contact: Computinghub@wsc.ac.uk



[Remote CPD – The internet and cyber security](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 16 January 2023

Time: 09.30am-3.30pm

Mapped closely to the specifications of GCSE computer science, the course will provide you with deepened knowledge and confidence that your students are equipped for their exams.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Computinghub@wsc.ac.uk



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

Date: 3 January 2023

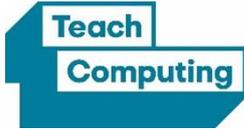
Time: 09.00am-2.00pm

Venue: Remote

Take your next 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.

Contact: Computinghub@wsc.ac.uk



Remote CPD - Supporting GCSE computer science students at grades 1-3 | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 9 December 2022

Time: 09.00am-3.00pm

Still time to book a place on this CPD which aims to raise knowledge amongst teachers, whether already teaching or new to computer science, how to achieve the most out of students, working towards grades 1 – 3 in GCSE computer science.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Computinghub@wsc.ac.uk



Preparing for Ofsted in primary computing – short course | For information | All primary schools

Date: 3 January 2023

Time: 4.00–5.30pm

This short course will explore the expectations outlined in the Ofsted framework and what this means for computing teaching and learning in your school. Drawing on the evidence of recent inspections it will also help you to identify key concerns around a subject inspection and how you can best prepare for it.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Computinghub@wsc.ac.uk

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