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

Tuesday, 7 March 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.



[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 Easter 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 February 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.



Suffolk [Safeguarding Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment](#) | County Council For information | All educational settings

The Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit was completed by schools in the summer term of 2022. Analysis of the submitted audits highlighted themes and good practice.

Following on from January's article, this bulletin focuses on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk **Information session for headteachers and senior staff who are new to administering KS1 and 2 SATs** | For County Council 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 indicating which session you would like to attend and you will be sent the virtual meeting link.



Suffolk [Advice from ASCL on student protests](#) | For information County Council | All schools

The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) have shared some guidance in dealing with pupil protests, particularly in response to the recent protests linked to TikTok.

For full details click the link above.



[EEF Opportunities for 2022/2023](#) | For information | All schools

Are you interested in getting your school involved in research or using evidence-informed practice to improve attainment?

Research Schools are hosting Putting Evidence to Work in Your Setting - EEF Opportunities for 2022/2023. Sign up to your local webinar to find out how taking part in an EEF-funded project can support your attainment priorities.

For full details and to sign up click the link above.



[Emotional Wellbeing Festival 2023](#) | For information | All schools

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 10th 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



[Home-Start in Suffolk Character Creations 2023 Competition](#) | For information | All schools

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

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.

SEND/Inclusion



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[Suffolk County Council Inclusion Roadshows](#) | For information | All schools

We are pleased to share that we have more dates for the Inclusion Roadshows. The roadshows are an opportunity for Headteachers and School Leaders to meet with Inclusion Senior Managers and the Assistant Director Inclusion to hear an update on the work that we are doing to improve SEND Services across Suffolk, as well as an opportunity for us to hear feedback and work directly with schools leaders to ensure we are focusing our attention in the right places.

Please save the below date for your local area roadshow (if another date is more convenient you are more than welcome to join a roadshow outside of your school area).

Inclusion Roadshow dates for the Spring term:

13 March – Coach House, Lowestoft

28 March – KWMCC Kesgrave, Ipswich

For full details click the link above.

Contact: localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk



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Important, please read: 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



SEND Decision Making Panels | For information | All schools in LA

We are pleased to share that a booking platform for the SEND Decision Making panels is now live. Panels will take place weekly, and we would like to invite two schools to attend per panel.

The panel frequency is detailed as below:

Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment panel occurs every Tuesday 10:00- 13:00

South Area EHC Plan panel takes place every Monday 11:00-13:30.

North Area EHC Plan panel takes place every Tuesday 13:30-16:00.

West Area EHC Plan panel takes place every Wednesday 09:30-12:00

County Independent Placement panel takes place fortnightly every Wednesday 13:00- 17:00 (this may become more frequent)

These decision-making panels have allowed us to further develop our decision-making processes. Your attendance will not be to discuss referrals specific to your school. This opportunity is open to all school settings, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

[Please click here to book your place to attend a panel.](#)

[For more information on the panels' scope and membership, please click here.](#)

Contact: Kieran Sansum, Kieran.Sansum@suffolk.gov.uk, Angi Adams, Angi.Adams@suffolk.gov.uk

Hub updates



Alpha Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

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

Alpha TSH provide the DfE funded ECF programme for Early Career Teachers and Early Career Mentors, please click the link above for more information.

[Appropriate Body Service and Registration](#) – Are you looking for an Appropriate Body Provider? Alpha TSH can offer this service to schools in our area, please click the link above for more information.

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

[Wider CPD](#) – Please click to see the wider CPD offered.

[Free Online Mentor Conference](#) - **9 March 4.30-6pm** - Teaching School Hubs from across the East of England are delighted to welcome 'Deans for Impact' to support this year's annual mentor conference. Register for this free twilight which takes place via Zoom.

Contact: info@alphatsh.org

Events



Preventing Online Radicalisation and Extremism – Free course for parents and carers | For information | All schools and parents/carers

Attendees will learn how to spot misinformation and develop tools to mitigate and protect young people along with an understanding of new and emerging social media sites which pose a risk to radicalising young people.

Attendees will also learn how to start the conversation with young people about what they see on line.

All events held online and there are 3 different dates to choose from.

- 21 March 2023 5-7pm: [Parents and Carers Course: Combating online radicalisation and extremism Tickets, Tue 21 Mar 2023 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- 23 March 2023 6-8pm: [Parents and Carers Course: Combating online radicalisation and extremism Tickets, Thu 23 Mar 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- 29 March 2023 12 -2pm: [Parents and Carers Course: Combating online radicalisation and extremism Tickets, Wed 29 Mar 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Registration and further information [can be found on the attached flyer](#) or via: contact@shoutoutuk.org

ShoutOutUK have been commissioned by SCC Community Safety Team to deliver this training.

Training



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SCARC CPD Offer 2023 | For information | All schools

Please find below details of Suffolk Communication Aid Resource Centre's (SCARC) free CPD training offer for this year along with details of how to book on each activity.

[SCARC switches for communication 2023](#)

[SCARC AAC supervision 2023](#)

[SCARC drop ins 2023](#)

[SCARC stay and play 2023](#)

[SCARC AAC in settings 2023](#)



DfE funded Senior Mental Health lead training - Norwich | For information | All schools

We are delighted to share that Norfolk EPSS/Learning and Inclusion are running a mental health training course starting this academic year, with funding to be in place before the end of March 2023. If you already have funding in place, you can also apply for this course. This course is open to any setting, so if you are based in Suffolk and Norwich is a convenient venue for you, you are welcome to join.

This training is aimed at senior designated mental health leads who are taking on a strategic leadership role and are responsible for overseeing the setting's whole school approach to mental health and well-being.

[Details of the course and the funding process can be found here.](#)



'Dying to Talk' Free bereavement training for Primary schools | For information | All primary schools

The 'Dying to Talk' training focuses on the support of primary school children living with bereavement and loss.

The training is free to all schools within in East Suffolk, each offered spaces for up to two members of staff to attend.

The one day training uses a mix of teaching, open discussion and interactive play to guide learning.

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.

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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