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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, 28 February 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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[Suffolk Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative](#) | For  
information | All schools

Asthma is a common long-term medical condition in children, that can prove fatal without appropriate management. Improving schools' management of asthma in Suffolk is vital in preventing avoidable harm to children with asthma.

For full details click the link above.

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## Home-Start in Suffolk Character Creations 2023 Competition | For information | All schools

Home-Start in Suffolk are launching their popular Character Creations 2023 competition on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. Please check your emails on Thursday morning for more

information.

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## [Feedback on Safeguarding](#) For information | All Heads, DSLs, ASLs, Governors with Safeguarding responsibilities

Safeguarding is a priority for all schools and was identified by Suffolk school leaders as a concern. Therefore it is now a focus of one of the three task groups set up by the Suffolk Educational Partnership. To ensure that we capture a true picture of the views of schools, we invite you to complete a short survey.

For full details click the link above.

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## [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.

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## Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme 2023 | For information | All schools

With The DfE's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme continuing to be funded for 2023 Easter, Summer & Christmas holidays, a great menu of activity is being prepared for children eligible for means tested free school meals. Many schools have already ordered and issued HAF codes during the 2022 programme and your school (primaries only) will be contacted by E-Voucher/Wonde about issuing codes for Easter to all means tested free school meal children.

The current ask is that primary & middle schools issue codes due to that being the main area where there is a significant offer, however if secondary/high schools are able to support their pupils accessing activity and requires codes please contact E-voucher or the HAF team on the details below. There will be further details about HAF also available via the school RSHE portal.

There are a number of webinars being hosted by E-voucher/Wonde to help with ordering HAF codes and can be [accessed/booked here](#)

If you have any questions relating to the codes please contact Evouchers direct on [support@evouchers.com](mailto:support@evouchers.com) or The HAF Enquiries inbox at [HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk)

Further information about activities can be found [here](#)

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**[The Foyle Foundation School Library Scheme](#)** | For information | All schools

Primary and Secondary schools that do not have a library or want to improve their libraries can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £10,000. Priority is given to primary schools and the majority of funds will continue to be awarded for physical library/reading books but a contribution towards e-readers and electronic reading resources is possible.

For full details click the link above.

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**East of England Early Years Stronger Practice Hub** | For information | All schools

The Early Years Stronger Practice Hub launch: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm to 7pm. A relaxed drop in with short presentations at 3.45pm and 6.30pm for anyone working in the early years sector.

Find out more about the hub, express interest in free training as well as network with colleagues.

To register your interest, please follow the link to a short form below:

[East of England Early Years Stronger Practice Hub - Launch Event \(office.com\)](#)

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre  
Kesgrave, IP5 1JF

For full details click the link above.

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## [It's Eating Disorders Awareness Week - from 27th February to 5th March](#) | For information | All schools

This week highlights one of the most serious and complex mental health issues for any individual or family to overcome – an eating disorder. Please help raise awareness to your parents and carers of the following places that families can go to find eating disorder information and support.

For full details click the link above.

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## [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.

- If your School has returned a registration form, follow the details to sign in for the first time.
- If not, please complete the form so we can set your school up on the platform.

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](#) - 26<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am – 3.30pm

[SEND Solutions 22-23](#) 4.00pm - 4.45pm – 29<sup>th</sup> March – ASC & Autistic traits. Feedback from courses have been good to outstanding.

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

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

Please contact [info@alphatsh.org](mailto:info@alphatsh.org) if you are interested in ECF facilitation.

For full details click the link above.

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**Free conference for ITT & ECT mentors** | For information  
| All schools

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 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 4.30-6pm - [further details and link to register on the flyer available here](#)

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## Events



**[Suffolk: Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference - 28th March 2023 - Trinity Park, Ipswich](#)** |  
For information | All schools

The internet has opened up many new opportunities in communication, entertainment and knowledge. But it's also given extremists the means to target, connect and communicate with people vulnerable to radicalisation.

Event: Suffolk: Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference  
Location: Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre, Trinity Park, Ipswich IP3 8UH

When: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10:00 – 14:00

Booking: [Prevent: Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference \(Suffolk\) Tickets, Tue 28 Mar 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#) (free)

For full details click the link above.

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**Understanding Autism Webinar – Thursday 27  
April, 9.30 to 12.30**  
| For information | All schools

The SSP and partners have commissioned Autism Anglia to deliver a webinar for professionals to support them in gaining a better understanding of autism, including the core features and sensory differences. The webinar will explore the following:

- Understanding behaviour and presentation and any risks to be aware of.

- Diagnosis and wait times for diagnosis.
- The impact of environments on a child/adult with autism.
- The importance of involving people with autism in their own care and decisions about their care.
- How to adapt language and use accessible language.
- The use of non-verbal tools.
- The importance of reasonable adjustments under the equality act.
- Skills to reassure and help people feel respected/treated as an equal.
- Signposting for support and services.
- How professionals should listen and communicate with a child/adult who has autism to safely support them.

To book a place, please email the SSP enquiries inbox [enquiries@suffolksp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@suffolksp.org.uk)

The Teams link to the webinar will be sent to everyone nearer the date.

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## Training



**New dates for Premises Management Training** | For information | All schools

You can book on the Premises Management Training with Vertas, who have now got dates for the course up till December 2023.

The course should be completed by anybody at the school, who has premises management responsibilities.

Please [book via Vertas' EventBrite site](#).

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [Nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Nina.bickerton@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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**Free CPD Opportunity for 23/24: Mastering Number at Reception and KS1** | For information | All primary schools in the Angles Maths Hub area

Mastering Number, now in its third year, has seen great success in many schools, focusing on development of number knowledge and number sense for all pupils in Reception and KS1.

The application window for new schools to join Mastering Number programme 2023-24 is now open!

Apply today using the link in the flyer. Places are limited.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [admin@anglesmathshub.org](mailto:admin@anglesmathshub.org)

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**East of England Safeguarding Learning Platform**  
| For information | All schools

The new East of England Learning Platform is free and open to all professionals and provides a range of learning and informative sessions developed in collaboration with partners across the East Region.

The platform offers:

- Training Thursdays – a range of safeguarding topics and issues are delivered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 12.30 to 13.30.
- Learning Resources.
- Recordings of the safeguarding training sessions.

The link to the learning platform is below

<https://eastsafeguardinglearningplatform.co.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: [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).

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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If someone else in your school would like to receive Suffolk Headlines email [suffolkheadlines@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:suffolkheadlines@suffolk.gov.uk)

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