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Headlines

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

Tuesday, 24 January 2023

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.



NEU Strike Action | For information | All LA maintained schools

This article is a reissue of the information that was shared in the special Suffolk Headlines on Thursday, 19 January 2023.

The NEU has confirmed that they will be taking strike action nationally on Wednesday 1 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. A further strike for the Eastern Region is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

- [LMS Strike Action Information 2023-02](#)
- [Industrial action letter for parents](#)



[CYP staff visiting schools and DBS checks](#) | For information | All schools

Please see updated letter from Allan Cadzow, Corporate Director for Children and Young People regarding CYP staff visiting schools and what forms of identification you should be requesting to see.

For full details click the link above.



Staff Absence Insurance Pool Consultation | For information | All schools

Further to the recent Staff Absence Insurance Pool consultation, which concluded on 30 September, we thank schools for their responses. We can now confirm that the Council's staff absence scheme will end on 31 March 2023 and not offered for the 2023/24 financial year. All member's claims up to on 31 March 2023 will be honoured.

Schools wishing to obtain similar cover for their staff are encouraged to source a relevant provider which can easily be found using an internet search for "school staff absence scheme UK". Whilst the Council cannot make recommendations, if you require a claims history, details of the Council's scheme or any assistance please contact insurance@suffolk.gov.uk.



[Safeguarding Curriculum](#) | For information | All schools

The Safeguarding Self Assessment Audit was completed by schools in the summer term. Analysis of the submitted audits highlighted themes and good practice. These were circulated in a report last term.

This year good practice will be shared for all key areas from the audit. This article focuses on ideas for delivering an effective safeguarding curriculum.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk



[Support for Ukrainian refugees](#) | For information | All schools

Homes for Ukraine Update:

Thank you to all those who have been in touch this term. For those that have not already done so, please send your invoices for Spring Term 2023 to refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk as soon as possible as we are approaching the end of the financial year.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk

 **Suffolk** County Council [Schools Forum – 30 January 2023](#) | For information | All schools

The papers for Schools Forum are now available on the [Schools Forum – Suffolk Learning](#)

Please ensure you contact your Schools Forum representative if you have any issues you would like raised on your behalf.

- Proposal to Formalise Schools Forum Substitute Arrangements
- Early years national funding formula (EYNFF) 2023/24
- Schools Block Funding Submission: 2023-24
- AOB

For full details click the link above.



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

HOPE Awards 3 - Nominations Closing soon.

Do you know a young person who has gone above and beyond? Someone who has made a difference in their community? A group who have worked hard together to effect change, pushed new ideas or stood up against discrimination?

The Suffolk HOPE Awards are a platform to acknowledge and celebrate amazing work by our young people. Nominations will close Friday 24 February 2023 so please get voting!

For full details click the link above.



[Has your school signed up to Suffolk CPD?](#) | For information | All schools

Thank you to all the schools which have registered for an account for the new learning platform, Suffolk CPD, which launched in April 2022. School staff can access Suffolk CPD once registered.

For full details click the link above.



[Help us to find out how your mental health is](#) | For information | All schools

Suffolk Mind and Suffolk County Council are currently embarking on a project to hear from 24,000 members of the Suffolk population on how their mental health is.

Please distribute the survey with your network to help us get as many responses as possible from across the community.

For full details click the link above.



Schools invited to apply for Free Orchard and Hedgerow Packs | For information | All schools

The Tree Council's 'Orchards for Schools' programme is offering free orchard tree and hedgerow packs to schools. The programme aims to inspire and empower teachers and students around the UK to connect with, learn about, and care for trees and nature. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 10th February 2023.

[Visit the Tree Council – Orchards for Schools webpage](#)

Schools can apply for an orchard pack (5 fruit trees) and/or a hedgerow pack (60 whips of fruiting hedge plants, which equates to 10-15 metres of mixed hedgerow). However, please note that the selection will be based on the need of the school as the Tree Council has a limited number of orchard and hedgerow packs available.

SEND/Inclusion



Specialist Education Services (SES) | For information | All schools

[Please see here an update to the offer and referral process from SES.](#)

Please also see updates regarding our new training offer.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk



Keys to Inclusion and a Person Centred Approach Training | For information | All schools

Please contact the Psychology & Therapeutic Services on 01473 264700 or email Psychology&TherapeuticServices@suffolk.gov.uk to reserve your funded place.

SEND COs do not need to book via CPD.

You can also book via www.suffolkcpd.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Contact: 01473 264700, Psychology&TherapeuticServices@suffolk.gov.uk

Hub updates



Alpha Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

Advantaging the Disadvantaged 22-23 - Launching Spring

Term 2023

SEND Solutions 22-23 4.00pm - 4.45pm 9 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

Thanks to all schools who enabled their Year 1 ECTs to attend our two conferences last week. It was fantastic to see them making connections within their professional learning as well as with each other. We look forward to continuing to support their induction through the course of this term.

Events



PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Conference Rescheduled | For information | All schools

Active Suffolk's PE, School Sport and Physical Activity (PESPPA) Conference planned for 1 February 2023 has been rescheduled for Wednesday 22 February 2023 in order to maximise impact.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: megan.felton@activesuffolk.org

Training



Spring term assessment courses – last chance to sign up for a place | For information | All primary, infant, junior and middle schools

The Suffolk Assessment and Moderation Team's spring term training courses have begun, but you can still sign up to courses later in the term. Places are limited so we recommend you **sign up as soon as possible**. Courses for the remainder of the spring term include:

- New to Year 6
- Making your Teacher Assessment in Year 2
- Making your Teacher Assessment in Year 6
- Writing assessment support at Year 6.

For full details including dates and venues, please click the link above.

If you have any questions or queries, please

email elstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk.

For full details click the link above.



SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers | For information | All secondary schools

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.



Assessment in secondary computing - remote - short course | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 1 February 2023

Time: 4pm-5.30pm

During this session, you will explore formative assessment strategies and their key characteristics, such as using general questioning to gauge student understanding and hinge questioning. Also explore how to effectively make use of summative assessments including baseline assessments and diagnostic questions.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Representing algorithms using flowcharts and pseudocode – remote CPD | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 6 February 2023

Time: 9.30am – 3pm

An understanding of algorithms is vital for success in computer science. Students need to know how algorithms are designed to solve a problem, and how these designs are represented to other humans.

This CPD will help improve your knowledge of algorithms to the level appropriate for up to GCSE teaching.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



Adapted teaching and effective learning interventions in secondary computing | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 13 February 2023

Time: 9.30am – 3pm

This CPD takes the best evidence and practice for education recovery and applies it to computing, with a spotlight on effective and sustainable approaches to subject-specific challenges and issues.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: computerhub@wsc.ac.uk



National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) across Norfolk and Suffolk in 2022/23 | For information | All

schools

From February 2023, the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi Academy Trust and Diocese of Norwich are offering the following Church of England NPQs – Leading Teaching (NPQLT), Senior Leader (NPQSL), Headship (NPQH), Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD), Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC) as well as Early Headship Coaching Offer (EHCO).

These are available fully funded.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: 01473 298570



Introducing the new Suffolk RE Syllabus 2023 | For information | All primary schools

To introduce the new Suffolk RE Agreed Syllabus 2023 and identify necessary changes to your current RE provision.

This course will run on the following dates:

- Thursday 23 February 2023, 9.30am – 12.00pm for CofE schools and

academies

- Tuesday 23 May 2023, 9.30am – 12.00pm for Community primaries and academies

For full details click the link above.

Contact: 01473 298570



Christian Aid's Global Neighbours accreditation scheme | For information | All primary schools

The Global Neighbours team is offering free bespoke support over the next 18 months to help schools develop their knowledge and confidence around courageous advocacy through the Global Neighbours accreditation scheme.

This support involves termly meetings with schools.

Dates for upcoming meetings in 2022-23 are:

- Tuesday 31 January; and
- Tuesday 20 June 2023

Both meetings will be from 3.45 – 5.00pm and via Zoom.

To book, or for any queries, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#).

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: 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](#)

If someone else in your school would like to receive Suffolk Headlines email suffolkheadlines@suffolk.gov.uk

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