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# Suffolk

# Headlines

**Raising the Bar** 2018-2020

Ensuring every child in Suffolk  
can achieve their full potential



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

**Tuesday, 25 April 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.



**[Admission to a school Reception Year and entry to a Nursery Class](#)** | For information | All primary schools and Highfield Nursery School

The arrangements for full and part-time admission to a school Reception Year and entry to a Nursery Class can be found in the above letter.

For full details click the link above.



**Unannounced visits during Key Stage 2 SATs and the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** | For information | All schools with Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils

The Local Authority has a duty to arrange unannounced visits to 10% of schools for the Key Stage 2 tests and also for the phonics screening check. The visits may take place just before, during or just after the test or check weeks.

All the visitors are Local Authority staff and will have their photo identity badge. If you would like to confirm the identity of your visitor, please call the Education, Skills and Learning Business Support team on 01473 263985.

There is information about the visits on the Gov.uk website:

- [2023 key stage 2 tests monitoring visits guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1154442/2023-key-stage-2-tests-monitoring-visits-guidance.pdf)
- [2023 phonics screening check monitoring visits guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1154443/2023-phonics-screening-check-monitoring-visits-guidance.pdf)



2 pupils

[A new platform for collecting assessment data this summer](#) | For information | All schools with Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils

We have a new platform for collecting assessment data in the summer term 2023.

This will replace 'Anycomms' and will make it much easier for data to be transferred securely, no matter which management information system (MIS) is being used.

For full details click the link above.



[World Immunisation Week 2023](#) | For information | All primary schools

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is observing World Immunisation Week 2023 with the theme "Vaccine Brings Us Closer". The campaign aims to highlight the importance of vaccines in the protection from infectious diseases and reducing inequalities associated with vaccine-preventable diseases. Suffolk County Council would like to support the campaign and encourage parents, schools, and local communities to prioritise immunisation to achieve equitable access to vaccination for all children.

For full details click the link above.

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### **Introducing Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk Teacher Training (NESTT)** | For information | All schools

Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk Teacher Training (NESTT) has been proudly formed by the merger of Suffolk and Norfolk SCITT and BEC Teacher Training. We will be recruiting primary and secondary trainees from October 2023.

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### **Assessment Only (AO) Route to QTS** | For information | All schools

The Suffolk and Norfolk SCITT Assessment Only route is designed for instructors with significant experience (at least two years), as an unqualified teacher, and who are eligible to gain QTS without undertaking an initial teacher training programme. Candidates are assessed in one of the following age ranges, 3-7, 5-11, 11-16 or 14-19. The programme runs for a maximum of three months.

Applications for places on the Programme for September 2023 need to be submitted by Wednesday, 31 May 2023.

For further information please contact Colin Turner, AO Programme Leader, Suffolk & Norfolk SCITT [colin.turner@suffolkandnorfolkscitt.co.uk](mailto:colin.turner@suffolkandnorfolkscitt.co.uk)

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### **Wellbeing in Education Mental Health Network** | For information | All schools

This [informative and supportive network](#) has been running for over a year now, and meetings have covered a wide range of topics. Our network continues to grow and develop across the whole of Suffolk. One or two of the sessions have been focused primarily on the role of Mental Health Leads but the majority are applicable to anyone in education settings with an interest in the topic being addressed.

Our next virtual meeting is on Tuesday, 6 June 2023 from 3:45 to 4:45; topic to be confirmed and included in a future Headlines article. Please email: [EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk) if you would like to attend (there is no cost attached).

For full details click the link above.

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## **Suffolk Music and Arts Alumni Trust (SMART) funding** | For information | All schools

Do you know a talented young person interested in the arts who could benefit from financial support?

Suffolk Music and Arts Alumni Trust (SMART) offers grants to the young people of Suffolk to participate in artistic activity. This could be financial assistance with getting to an audition, taking a music exam, attending university, taking part in an arts course, accessing lessons and more.

For more information and to download the application form, please visit [SMART Music & Arts Charity | SMART Suffolk \(suffolksmart.org\)](https://suffolksmart.org) or contact [admin@suffolksmart.org](mailto:admin@suffolksmart.org).

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## **The Coronation of King Charles III - resources for young people and families** | For information | All schools

The Church of England is providing a range of resources to help schools, young people and families to mark this historic moment in the life of our nation.

For full details click the link above.

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**Ministry  
of Defence**

## **Service Pupil Support Grants Programme** | For information | All schools

The Ministry of Defence's Service Pupil Support Grants Programme awards grants for projects that support children aged 4-18 years from currently serving UK Armed Forces families. Most grants will be around £40,000 or less. The application window is now open and the deadline for applications is 5pm on 31 May 2023.

For full details click the link above.

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## **SEND/Inclusion**



## **SEND Roadshows – Summer 2023** | For information | All schools

These popular sessions give Headteachers and School Leaders the chance to meet with the Assistant Director for Inclusion and other senior leaders from across the Suffolk SEND Partnership, to hear the latest updates on our continued work to improve SEND services across Suffolk and give us your

feedback and suggestions for future areas.

This term features new content and our theme is **supporting children and young people's mental health**. We're delighted to be joined by colleagues from across the Integrated Care Boards and from SENDIASS, Suffolk Parent Carer Forum.

**Dates:** (all 9am – 12:30pm)

**Lowestoft:** Tuesday 6 June 2023

**Bury St Edmunds:** Tuesday 27 June 2023

**Ipswich:** Tuesday 4 July 2023

We know this is a hot topic across the county and we are expecting take up of places to be high. To reserve your place, please email [localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk) telling us which location you would like to attend and we will be in touch!

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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!

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



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

Over the course of this term we look forward to supporting schools across our area with registration to our [ECT Programme](#), [Appropriate Body service](#) and [NPQ programmes](#) ahead of the new academic year. Do contact us (email [info@UTSH.org](mailto:info@UTSH.org)) with specific questions or to arrange a conversation to support you in your planning to benefit from fully funded DfE programmes in 23/24.

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## Events



### **Suffolk Skills & Careers Festival – 11 October 2023 - Save the Date!** | For information | All secondary schools

On **11 October 2023**, Trinity Park will welcome the Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival.

This fantastic **work inspiration event** for 11–24-year-olds features around **100 employers** and **providers in one place**, on one day, talking about **Further and Higher Education**, potential **careers** and **pathways from education into work**.

Exhibitors will offer '**hands on**' activities and help young people explore their next steps.

- **Booking essential**, with details to be released shortly.
- **Please save the date in your calendars** and watch for more information.



| All schools

### **Supporting young people's mental health – free parent and carer workshops coming May 2023** | For information

These free virtual workshops are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are delivered as live Zoom sessions and are 60 minutes long.

For full details click the link above.

## 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.



**[Mental Health First Aid Training Courses](#)** | For information | All schools

The Raedwald Trust are delighted to be offering;

Full 2 day Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

- 3 & 7 July 2023 (online)

13 & 14 July 2023 (face to face, Ipswich)

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [MHFA@raedwaldtrust.org](mailto:MHFA@raedwaldtrust.org)



**[Free, online, Maths CPD Twilights for Primary Schools](#)** | For information | All primary schools

Following the success of our Spring term series, we are delighted to offer **new sessions** to continue our series of free, online, twilight session for primary teachers and leaders focusing on:

- Using Representations across the Primary Phase
- Understanding Mastery in the Primary Maths Classroom

See the flyer attached for more details, including the session sign up link via our Eventbrite page.

For full details click the link above.

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

## 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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