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Headlines

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Ensuring every child in Suffolk
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*The weekly bulletin presenting information for all schools from
Suffolk County Council*

Tuesday, 9 May 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.



[Single Central Record](#) | For information | All schools

We have become aware that a number of schools are using an outdated version of the Single Central Record template which does not include a column to confirm that Section 128 checks have been undertaken.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk



Trade Union Facilities 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 | For information | All academies and free schools

Suffolk County Council operates the Facilities Fund so that schools can gain support from accredited, highly trained, trade union representatives from any Teaching Trade Union when needed. It also means schools can be recompensed for their time out of school if one of their staff is one of these highly trained representatives. Academies and Free Schools have to opt into the scheme to have these benefits. Academies and Free Schools receive money to pay into Suffolk County Council Facilities Fund through receiving the proportion of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the Education Service Grant (ESG) adjustment.

For further details please see the attached letter and form: [Suffolk Teaching unions facilities time letter 2023-2024](#).

Contact: 01473 263951, ELstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk

 **Suffolk** County Council | [Consultation on Suffolk's Relevant Area](#) | For information
Authority Schools | Academy Trusts and Governing Bodies of Own Admission

The Relevant Area is the geographical area within which consultations on individual school admissions take place.
The School Admissions Code requires Local Authorities to establish and review the Relevant Area(s) for admission policy consultations. This is important in ensuring that parents and other interested parties can read the determined admission arrangements for schools and academies that will apply in future years.

This consultation will close on **Friday 9 June 2023**.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: jan.scott@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 264657

 **Suffolk** County Council | **Cyber crime and cyber security: a guide for education providers** | For information | All schools

The following guidance, provided by the GOV.UK aims to help raise education provider's awareness of cyber-crime and cyber security.

Academy trusts, colleges, and independent training providers (ITPs) retain responsibility to be aware of the risk of fraud, theft and irregularity and address it by putting in place proportionate controls.

Please visit [Cyber crime and cyber security: a guide for education providers - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) for the full article details.



Work Experience Survey | For information | All schools

Apprenticeships Suffolk would like to remind school and setting leaders of the Work Experience Survey to gather information regarding the Work Experience within schools across Suffolk. Please see the link to complete the form - [Work Experience in Suffolk Schools - Apprenticeships Suffolk \(office.com\)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/work-experience-in-suffolk-schools-apprenticeships-suffolk-office-com).

Contact: apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk



Free Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) Stars Ensemble | For information | All primary schools

These are for WCET students in their first year of learning a musical instrument.

Starting during the Summer term these free ensembles will run for 7 weeks.

As part of our commitment to music making in Suffolk Schools, we want your students to experience making music as part of a large ensemble / orchestra with other young musicians.

The WCET Stars Ensembles will be running at the following venues:

- Abbeygate Sixth Form College, Bury St Edmunds – starts Friday 12th May, 16:40-17:20
- Benjamin Britten Academy of Music, Lowestoft – starts Friday 12th May, 16.30 - 17.15
- Stradbroke High School, Stradbroke, starts Friday 12th May, 16:15 - 17:00
- Northgate Arts Centre, Ipswich – start Saturday 13th May, 10:00-10:45am

Contact: 01473 263400, county.musicservice@suffolk.gov.uk



Transition – Key dates and Links | For information | All schools

A reminder that the [common transfer document and transition charter created by the IOA transition working group are available to download here](#). Also, the common 'move up' dates for year 2, 6 and 11 are the final Wednesday and Thursday in June.

Contact: abigail.joachim@attrust.org.uk



Letter to school and setting leaders following SEP Safeguarding Survey | For information | All schools

Thank you to all who completed the survey, produced by the Suffolk Education Partnership Safeguarding Task Group, into processes and procedures in Suffolk. We received over one hundred responses from all phases and types of school in Suffolk and from a wide range of professionals, including DSLs, Heads and other staff.

For full details see the letter and summary report below.

[Letter to schools following SEP Safeguarding Survey](#)
[Safeguarding survey report](#)



Occupational Therapy for children who have difficulties with motor skills | For information | All schools

Prior to accepting a referral for children who have difficulties with motor skills schools are directed to the first line Occupational Therapy Advice within the [resource pack on the West Suffolk Hospital website](#) which provides school staff and parents with ideas and strategies to support their children to practise and develop skills.

Contact: Jane.dolan@wsh.nhs.uk



Suffolk TA Network Engagement & Updates | For information | All schools

The Suffolk TA Network is a thriving professional community of pupil-facing support staff across the county. We currently have a membership of almost 500, with engagement from 45% of all schools (45% of primaries, 60% of secondaries & FE, 19% of AP and special settings).

We would love to support your staff through our free membership offer. This is the link to the online membership form [Suffolk TA Network - Sign Up Form \(office.com\)](#).

Please also save the date for the next annual TA conference at Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre, Ipswich on Monday 2nd October 2023 - 9.00 (for a 9.30 start) until 15.00. More information will follow shortly.

Contact: abigail.joachim@attrust.org.uk

SEND/Inclusion



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

The link to the info link page with all the information you will need to express interest for Phase 3 of the SEND Capital Programme is now available: [Suffolk InfoLink | Phase 3 - development of specialist units attached to mainstream schools](#)

You can register your interest for opening a specialist unit in your school by completing our [expression of interest form](#). Please note that expressions of interest should be submitted no later than Friday 26th May 2023.

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.

[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 3rd 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!



Unity Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

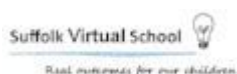
Fully funded DfE accredited programmes in 23/24

ECT programme starting in September 2023: let us know [here](#) that you will

have ECTs joining our fully funded ECT programme
NPQs launching in Autumn 2023: register [here](#) for fully funded NPQs starting in Autumn 2023 - find out more about the NPQs available [here](#)

Contact us: email info@UTSH.org with specific questions or to arrange a conversation to support you in your planning for 23/24.

Events



Suffolk Virtual School Conference – Tuesday 13 June, Trinity Park Ipswich | For information | All schools

You are cordially invited to attend our conference for Designated Teachers and other professionals supporting children in care, taking place on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at Trinity Park, Ipswich.

This event is free of charge. refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

To sign up, please click on the following link and fill in the required details:

[SVS Conference Booking Form](#)

We really look forward to seeing you at the conference. Please contact us on 01473 260818 or suffolkvirtualschool@suffolk.gov.uk if you have any questions about the day.

For full details click the link above.



Sensory Workshop for Schools | For information | All schools

The workshop is designed to support school staff to consider strategies and advice for children and young people who have sensory processing or modulation difficulties. Many children & young people struggle to cope with the sensory environment in a busy school setting.

The workshop covers:

- An introduction to the 7 main sensory systems
- How differences in sensory processing can impact an individual's experiences and responses
- Information on the benefits of assisting children to achieve a "just right state"

- Strategies to support students who experience sensory challenges

Please follow the link below to find the registration form for the course. Once the registration form is complete you will receive log in details via email.

[West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust: Log in to the site \(wsh.nhs.uk\)](#)

Contact: Jane.dolan@wsh.nhs.uk



East Anglian School leaders Conference - July 6 2023 - Dunston Hall Hotel | For information | All schools

Following the success of last year's conference, we are delighted to be able to invite you to our SASH/CEON/SPHA East Anglian School Leaders conference in July. We have a very full line up of inspirational and informative speakers at this lovely venue. The popular **"ask the panel"** session has returned, which will be hosted Jeremy Rowe (CEON Chair) and will include several of our speakers and guests Sarah Skinner & Melissa Benn. Let us have your questions/issues in advance or on the day.

If you are a SASH member the conference is included in your membership, there is a small charge for our other colleagues depending on the option chosen. This conference is open to all Senior Leaders in East Anglia, [please click here to reserve your place](#) or visit sashonline.org/events We would love you to come for the whole event but if you can't we hope you or your Deputy/a Senior Leader can join us at some point in the day.

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.

Contact: 07860831220, kate.pochin@suffolksendiass.co.uk



Free Live Primary Teaching for Mastery lesson study opportunity – limited availability | For information

Primary Schools in the Angles Maths Hub area

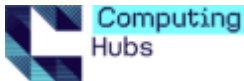
Come and watch a live Teaching for Mastery style maths lessons in a primary classroom near you!

You will to be introduced to the NCETM Teaching for Mastery approach to teaching and learning, watch and discuss a lesson taught by one of our Primary Mastery Specialists.

For more details and to reserve your place, please complete our short form via the following link: [Teaching for Mastery Open Lesson Sessions \(google.com\)](#)

For full details click the link above.

Contact: admin@anglesmathshub.org



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



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



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

Date: 17 May 2023

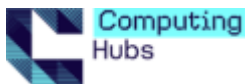
Time: 09.30-16.15

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



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 remote course is aimed at secondary computing teachers and subject leaders 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



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

Date: 24 May 2023

Time: 16.00-17.30

This remote 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



SEND support and Oracy Training | For information | All schools

SEND solutions

A solution focused approach to look at clear and practical strategies to support classroom teachers on the individual issues they face.

Word Aware

Alpha Teaching School Hub are proud to be working with Thinking Talking to offer a bespoke package to our schools on a whole school structured approach in vocabulary development: particularly tier 2.

For full details click the link above.

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 or phone 01473 263942

For COVID related queries email: 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.

You should contact your Standards and Excellence Partner or call 01473 263942 / email 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.

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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