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

Tuesday, 16 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.

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

This is a reminder that school leaders are asked by the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership (SSP) to complete a safeguarding self-assessment audit annually. The audit is mandatory and supports school leaders 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 on the link above.

 [A new platform for collecting assessment data this summer – final chance to sign up to the information](#)

[sessions](#) | 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 on the link above.



[Training opportunity for Designated Safeguarding Leads – an immersive bespoke Suffolk child exploitation case study based workshop](#) | For information | All schools

Following the success of the Understanding Exploitation and Strengthening Practice workshops delivered by Kendra Houseman, we've been able to secure some full day sessions. These are bespoke interactive sessions for Suffolk School Designated Leads, delivered by Kendra through the eyes of the child & will embed learning from the previous workshops, challenge professional curiosity, understanding of exploitation & grooming as well as assessing risk, disruption & interventions – almost a Hydra approach.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Claire Prosser, Claire.Prosser@suffolk.gov.uk



[New The Source website for young people](#) | 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.



Signpost young people to The Source website for Mental Health Awareness Week (15-21 May 2023) | For information | All schools

The Source website for young people in Suffolk, aged 11-18 (up to 25 for young people with additional needs) has a 'Your Mind' section with a wide range of information and advice around common mental health problems which schools can signpost pupils to. It includes a 'Find help now!' Emotional wellbeing directory of helplines and supports services to help young people in Suffolk find places they can go for wellbeing support.

For Mental Health Awareness Week, we are asking schools and organisations working with young people, for their support in promoting The Source mind section to their teens. Please signpost them

to: www.thesource.me.uk/mind Or www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing



SCC funded school travel | For information | All schools

Please be reminded that the deadline for parents to opt-in for SCC funded school travel is 31 May 2023. Where possible please can you help us to remind parents to opt-in before this date. The following message can be used.

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel? If they are, you will need to opt-in by Sunday (31 May 2023) to receive travel for the start of the 2023/2024 school term.

If your child already receives SCC funded travel you still need to opt in every year. [Find out more.](#)



[A Day of Welcome: Building a Culture of Welcome for Refugees and Asylum Seekers – 16 June 2023](#) | For information | All schools

A Day of Welcome, **16 June 2023**, is a day of solidarity and learning in schools to build a culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers & support Refugee Week. We provide over **50 free resources**, including **3 live author webcasts** and a **Refugee Education** session for teachers.

Register here: [A Day of Welcome — Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary \(norfolksos.co.uk\)](http://norfolksos.co.uk)

A Day of Welcome is a collaboration between Anglia Ruskin University, Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary, Refugee Week & UNHCR.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Jeannette.Baxter@aru.ac.uk, info@norfolksos.org.uk



[Suffolk Libraries appeals for young volunteers to boost children's literacy this summer](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Suffolk Libraries is appealing to any students aged 12 and above who might like to gain some fantastic experience by volunteering for the Summer Reading Challenge.

For full details click the link above.

SEND/Inclusion



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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.



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Updated information from SCC SES (SCC Specialist Education Services) | For information | All schools

[Support available from the SCC Specialist Education Services and the Inclusion Service.](#)

In addition to the important information in the link above please also note the dates below of forthcoming **SENCo Forums**. We hope you will join us for updates and networking.

- 17 May 2023 West area SENCO Forum – Face to Face at West Suffolk House, Conference Room West (postponed from March 2023).

- 24 May 2023: Countywide virtual SENCo Forum 4pm to 5.15pm (updates to SES and the Inclusion Service offer)
- 11 July 2023: Countywide virtual SENCo Forum 4pm to 5.15pm (further updates to SES and the Inclusion Service offer and other items tbc)

Contact: Izzy.Connell@suffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk [High Needs Funding Updates](#) | For information | All schools
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Please see above link to a letter about High Needs Funding.

Contact: Steve.newman@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 260012, joy.settle@suffolk.gov.uk, 07923 260597

Hub updates



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

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

We can help with any DfE 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!

Events



Suffolk TA Network Annual Face-to-face Conference | For information | All schools

Tickets are now available for the Suffolk TA Network annual face-to-face TA conference on Monday 2nd October 2023 at Trinity Park, Ipswich. The conference will focus on communication & interaction needs, and supporting children and young people with a diagnosis or traits of autism. We are thrilled to be working in collaboration with the Suffolk County Council C&I Service.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: abigail.joachim@attrust.org.uk

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.



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

If you're new, moving towards or an existing teacher of Key Stage 3/GCSE computer science, then this course 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.

Mapped closely to the specifications of GCSE computer science, the course will provide you with essential knowledge leading to expertise in teaching programming.

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: 26 May 2023

Time: 09.30-16.15

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

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

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 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.

- opportunity to look at the adolescent brain development
- assess your own behaviours
- look at computing related strategies

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

Designed for any computing subject leaders, or class teachers, who are looking to introduce a new computing scheme of work or adapt an existing one.

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



National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) across Norfolk and Suffolk | For information | All schools

The St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi Academy Trust is offering the following Church of England NPQs – Leading Teaching (NPQLT) and Senior Leader (NPQSL), whilst the Diocese of Norwich is offering Headship (NPQH), Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD), Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQLBC) as well as Early Headship Coaching Offer (EHCO). These are available fully funded.

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](#)

If someone else in your school would like to receive Suffolk Headlines email suffolkheadlines@suffolk.gov.uk

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