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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 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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 [Update on 157/175 Safeguarding Audit 2023](#) | For information | All schools

The annual 157/175 Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit 2023 is currently being compiled. An update on the work completed to date is outlined in the article.

For full details click the link above.

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

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## [Updated Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Escalation Process](#) | For information | All schools

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership Escalation Process has been updated in collaboration with Health, Police and Social Care colleagues and now includes a proforma for escalating professional differences. The updated process document with the proforma is attached and can be found on the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership's website at the following link and then in the Policy Directory and search for Escalation Policy.

For full details click the link above.

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## [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.

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## [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.

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## [CYP Asthma Survey](#) | For information | All schools

Working with local NHS leaders and hospital consultants, and together with Healthwatch Essex, Healthwatch Suffolk are seeking to capture people's experiences of asthma care for children and young people.

We need people to share their ideas about the support that currently works well, what could be improved about local services, and how CYP could be better supported to manage the condition now and in the future.

For full details click the link above.



### **Suffolk TA Network** | For information | All schools

The Suffolk TA Network supports and promotes the work of teaching assistants across the county through a range of training and networking opportunities. All pupil-facing support staff in all educational settings across Suffolk can join for free by completing this online membership form: [Suffolk TA Network - Sign Up Form \(office.com\)](https://www.suffolktanetwork.co.uk/sign-up-form). Please visit our website [www.suffolktanetwork.co.uk](http://www.suffolktanetwork.co.uk) and Twitter @SuffolkTan for more information.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [abigail.joachim@atrust.org.uk](mailto:abigail.joachim@atrust.org.uk)

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### **Suffolk Libraries launches Blank Page holiday activities for Suffolk children** | For information | All secondary schools

Suffolk Libraries is launching a new programme of holiday activities for 11-16-year-olds this Easter at Stowmarket, Lowestoft, Chantry, Gainsborough and Haverhill libraries.

For full details click the link above.

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

Home-Start in Suffolk is the county's largest family support charity. Their vision is that every child in Suffolk is given the best start in life because of the love, support and guidance they receive from their parents, guardians or the people performing the role of their parents.

The charity has received a record number of referrals in the first three months of 2023 and anticipate a continued demand for their services throughout the year.

As well as being a fantastic competition to engage school aged children in reading and encourage creativity, Character Creations also aims to raise awareness about the charity.

If your school could support this very worthwhile local cause you have until **Friday 31 March 2023** to sign up. You will then be sent all the information

to take part.

For more information and to sign up visit: [Character Creations 2023 | Home Start in Suffolk](#)

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

**Don't miss the chance to book your school on to the Children & Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Festival 2023**

The Emotional Wellbeing Festival 2023 is back, and school bookings are now open, but hurry spaces are going fast!

This year's festival is being hosted at Moreton Hall Community Centre in Bury St Edmunds, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, from 9.30am – 2.30pm, for secondary schools in West Suffolk. Last year the festival was hosted in East Suffolk, so this year we wanted to focus on bringing this event to schools in the West, so they can take part.

For full details click the link above.

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## SEND/Inclusion



[High Needs Funding Spring 22 Updates](#) | For information | All schools

We are writing to you earlier than we normally do, as there are some important updates to make you aware of before the summer term begins.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** Steve Newman, [Steve.newman@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.newman@suffolk.gov.uk), 01473 260012, Joy Settle, [joy.settle@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:joy.settle@suffolk.gov.uk), 07923 260597

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**Requests for Education, Health & Care Needs Assessments (EHCNA)** | For information | All schools

From 3 April 2023 Suffolk County Council Family Services will launch a new portal for requests for Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments (EHCNA). A new EHCNA request team will support all new requests for the first

6 weeks of the process, which will be centrally managed. Further information, including how to access the new portal will be communicated in next week's Headlines update.

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[Sharing good practice](#) | For information | All schools

We would love to hear from schools who would like to share some examples of innovative and new ways they are implementing recommendations from Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists.

For full details click the link above.

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

[Early Career Framework](#): For more information on our ECF offer, please visit our website or register interest [here](#).

[Appropriate Body services](#): Inspiration TSH will be an AB provider from summer 2023 - if you're interested in using our AB services, you can register your interest [here](#).

[NPQs](#): Inspiration TSH offers a full suite of NPQs, working with the National Institute of Teaching (NlOT) as our lead provider. Please visit our website for more info.

[Initial Teacher Training](#): Applications are open for teacher training via Inspiration Trust's SCITT course, in cooperation with NlOT. Please visit our ITT website for more info.

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

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

Wishing colleagues a happy, restful and refreshing Easter! We have once again highly valued the engagement of teachers and leaders from across the area in our programmes this term. Thank you, well done and

take care.

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

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## Events



### **Children with Complex Health Needs and Safeguarding |** For information | All schools

This webinar led by professionals from across agencies will explore the journey and experiences of a child through health services with the added complexities of common safeguarding concerns managed by the Disabled Children's Social Care Team.

Wednesday, 19 April 2023 - 9:30-11:00am  
Online

If you would like to attend, please sign up using this Eventbrite link: [Children with Complex Health Needs and Safeguarding Tickets, Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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## Training



### **Suffolk** [Engagement Model Training](#) | For information | All schools County Council

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

Cost: £30 (includes all sessions) via Teams.

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

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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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**Dyslexia in Reception and Key Stage 1** | For information | All schools

SENDCos, teachers, teaching assistants - are you interested in dyslexia and how it presents in Reception and Key Stage 1? This session will offer:

- An overview of how dyslexia presents in pupils aged 4 – 7.
- Guidelines for identifying those at risk.
- A range of strategies/approaches for meeting the needs of learners experiencing difficulties with the acquisition of literacy skills.

Date: July 5 2023, 9am-12pm.

This training is part of SES Free Virtual training sessions, to request a place use this link: [SES CPD Booking Form](#)

**Contact:** [zoe.bell@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:zoe.bell@suffolk.gov.uk), [anji.rico@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:anji.rico@suffolk.gov.uk)





## **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)

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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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