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

Tuesday, 23 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.



[Data collection guidance for EYFSP, Phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 is now available on Suffolk Learning](#) |

For information | All schools

The 2023 data collection guides are now available on the Statutory Data Collection tab of the Suffolk Learning website. These guides will help you to export your statutory assessments from SIMS and transfer them securely to the Local Authority using Perspective Lite.

Please note that KS2 teacher assessments are transferred by the school directly to the DfE via the Primary Assessment Gateway.

For full details click the link above.



Suffolk [Suffolk Appropriate Body ceases at the end of this academic year](#) | For information | All schools

Institutions that can operate as appropriate bodies is changing in line with the recent DfE consultation. Please ensure you are up to date with what will be happening at the end of this academic year as you will need to make decisions about appropriate body services going forward.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Celia.moore@suffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk [EHCP Annual Reviews: Upcoming roll out of Professional Portal and new dashboard reporting](#) | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council are working to implement a new Professional Portal and associated dashboard reporting for use by education settings to support the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Annual Review process.

To allow for the initial roll out of this functionality in the Autumn term 2023, education settings will be contacted by email at the start of the second Summer half term, and will be asked to:

1. Complete a Microsoft Form to provide details of staff who will require portal access
2. Complete a Code of Connection document and return to SCC IT Security team
3. Agree to an Information Sharing Agreement

This email will include further information about this implementation and more details about the three requirements listed above.

Contact: Sophie.Cooke@Suffolk.gov.uk



Suffolk [Mandate Fraud](#) | For information | All schools

Please be vigilant of potential mandate fraud – this involves a fraudster tricking a member of staff into changing payee bank account details by pretending to be from an organisation (supplier) that you make regular payments to.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: fraud@suffolk.gov.uk, 01473 264399



Norse Catering - Terminations | For information | All schools

Schools who have a contract with Norse Catering -

If you receive a notice for the termination of your contract with Norse and would like advice, please contact us.

Contact: Organisational Support – edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk



Competition to create virtual reality films for people with dementia | For information | All sixth forms

Suffolk County Council is inviting students from further and higher education to enter a nationwide competition to produce virtual reality films for people living with dementia.

The competition is being run in conjunction with Spark Emerging Technologies Ltd as part of the council's recently awarded contract to develop a new, bespoke virtual reality (VR) app to deliver therapeutic experiences to people living with dementia across all Suffolk care settings.

For full details click the link above.



Do you work in a Secondary School in East Suffolk? | For information | Secondary schools in East Suffolk

Suffolk Mind are providing fully funded, in-depth training to support emotional wellbeing for your class, school or activity group. Thanks to funding from East Suffolk Council's Community Partnerships, secondary school staff can book onto a Suffolk Mind Emotional Wellbeing in the Classroom session at no cost.

To book, contact schools@suffolkmind.org.uk or visit the [Suffolk Mind website](#)

Eligibility: Places are limited. To qualify for a funded place, you must live or work in East Suffolk. Please get in touch with their Schools team to find out more.

For full details click the link above.



Wolfson Foundation – Capital Grants Secondary Schools / Sixth Forms | For information | All secondary schools and sixth forms

Secondary schools and colleges (rated good or above) can apply for a capital / equipment grants of between £15,000 - £100,000 to improve the teaching of science, computer science, design & technology, art, languages, music and performing arts at GCSE and A-Level. The next deadline is 10th June 2023.

For full details click the link above.

SEND/Inclusion



New Special Free School (Severe Learning Difficulties) in Suffolk | For information | All schools

The DfE have Launched the How to Apply Guidance (HtAG) for applicants to apply to run the new Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) School in Suffolk. The application criteria is now live on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

To apply, applicants must register their interest by completing the [pre-registration form](#) by **5pm 16th June 2023**.

We are hosting an information event for all parties interested in applying on the 8th June at 3.30pm via Teams. If you would like to attend please contact providerservices@suffolk.gov.uk.



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.



SEND Roadshows – Summer 2023 | For information | All schools

These popular sessions give Headteachers and School Leaders the chance to meet with the Assistant Director for Inclusion and other senior leaders from across the Suffolk SEND Partnership, to hear the latest updates on our continued work to improve SEND services across Suffolk and give us your feedback and suggestions for future areas.

This term features new content and our theme is **supporting children and young people's mental health**. We're delighted to be joined by colleagues from across the Integrated Care Boards and from SENDIASS, Suffolk Parent Carer Forum.

Dates: (all 9am – 12:30pm)

Lowestoft: Tuesday 6 June 2023

Bury St Edmunds: Tuesday 27 June 2023

Ipswich: Tuesday 4 July 2023

We know this is a hot topic across the county and we are expecting take up of places to be high. To reserve your place, please email localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk telling us which location you would like to attend and we will be in touch!



SEND Decision Making Panels | For information | All schools in LA

We are pleased to share a booking platform for the SEND Decision Making panels. Panels take place weekly, and we would like to invite two schools to attend per panel.

The panel frequency is detailed as below:

Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment panel occurs every Tuesday 10:00- 13:00

South Area EHC Plan panel takes place every Monday 11:00-13:30.

North Area EHC Plan panel takes place every Tuesday 13:30-16:00.

West Area EHC Plan panel takes place every Wednesday 09:30-12:00

County Independent Placement panel takes place fortnightly every Wednesday 1:00- 5:00 (this may become more frequent)

These decision-making panels have allowed us to further develop our decision-making processes. Your attendance will not be to discuss referrals specific to your school. This opportunity is open to all school settings, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

[Book your place to attend a panel.](#)

For more information on the panels: [Suffolk InfoLink | Specialist Provision: panels and processes](#)

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 DfE registration, Appropriate Body or NPQ support. Please contact info@alphatsh.org.

[ITT into ECT Conference](#) – 24th May 2023, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

[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!



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

Inspiration Teaching School Hub delivers the [Early Career Framework](#) (ECF) programme, [National Professional Qualifications](#) (NPQ), [Initial Teacher Training](#) (ITT) and [Continuous Professional Development](#) (CPD).

For full details click the link above.



Unity Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

Getting ahead for 2023/24

1. 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.

2. 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)

Events



[Suffolk TA Network Annual Conference 2023](#) | For information | All schools

The Suffolk TA Network annual conference will take place on Monday 2nd October 2023 at Trinity Park, Ipswich. Capacity is limited to 210 and tickets will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. There is a small, non-refundable charge to schools of £10 per staff member.

Please complete this short form to book pupil-facing support staff onto the conference.

<https://forms.office.com/e/as2Exf2pDg>

For full details click the link above.

Contact: abigail.joachim@attrust.org.uk



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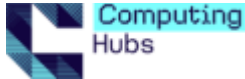
[Free Prevent webinars run by DfE](#) | For information | All schools

A Series of Free webinars available to FE/HE run by DfE are to be held on Tuesday 20 June. Each session has a limit of 500 people so please do feel free to share the invitation to as many staff as possible. Sign up closes one day before the sessions take place.

For full details click the link above.

Contact: Dave Layton-Scott, Department for Education Prevent Coordinator for East-of-England, Prevent.EastofEngland@service.education.gov.uk

Training



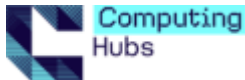
[Foundation knowledge of computer science for KS3 and GCSE \(face to face\)](#) | For information | All secondary schools

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

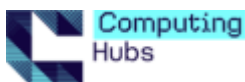
Date: 12 July 2023
Time: 09.30 – 15.30

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

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

There is still time to book a place on this remote CPD, aimed at prospective teachers of KS3 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



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.



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

English Hubs
Knowledge Schools Trust

[Preparing for Phonics with Kirstie Page](#) | For information
| All schools

Within this session, we look at which skills feed directly into Phonics Readiness. For those we already target through Phase One, we will discuss how practice can become much more targeted and incremental.

The session will be held virtually on the 8th June, 15.45 - 17.15. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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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