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Suffolk

Headlines



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

Tuesday, 20 June 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.



[Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund](#) | For information | All secondary schools

Suffolk County Council has recently carried out a formal review of the Household Support Fund Discretionary Grant voucher scheme, and we would like to give you early notice that the contract has been awarded to a new provider. Edenred (UK Group) Ltd will no longer be responsible for the distribution of vouchers, and instead, these will be issued by our new provider, Sodexo Motivations Solutions UK Ltd.

The transfer to Sodexo will be implemented for the summer holiday issue of vouchers and will continue until the grant funding ends.

Within the due diligence process, SCC has, additionally, made the decision to alter the ordering process of vouchers to reduce the administrative burden on schools. The grant will still be provided from the Household Support funding the


Council has received from the government; however, this will be issued to eligible families by the SCC Free School Meals team rather than by schools.

For full details click the link above.

 **[Safeguarding Self-Assessment 157/175](#)** | For information
| All schools

Thank you for submitting your Safeguarding S175/157 self assessment audits. The Organisational Support Team are in the process of reviewing the audits to identify the areas of strength and areas for development locally and in a wider context. The information gathered will be used to inform our support for schools.

For full details click the link above.

 **Data collection is underway. Don't miss the deadlines!** |
For information | All schools with Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils

The Phonics Screening Check data should be returned to the Local Authority by Tuesday 27 June 2023. Use the Broadcast Plus tab on Perspective Lite to submit this securely.

Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessment data should be returned to the Local Authority no later than Tuesday 27 June 2023. Use the Broadcast Plus tab on Perspective Lite to submit this securely

The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile data should be returned to the Local Authority no later than Friday 30 June 2023. Use the Broadcast Plus tab on Perspective Lite to submit this securely

Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessments (writing and science) are submitted directly to the DfE via the Primary Assessment Gateway (also known as PAG). The deadline is Friday 30 June 2023 but it would be advisable to complete this well ahead of the deadline if possible.

There are [manuals and guidance on Suffolk Learning](#).

 **[Supporting young people in Year 11: a two-year pathway \(participating in post 16 learning\). A guide for schools](#)** | For information | All secondary schools

The guide attached has been sent both to our Early Help Teams and the Participation Tracking Team's schools' link for data sharing, usually a careers

co-ordinator.

It aims to explain our collective statutory duty and how we can collaborate to ensure better outcomes for our young people as they move out of Year 11 towards adulthood.

Any queries please contact sally.hill@suffolk.gov.uk.

For full details click the link above.

 **[Support for Ukrainian refugees](#)** | For information | All secondary schools

Funding has been available in 2022-23 to support the education of refugees on the Homes for Ukraine scheme when they join Suffolk schools. Although the government is not providing funding in 2023-24, SCC is able to continue to offer the following grants for new arrivals as set out below:

- EYFS: £1000 per child per term for up to three terms
- Primary: £1200 per pupil per term for up to three terms
- Secondary: £1500 per pupil per term for up to three terms
- Family Visa Scheme pupils: a one-off payment of £500

For full details click the link above.

 **[Toxic masculinity](#)** | For information | All schools

The Community Safety Team within Public Health and Communities, Suffolk County Council have produced a factsheet around toxic masculinity in response to increasing national and local concern about the impact that misogyny and toxic masculinity is having on the lives of children and young people.

There is a growing online community spreading misogynistic hate and it is becoming more and more accessible to young people. The aim of the factsheet is to assist adults in safely challenging negative language towards women and girls and to offer a counter-narrative to some of the hateful content children and young people may have been accessing.

Additionally we have created a series of podcasts to act as a counter narrative to misogyny. Access can be found at: [Misogyny is Med-Evil by Suffolk Domestic Abuse Champions Network \(spotify.com\)](#)

Please see the above factsheet for more information.

For any questions, please email community.safety@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.

For full details click the link above.



Sendiass Young Person's Survey Results | For information | All schools

A reminder that in addition to supporting parents and carers, our Sendiass service also provides information, advice, and support to young people.

We have recently carried out a survey of young people and practitioners working with young people to find out how we can improve our service for young people. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who took part in our survey, we are now pleased to be able to share the results with you all.

[Young Person's Survey Results](#)

For links to our service promotion aimed at young people please see below:

[Postcard](#) (opens PDF)

[Service leaflet](#) (opens PDF)

For more information about what sendiass services offer please see this animated video created by The Council for Disabled Children

[Introduction to Sendiass services](#) (opens in You Tube)




[Operation Encompass: Safeguarding A Missing Child](#) | For information | All schools

From September 2023, Operation Encompass will be expanded to include the sharing of timely information between Police and Schools to promote safeguarding of children who are reported missing from home. Information passed to schools will include the missing and found reports with details of the circumstances.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Brett.Harris@suffolk.police.uk

 **HolidayActivities** [The way you order Holiday Activities Fund \(HAF\) vouchers has changed](#) | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council have once again partnered with HolidayActivities.com (formally Wonde/Evouchers) to support us with promoting our HAF programme for the Summer. This means schools can now simply and securely order HAF vouchers to your eligible families via the free Holiday Activities platform from now ready for them to go out to families on 26th June 2023.

For full details click the link above.



Funding for Students to Purchase Musical Equipment | For information | All schools

Grants up to £1,500 are available to students who wish to purchase or upgrade musical instruments and equipment to further their music education. Applicants must be in full time education, who are either having regular music lessons from a qualified teacher or are studying music at school/college. Apply by 16th August 2023.

[Visit the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation website.](#)

SEND/Inclusion



[SES Annual Survey 2022-23 – Your Views Matter](#) | For information | All schools

Please take some time to complete the SES annual survey 2022-23. We value working alongside you in providing support and so your feedback is very important to us. Survey closes 19th July, 5.30pm.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: sally.blackman@suffolk.gov.uk



[SES Information Sharing Session](#) | For information | All schools

Please join us for an information sharing session regarding the SES offer of support and delivery model from January 2024. We look forward to seeing you.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: sally.blackman@suffolk.gov.uk

Hub updates



[Unity Teaching School Hub](#) | For information | All schools

ECTs/AB and NPQs: actions now to get ahead for 23/24

1. Employing an ECT from September? Two actions to take:

1. **Complete [this quick form](#)** - Jo Francis, ECT Programme Coordinator, will keep you updated on our fully funded ECT Programme ahead of the DfE's official registration portal opening on Monday 3 July
2. **Register your ECTs with Unity TSH Appropriate Body [here](#)** - all ECTs must be registered with an Appropriate Body before they begin their 2-year Statutory Induction Period. Contact Celia Moore, UTSH AB Lead with any questions (cmoore@unitysp.co.uk)

2. Apply for fully funded [NPQs](#) with Unity Teaching School Hub: [register now for NPQs starting in November 2023](#) - benefit from the final year of guaranteed funding for all NPQs as well as new [targeted support payments](#) (£200 per participant for primary schools over 150 pupils/£800 per participant for those with less than 150 pupils; £200 per participant at secondary schools with less than 600 pupils). Contact Helen Main (hmain@unitysp.co.uk) for further information.



[Inspiration Teaching School Hubs](#) | For information | All schools

Inspiration Teaching School Hub offers the [Early Career Framework](#) (ECF) programme, [Appropriate Body](#) services, [National Professional Qualifications](#) (NPQ) and [Initial Teacher Training](#) (ITT).

For full details click the link above.



[Alpha Teaching School Hubs](#) | For information | All schools

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

We can help with any registrations, Appropriate Body or NPQ support. Please contact info@alphatsh.org.

DfE online service opens week commencing 3rd July for any September 2023-starter ECTs/Mentors.

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

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

For full details click the link above.

Events



[Festival of Learning - Making Tech Relevant: Linking Tech with Industry to Bring Learning Alive!](#) | For information | All schools

Save The Date! 30 October 2023 - Adastral Park, Ipswich

A festival style conference with three overlapping themes, suitable for all phases and all profiles of education professional:

1) Edtech to improve learning: Growing Skills and Confidence in Classroom Pedagogy

Demonstrations and workshops in how to use simple, free Edtech tools efficiently in the classroom.

2) Linking Careers & Industry with Curriculum: Infusing what we teach with industry Insights and experience.

Panel discussions & case studies exploring how teachers can apply technology references to cross-curricular environments (Maths English, PE, History and more....)

3) Human Skills in a Tech World: Leadership, Mentoring & Soft Skills Leadership, Mentoring, Soft-Skills & Ethics for a Fast-Changing World

Register here: festivaloflearning.edlink.uk (FREE for a limited time)

For full details click the link above.



Suffolk Skills & Careers Festival – 11th Oct 2023 | For information | All secondary schools

Invitation to book for the Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival, Trinity Park– Wednesday 11th October 2023

Suffolk Agricultural Association, based at Trinity Park, are partnering with Suffolk County Council and the New Anglia LEP to bring you the Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival 2023. The event is open to 14 – 24 years olds. To book your school please complete the below booking form.

1. Booking – Please click on the link below to book your time slot.
[Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival 2023 School Booking Form \(office.com\)](https://www.suffolkskillsfestival.co.uk/school-booking-form)

The choice of timeslots will be:

9.00am – 11.00am
11.00am – 1.00pm
1.00pm – 3.00pm

2. Transport – Once we have confirmed your time slot, please book your own transport to and from the venue. A transport grant of £150 per coach and £50 per hired minibus is available to schools.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Woods on 01473 707118 / suffolkskillsfestival@trinityparkevents.co.uk or Shân Bendall on 01473 707129

We hope you will make your booking as soon as possible as numbers within the time slots are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To help schools who have further to travel it would be hugely appreciated if schools from the local area could book the afternoon sessions. This will also allow us to spread attendance over the day. Additionally, whilst we cannot accommodate a separate quiet session for SEND students, we recommend you book the 9-11am slot which will be the quietest.

For full details click the link above.

Training



[Engagement Model Training](#) | For information | All schools

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.

For full details click the link above.



[Gateway Qualification Level 3 Accredited Course: Double Award: Dyslexia Awareness and Supporting Learners with Dyslexia](#) | For information | All schools

This course is a double qualification accredited by Gateway:

Unit 1: Dyslexia Awareness, which will explore:

- Definitions of dyslexia
- How dyslexia is identified and assessed
- The impact of dyslexia on the individual
- Strategies and interventions to support learners with dyslexic tendencies in the classroom

Unit 2: Supporting Learners with Dyslexia, the course will:

- Equip attendees with the skills to support individuals with dyslexia/literacy difficulties in a 1:1 intervention
- Be practical and provide participants with a range of strategies to employ during personalised intervention work
- Require the attendee to plan, deliver and evaluate a personalised literacy intervention with a reading focus.

For more information see the attached document. To request a place on Unit 1, or Unit 2 or on both Units 1 and 2, please use the appropriate link: [Unit 1 & 2](#) [Unit 1 only](#) [Unit 2 only](#)

For full details click the link above.

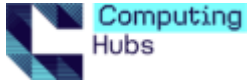
Contact: nicola.wilde@suffolk.gov.uk



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.



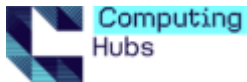
Foundation knowledge of computer science for KS3 and GCSE (face to face) | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 14 July 2023

Time: 09.30-15.45

Venue: West Suffolk College

This CPD will allow you to explore the foundation subject knowledge, required to teach computer science as part of the national curriculum.



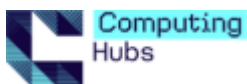
Python programming constructs: sequencing, selection & iteration for OCR specification | For information | All secondary schools

Date: 12 July 2023

Time: 09.30 – 15.30

Venue: Remote

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



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

Date: 5 July 2023

Time: 16.00 – 17.30

This CPD 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

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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