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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, 2 May 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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**[Action Required: Post-16 Travel](#)** | For action | All  
Secondary Schools and Post-16 Provisions

We would be grateful if you could please send the attached letter, which contains important information, to all Year 11 pupils to help them plan their Post-16 pathways for September 2023.

For full details click the link above.

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**[Annual S175/157 Safeguarding Self-Assessment](#)** | For  
action | All schools

This is a reminder that schools are asked by the Suffolk Safeguarding

Partnership (SSP) to complete a safeguarding self-assessment audit annually. The audit is **mandatory** and supports schools to fulfil the statutory requirement to provide information to the Local Authority as to how they are discharging their safeguarding duties.

For full details click the link above.

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 **[Year 2 Phonics Re-Check 2023](#)** | For action | All Primary, First, Infant and Special Schools

The DfE have provided a file indicating pupils required to take the year 2 phonics re-check. The file has been placed on [Perspective Lite](#) in the LA Documents folder.

For full details click the link above.

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 **[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 May half term. The grant will be issued as a **£15** 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 Easter holidays, 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.

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 **[Suffolk Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative – all schools to respond please](#)** | For action | All schools

**Today is World Asthma Day.**

Suffolk is part of the Asthma Friendly Schools initiative to help meet the standards specified in the [National Bundle of Care for Children and Young People with Asthma](#).

**Any schools who have not yet responded to previous emails about this initiative are kindly requested to nominate their named asthma champions.**

[Asthma friendly schools FAQs](#)

For full details click the link above.

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### **Area Safeguarding Network Meetings** | For information | All schools

A quarterly safeguarding network meeting takes place on Teams in the south, west and north of the county.

The meetings are chaired by the Area Safeguarding Managers and are a forum for local scrutiny, challenge and provide a supportive framework for shared problem solving. All key agencies including the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership give updates on priorities and current work focuses and professionals can raise and discuss any issues and concerns they may have. We would like to encourage more schools to attend the meetings.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list for any of the meetings, please e mail Tracy Murphy on:  
[tracy.murphy@suffolksp.org.uk](mailto:tracy.murphy@suffolksp.org.uk)

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## **SEND/Inclusion**



### **Help us get the views of children and young people with Special education needs and disabilities** | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council is repeating the SEND CYP survey to empower children and young people with special educational needs to share their experiences. As part of the SEND Strategy, we need to hear how the services that young people access impact on their lives and the choices they make about their futures. The survey is now live, and you can access it here: [Young Person's SEND Survey 2023 14-25 year olds \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/youngpersonssend)

All responses are anonymous and there is the incentive of a **free prize draw**.

Other version of this survey, including easy read are available on request.

### **Do you need our help to run the survey at your setting?**

Staff from the Engagement Hub are available (subject to capacity) to come into education settings and support you to run sessions during which pupils can complete the survey (we will bring treats).

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please get in touch with the

Engagement Hub.

If you have any further questions or would like us to facilitate a survey session, contact us at [thesource@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:thesource@suffolk.gov.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. Further to last week's bulletin, I can now confirm that our next session on 6<sup>th</sup> June (3:45 to 4:45) will be addressing the topic of suicide prevention. Anyone in a Suffolk education setting with an interest in this topic is welcome to come along and listen.

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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## Hub updates



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

**Do you have any Early Career Teachers starting in September 2023?**

We can help with any registration, Appropriate Body or NPQ support. Please contact [info@alphatsh.org](mailto:info@alphatsh.org).

[Early Career Framework Programme and Registration](#) – Alpha TSH provide the DfE funded ECF programme, please click the link above for more information. **DfE online service opens week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July for any September 2023-starter ECTs/Mentors.**

**Are you looking for an Appropriate Body Provider for ECT Induction?** [Appropriate Body Service and Registration](#)

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

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## Events



**Free Folk Experience Day for young string players** | For information | All schools

Suffolk Music Hub and [English Folk Dance and Song Society](#) are hosting a FREE Folk Experience Day on 21 May 2023.  
For Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass players aged 12-18 years and around Grade 3 or above!

You will gain skills in learning and playing by ear, develop creative arrangement ideas, and experience techniques and repertoire used with the National Youth Folk Ensemble.

Closing date for applications is Monday 15 May 2023.

[Folk Experience Day application and personal information form \(suffolkmusichub.co.uk\)](https://suffolkmusichub.co.uk)



**Conference for Designated Safeguarding Leads in Schools and Colleges** | For information | All schools

We are holding a conference for school and college DSLs on the 12th July 2023 at Abbeygate Sixth Form College in Bury St Edmunds. 8.30-3pm

Speakers are from a wide range of organisations:

30 Years in Safeguarding – Rosie Carter - SAFE CIC  
SARC

Suffolk Police

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office - Forced Marriage Unit

Update on Signs of Safety.

Tours of Abbeygate Sixth Form College for anyone wishing to look round will also be available.

Cost £10 to cover hospitality.

To request a place - [Designated Safeguarding Lead Conference 12th July 2023 \(office.com\)](#)

**Contact:** [connor.smith@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:connor.smith@wsc.ac.uk), 01284 412190

# 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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**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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**Foundation knowledge of computer science for KS3 and GCSE (face to face)** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 14 July 2023

**Time:** 09.30-15.45

This course is for prospective teachers of Key Stage 3/4 computing who may be new to the subject, or who may have taught computing in earlier years. It will allow you to explore the foundation subject knowledge, required to teach computer science as part of the national curriculum.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [computinghub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computinghub@wsc.ac.uk)

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**Python programming constructs: sequencing, selection & iteration for OCR specification** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 12 July 2023

**Time:** 09.30 – 15.30

Take your first steps to becoming a competent teacher of Python programming; this CPD will develop your foundational knowledge around the Python language.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [computinghub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computinghub@wsc.ac.uk)

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**An Introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 17 May 2023

**Time:** 09.30-16.15

This remote course is for prospective teachers of Key Stage 3 computing and GCSE computer science, who may be new to the subject.

Take your first steps towards teaching GCSE computer science and establish a foundational knowledge base of concepts, terminology and classroom practice.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [computinghub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computinghub@wsc.ac.uk)

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**Behaviour for learning in a computing environment – short course** | For information | All secondary schools

**Date:** 5 July 2023

**Time:** 16.00 – 17.30

This short course is aimed at secondary computing teachers who are looking to ensure the behaviour management and learning atmosphere in a computing environment enables progress.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [computinghub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computinghub@wsc.ac.uk)

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**Introduction to the Teach Computing Curriculum – short course** | For information | All primary schools

**Date:** 24 May 2023

**Time:** 16.00-17.30

This course provides an overview of the Teach Computing Curriculum, a freely available whole school computing curriculum designed to ensure progression of subject knowledge and key skills.

For full details click the link above.

**Contact:** [computinghub@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:computinghub@wsc.ac.uk)

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### **'Dying to Talk' Free bereavement training for secondary schools** | For information | All secondary schools

The 'Dying to Talk' training focuses on the support of secondary 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.

**Contact:** [Robert.ilett@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:Robert.ilett@stelizabethhospice.org.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: [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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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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