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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, 14 March 2023**

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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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**[Updates to the statutory assessment calendar for 2023](#)** |  
For information | All primary, first, infant, and special schools

In their weekly bulletin published on 9 March the Standards and Testing Agency announced some slight changes to the deadlines for data collection and the publication of Key Stage 2 test results (now scheduled for 11 July 2023).

For full details click the link above.

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

Funding has been available in 2022-23 to support the education of refugees on the Homes for Ukraine scheme when they join Suffolk schools. Although the government is not providing funding in 2023-24, SCC is able to continue to offer the following grants for new arrivals from the Ukraine from Homes for Ukraine funding.

For full details click the link above.

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**[Family survey to review East and West Suffolk Neuro-Developmental Disorders Pathway \(NDD Pathway\)](#)** | For information | All schools

The Integrated Care Board (ICB), who commission services to support children and young people with neuro-developmental disorders, like ASD and ADHD, are reviewing their Neuro-developmental disorders referral pathway and would really like to get views from parents and carers, and their young people who have recently been referred to the NDD Pathway (since it launched last year).

For full details click the link above.

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**Kooth webinar for professionals about supporting young people with eating disorders and self-harm** | For information | All schools

Kooth, who provide a free and anonymous online emotional wellbeing support service to young people in Suffolk, aged 11-25, have a free mental health webinar coming up this month for professionals working with young people, to help them find out about how Kooth can support youngsters with eating problems and self-injury. See details below for more information.

How Kooth Can Support Eating Disorders and Self Injury & Harm

Tuesday 21 March, 4 to 5pm

Please book your place via this Eventbrite link: [How Kooth Can Support Eating Disorders and Self Injury & Harm Tickets, Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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**[New The Source website for young people is about to launch](#)** | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Engagement Hub team are about to launch 'The Source' – a website for young people in Suffolk, which provides information, advice, and sources of support on everyday issues that impact youngsters.

For full details click the link above.

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**Repeated article: Emotional Wellbeing Festival 2023** | For information | All secondary schools in West Suffolk

**Schools can now book on to the Children & Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Festival 2023**

The Emotional Wellbeing Festival 2023 is back, and school bookings are now open.

This year's festival is being hosted at Morton Hall Community Centre in Bury St Edmunds, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, from 9.30am – 2.30pm, for secondary schools in West Suffolk.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [engagementhub.enquiries@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:engagementhub.enquiries@suffolk.gov.uk)

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**Repeated article: Home-Start in Suffolk Character Creations 2023 Competition** | For information | All primary schools

Home-Start in Suffolk are once again inviting all Suffolk Primary Schools to take part in their annual Character Creations competition which has been supported by Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Embroidery and Families Suffolk Magazine and championed this year by their Charity Patron and best-selling Author Anthony Horowitz CBE and Suffolk Author Rob Parker.

For full details click the link above.

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## SEND/Inclusion



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[Update on Valuing SEND \(VSEND\)](#) | For information | All schools

Valuing SEND (VSEND) approach is now part of the Suffolk Inclusion Toolkit alongside the Essential SENCO Toolkit and the Educational Psychology Analysis of Additional Needs Tool (AANT).

For full details click the link above.

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

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 **Repeated article: Updated information from SCC SES (SCC Specialist Education Services) and the Inclusion Service** | For information | All schools

[Please see here the support available from the SCC Specialist Education Services and the Inclusion Service.](#)

There are important updates in the link above. Importantly, we are receiving a very high number of referrals into SES currently. We always aim to support you as quickly as we can. Please bear with us and we will always be in touch as soon as we have reviewed your referral.

Please remember the Inclusion Support Line (ISL) is available **all day to all education settings**: 01473 265502. This line now replaces the SENCo Support Line previously available. All queries can now be supported by the ISL.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk)

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## Hub updates



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

Inspiration TSH is the local provider and delivery partner for schools in Waveney and East Suffolk. Using our expertise, we are delighted to share a range of services we offer, providing exceptional support and guidance.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [inspirationteachinghub@inspirationtrust.org](mailto:inspirationteachinghub@inspirationtrust.org)

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**Alpha Teaching School Hub** | For information | All schools

[Early Career Framework Programme and Registration](#) –

Alpha TSH provide the DfE funded ECF programme, please click the link above for more information.

[Appropriate Body Service and Registration](#) – Are you looking for an Appropriate Body Provider?

[National Professional Qualification](#) – Registrations for Autumn 2023 are now open!

[Subject Forums](#) - The online subject forums will allow you to look at latest research in your subject area and how you can incorporate this into your practice. They are delivered in partnership via Curriculum Hubs, and the Teaching School Hubs in the Eastern region.

Please contact [info@alphatsh.org](mailto:info@alphatsh.org).

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**Unity Teaching School Hub** | For information | All schools

1. [Mental Health in Focus: supporting young people with anxiety in school](#) (via Zoom, 3.45-5pm on 23/3 and 22/5) - contact [ybally@unitysp.co.uk](mailto:ybally@unitysp.co.uk) to register for these sessions led by experts from the Suffolk Psychology in Schools Team NSFT.
  2. [New resources designed to support early years professionals](#) in using evidence to their advantage.
  3. Interested in taking part in an EEF-backed subsidised programme or trial? [Register for regional webinar](#).
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**Opportunities from Maths Hubs, deadline 30 March 2023** | For information | All schools

1. **Mastery Specialists:** We are recruiting for the mastery specialist programme from both primary and secondary schools. The programme is fully funded. Initially the funding is used to cover training costs for the teacher to enable them to receive training, have time to focus on their own practice and then to disseminate their learning across the school / maths department. Subsequent to training, mastery specialists work with a group of schools to support them develop consistent high-quality teaching across all classrooms in their school.  
More information and application forms [here](#). Deadline 30 March 2023.

2. **Mastering Number:** a programme for Reception, year 1 and year 2 teachers focusing on fluency of number facts. This very popular programme will have a new cohort starting in September. If schools wish to receive a free class set of

rekenreks, they need to apply before March 30th. More info and application form [here](#) (for West Suffolk schools). Other Suffolk schools should apply to [Angles Maths Hub](#). Fully funded.

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## Training

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**Information session for teachers who are new to administering the phonics screening check** | For information | All primary, infant and first schools

This informal virtual session is suitable for teachers who are new to the administration of the phonics screening check. It will include information about which pupils should take the check, administration including scoring the check, and access arrangements.

There is a choice of two sessions:

Monday 24 April 2023 at 1:30-2:30pm

Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 4:00-5:00pm.

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please email [kathryn.roper@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:kathryn.roper@suffolk.gov.uk) indicating which session you would like to attend and you will be sent the virtual meeting link. There is no charge for attending.

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**Information session for headteachers and senior staff who are new to administering KS1 and 2 SATs - last chance to sign up for a place** | For information | All primary, infant, first, junior and middle schools

This informal virtual session is suitable for headteachers and senior staff who are new to the administration of the Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs tests. It will include information about access arrangements, test security and what to do if there are unforeseen circumstances during the tests. Teacher assessment and moderation will also be discussed and there will be time for questions.

There is a choice of two sessions:

Monday 20 March 2023 at 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday 23 March 2023 at 4:00-5:00pm.

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please

email [kathryn.roper@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:kathryn.roper@suffolk.gov.uk) indicating which session you would like to attend and you will be sent the virtual meeting link.

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 **Engagement Model Training** | For information | All schools

Planning for Pupils not engaged in Subject Specific Learning: for Educators supporting children who are working below Pre-Key Stage Standards – delivered by Specialist Teachers from SES Cognition and Learning Service.


- **Session 1 – Monday 24 April 2023 10am-12pm:** What is Engagement and who needs this model?
- **Session 2 – Monday 24 April 2023 1pm-3pm:** Observations, looking to learn, the templates.
- **Session 3 – Monday 22 May 2023 1pm-3pm:** Planning for Engagement, using the EHCP outcomes, making learning meaningful.
- **Engagement Model Hub - Tuesday 20 June 2023 1pm-3pm:** for those who have completed the Engagement Model Training

Booking available via [SES CPD Booking Form - The Engagement Model \(office.com\)](#) **Booking closes 18 April 2023.**

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [Tracy.Read@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Tracy.Read@suffolk.gov.uk)

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 **SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers** | For information | All 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.

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 **All Aboard Learning - The 9 Main Causes of Reading Difficulty** | For information | All schools

Katie Selwood and Eleanor Broome from All Aboard Learning, known for the Amazon best seller “The 9 Main Causes of Reading Difficulty” leading this free CPD session and explore these challenges in more detail. Join us as they share their experience of helping struggling readers based on a neurological analysis of what happens in the brain when someone reads or spells.

[The Nine Main Causes of Reading Difficulty - Expression of Interest \(google.com\)](#)

For full details click the link above.

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

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**Python programming constructs: sequencing, selection and iteration - face to face** | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 22 March 2023

Take your first steps to becoming a competent teacher of Python programming; this CPD will develop your foundational knowledge around the Python language.

For more information and booking: [Python programming constructs: sequencing, selection and iteration - face to face | STEM](#)

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

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**Higher attainment in GCSE computer science - meeting the challenge of exams - face to face** | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 27 March 2023

This evidence-based CPD aims to raise knowledge amongst teachers of how to achieve the most out of your students, whilst preparing for their GCSE exams in computer science.

For more information and booking: [Higher attainment in GCSE computer science - meeting the challenge of exams - face to face | STEM](#)

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

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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: [edorqsupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:edorqsupport@suffolk.gov.uk) or phone 01473 263942



For COVID related queries email: [healthprotection@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:healthprotection@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).

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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