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# Suffolk

# Headlines

**Raising the Bar** 2018-2020  
Ensuring every child in Suffolk  
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*The weekly bulletin presenting information for all schools from  
Suffolk County Council*

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**Tuesday, 18 April 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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**Schools Forum – 20 April 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.

- High Needs Funding Update
  - 2022-23 DSG outturn (verbal update)
  - AOB
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## **Trauma Informed Practice and Adverse Childhood Experience Research** | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council's Public Health and Communities directorate are undertaking a benchmarking exercise to understand what the Suffolk System looks like in relation to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Informed Practice awareness and training. We want to hear from schools who have undertaken any training in relation to these topics.

Please fill in the survey linked here: [Trauma Informed Practice Questionnaire - This survey is created by QuestionPro | QuestionPro Survey](#)

We are also looking for schools who would be willing to have 1:1 interview or participate in focus groups. Please contact [karen.mccormack@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:karen.mccormack@suffolk.gov.uk) or [m.hermolle@uos.ac.uk](mailto:m.hermolle@uos.ac.uk) if you would like to take part.

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## **Pay Policy - Removal of Upper Pay Range (UPR) for Teachers** | For information | All LA maintained schools

We have been made aware that some Schools have contacted Schools' Choice HR with a view to removing the Upper Pay Range from their pay policies.

For full details click the link above.

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## **Information session for headteachers and senior staff who are new to administering KS1 and 2 SATs – recorded session now available online** | For information | All primary, infant, first, junior and middle schools

In March 2023 the SCC Assessment Team ran two online sessions for headteachers and senior staff who are new to administering KS1 and 2 SATs. The sessions included information about access arrangements, test security and what to do if there are unforeseen circumstances during the tests. Teacher assessment and moderation was also discussed.

If you were unable to attend the sessions at the time, a recorded version is now available on the Assessment Team page of the Suffolk Learning website. It is 38 minutes long and contains links to key STA guidance.

For full details click the link above.

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## **Information session for teachers who are new to administering the phonics screening check – last**

**chance to sign up for a place** | 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.



**Funding your new apprentice** | For information | All LA schools

Apprenticeships Suffolk is an impartial and completely free service being offered by Suffolk County Council as part of their strategic aim to increase the quality and quantity of apprenticeships within the county, thereby supporting business and economic growth. We have been awarded funding by the European Social Fund (ESF) to deliver a 3-year project to identify Apprenticeship opportunities, provide employer focused advice and guidance, and actively promote Apprenticeship opportunities to support employment in Suffolk.

Please contact us at [apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk) or 01473 263 555 you can also visit our website for further information on our service and how we can provide apprenticeship support [Home - Apprenticeships Suffolk](#)



**New The Source website for young people has launched** | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Engagement Hub team have launched their new website 'The Source' – for young people in Suffolk, which provides information, advice, and sources of support on everyday issues that impact youngsters.

This has been a yearlong project which has involved extensive co-production work with young people's groups, schools, and colleges to get the [new Source website](#) redeveloped.

For full details click the link above.



### [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.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:jacqui.studd@cofesuffolk.org)

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### [Suffolk schools encouraged to sign the Menopause & Me pledge to support school staff](#) | For information | All schools

Suffolk Libraries has recently launched a new menopause support programme for employers and individuals. Schools are classed as individual employers so can make the most of this new service to support any staff affected by the menopause or perimenopause.

For full details click the link above.

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## SEND/Inclusion



### [Important, please read: Updated information from SCC SES \(SCC Specialist Education Services\)](#) | For information | All schools

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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### **Phase 3 of the SEND Capital Programme – Specialist Units** | For information | All schools

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.

We will be holding a virtual information session for the SEMH units on Thursday 27 April at 3pm which you would be very welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to attend, please email [ProviderServices@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ProviderServices@suffolk.gov.uk).

Ahead of this meeting we are asking key stakeholders to give us a view on how these units should look and how they will work alongside our other specialist provision in Suffolk.

Please complete this MS Form to share your thoughts [SEMH Unit Questionnaire \(office.com\)](#).

[Meeting Documents - Committee Minutes \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

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### **Psychology & Therapeutic Service (P&TS) Traded work updates** | For information | All schools

As per last academic year our P&TS traded work will largely be delivered via packages of support. This means that we can provide a bespoke offer from the [range of professionals in our team](#) in order to deliver a service that best meets your settings needs.

For full details click the link above.

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## 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!

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

**This term:** we look forward to supporting registration to our [ECT Programme](#), [Appropriate Body service](#) and [NPQ programmes](#) ahead of the new academic year. Do contact us with specific questions or to arrange a conversation to support your planning - email: [info@UTSH.org](mailto:info@UTSH.org)

**Next week:** [Mental Health Matters: building resilience and 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.

**TSH update:** [our latest update is available here](#)

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## Training



**[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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**[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 10am-12pm:** What is Engagement and who needs this model?
- **Session 2 – Monday 24 April 1pm-3pm:** Observations, looking to learn, the templates.
- **Session 3 – Monday 22 May 1pm-3pm:** Planning for Engagement, using the EHCP outcomes, making learning meaningful.

- **Engagement Model Hub - Tuesday 20 June 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.

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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: [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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