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# Suffolk

# Headlines



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

**Tuesday, 3 October 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.



**[Suffolk School Improvement Summaries](#)** | For information |  
All Primary schools

The Suffolk School Improvement Summaries (SIS) were published in the Broadcast section of [Perspective Lite](#) on 29 September 2023. This document is personalised for **your** school and is a useful tool for staff and governors for self evaluation and improvement planning. It includes 3 year data for absence and exclusions as well as the school's performance in Early Years, Phonics, Key stage 1 and Key stage 2.

For full details please click the link above.



## **Important updates re ALTERNATIVE PROVISION** | For information | All schools

Please see [here](#) information and updates regarding Alternative Provision (AP), including how to refer. Please use the new AP [referral form](#) and the AP [referral guidance](#).

For full details please click the link above.

For all enquiries please email [apinbox@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:apinbox@suffolk.gov.uk)

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## **Schools Forum – 5 October 2023** | For information | All schools

The papers for Schools Forum are now available on the [Schools Forum – Suffolk Learning](#)

Please ensure you contact your Schools Forum representative if you have any issues you would like raised on your behalf.

- Approval of Central School Services Block (CSSB) 2024-25
- Early Years Rate Rises
- AOB

For full details please click the link above.

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## **Annual Health Check** | For information | All Secondary schools

Suffolk & North East Essex Integrated Care Board (SNEE ICB) are encouraging all young people and adults over 14 years who have a learning disability, to access an annual health check through their GP. This poster has been co-produced to promote these health checks with the hope that settings who support students 14 years plus, who have a learning disability, will be able to display/share. Other formats are being developed and will be shared when available. The poster will also be accessible through the Local Offer website shortly. Thank you for your support - Designated Clinical Officer (SEND) team.

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [sneeicb-ws.suffolksend@nhs.net](mailto:sneeicb-ws.suffolksend@nhs.net)

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## **FREE 'Come and Play Days' for county level music groups** | For information | All schools

This is for young musicians of Grade 4 standard and above, aged under 21 years of age.

Suffolk County Music Service have 2 FREE 'Come and Play Days' on Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 October for our County Music Groups (Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Suffolk Young Strings, Suffolk Youth Wind Band, Suffolk Youth Jazz Orchestra & Suffolk Youth Brass Band). Come and see what it is all about and experience playing in these high level ensembles.

Sign up [here](#)

[More information](#)

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [county.musicservice@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:county.musicservice@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Tel:** 01473 263400

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## **10 LINK foster carers needed** | For information | All schools

LINK provides care for children with physical, learning and sensory differences which could be for a few hours or a short break, in your own home. As a LINK carer you will provide supportive, fun and consistent breaks whilst caring alongside the child's family.

Find out more [here](#)

For full details please click the link above.

You can contact the Fostering team on 01473 264800 or via [fosterandadopt@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:fosterandadopt@suffolk.gov.uk)

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## **A 5 Minute Guide to Elective Home Education for school staff - updated** | For information | All schools

Please click [here](#) to view a brief guide containing key information about Elective Home Education (EHE) for all school staff. This includes information about responsibilities and good practice when parents are considering home education. Included in the guide are links to further information and contact details of local advisors and consultants. Please could this guide be shared with senior and middle leadership teams, pastoral

teams, and attendance administrators.

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [Lindsay.Last@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Last@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Tel:** 01473264177

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## SEND/Inclusion



**[SEND Contact Us – updated phone line information](#)** | For information | All schools

Please view [here](#) the updated phone line details which we hope will route calls more appropriately within the service.

**Contact:** [localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk)

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**[Essential SENCO Toolkit training with Judith Carter](#)** | For information | All SENCOS

Judith Carter (EP) will be delivering two further training cohorts of the Essential SENCO Toolkit training sessions this academic year. This training has proved to be extremely valued by all who attended. The training will also be attended by colleagues across the system in order to support embedding this approach across Suffolk.

**Cohort 3** – 22 November 2023 and 14 February 2024 (9am-12.30pm)

**Cohort 4** – 20 March and 24 April 2024 (9am-12.30pm)

Both Cohorts are being held at Kesgrave Conference Centre, Ipswich.

Please email [sencosupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sencosupport@suffolk.gov.uk) to book your place.

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### **Important information from SCC SES (SCC Specialist Education Services)** | For information | All schools

Please view [here](#) updates from the SCC Specialist Education Services. We look forward to working with you and keeping you updated during the course of this term.

For full details please click the link above.



### **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 please click the link above.

**Contact:** [sally.blackman@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sally.blackman@suffolk.gov.uk)  
[izzy.connell@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:izzy.connell@suffolk.gov.uk)

## Hub updates



### **Free Research and Innovation Work Groups – Starting soon!** | For information | All schools

Angles Maths Hub is delighted to be offering additional, free Work Groups for 2023/24:

#### **Primary**

- [New to Primary Leadership](#)

#### **Cross-Phase Primary and Secondary**

- [Maths Anxiety](#)
- [Teaching Beyond the Mathematics Classroom](#)

Please refer to the attached flyers for further information and apply via the link embedded within the flyers.

For full details please click the link above.

Contact: [admin@anglesmathshub.org](mailto:admin@anglesmathshub.org)

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 **Free CPD opportunity: Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics: Early Years Teachers** | For information | All schools


Angles Maths Hub have places available on their programme aimed at Early Years teachers on both pathways. This is also suitable for teachers that have moved phases. Applicants have the option of selecting the [Pattern, Shape, Space and Measure](#) or [Number](#) pathway for this particular programme.

Please apply via the link embedded within the flyers.

For full details please click the link above.

Contact: [admin@anglesmathshub.org](mailto:admin@anglesmathshub.org)

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


Please let us know if you would like to use **‘the listening hub’** for your **Appropriate Body Service and/or Early Career Framework training by completing this short form:** [Alpha TSH Appropriate Body/ ECF training](#) ECF Training dates are now available on our website.

Wider CPD starting in September, Subject Forums, SEND Solutions [Training Events & CPD](#) | [Alpha Teaching School Hub](#) | [Colchester, Ipswich, Tendring, Babergh \(alphatsh.org\)](#)

[National Professional Qualification](#) – Registrations for Autumn 2023 are open. Find full details in link.

For full details please click the link above.

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 **The Unity Teaching Hub - supporting your teacher and leader development** | For information | All schools

**NPQ application deadline 18/10: don't miss fully funded leadership/specialist NPQs**

- NPQH, NPQSL, NPQLTD, NPQLL start in November - NPQEYL, NPQLBC, NPQLT (and NPQSL again) in February

- [register and apply for an NPQ](#) stating 'Teacher Development Trust' as Lead Provider and 'Unity TSH' as Delivery Partner
- join our short application briefing on Wednesday 4 October from 8-8.30am: sign up [here](#)

For full details please click the link above.

## Events



### Mental Health Event for Education Settings | For information | All schools

A half-day, in-person event for education **setting Mental Health Leads and other relevant school colleagues interested in mental health**, is being held on Friday 3 November 2023. The venue for the event will be Blackbourne Community Centre in Elmswell, IP30 9UH (9am until 12:45pm).

We will have a variety of speakers talking about mental health and the services they provide, alongside some information stands which you will be free to peruse from 9am (speakers begin at 9:30am).

Please email [EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:EducationMHLeadNetwork@suffolk.gov.uk) if you would like to pre-book a place (there is no cost attached) or if you have any questions related to the event.



### [IQM Open Schools Week, 6-10 November](#) | For information | All schools

Schools in Suffolk which have been designated as Centres of Excellence under the Inclusion Quality Mark Scheme, are opening their doors over a week in November to showcase and share practice. To find out more about this event and to book a place on a visit, please visit the information page [here](#). This collaborative event has been organised by the Suffolk Primary Headteachers' Association and the Suffolk Education Partnership SEND Task Group. It is open to all.

For full details please click the link above.



### [SEND Conference Autumn 2023](#) | For information | All schools

'The Leadership of SEND and Ofsted' will take place at Trinity Park, Ipswich. This event will be led by colleagues from across the SCC Inclusion Service with Malcolm Reeve as keynote speaker. Malcolm has been working closely with colleagues in Suffolk in his role as National SEND Leader for NASEN/Whole School SEND delivering the DfE's Universal SEND Services contract. Malcolm is also widely known as a National Leader of Education. **Booking open now via Eventbrite.** Thursday 12 October 2023 from 9:30am - 1:30pm.

[Book your space at the SEND Conference Autumn 2023](#)

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@suffolk.gov.uk)

## Training



[Suffolk Assessment and Moderation Team – Autumn term 2023 training courses](#) | For information | All Primary and Junior schools

The Suffolk Assessment and Moderation Team's Autumn 2023 training courses are now available to [book online](#). Courses will be held in a variety of venues across Suffolk and are available at no charge to Suffolk schools.

Courses for the Autumn term include:

- New to Year 6
- Making your Teacher Assessment in Year 6.

Further training for the spring and summer terms will be added to the website in due course.

For full details please click on the link above.

If you have any questions or queries, please email [elstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:elstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk).



[SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers](#) | For information | All schools

There's still time to book on to our online training sessions:



- [EHC Needs Assessments](#) (PDF)
- [Preparing for the Transition to Primary School](#) (PDF)

For full details please click on the link above.

**Contact: Helpline:** 01473

265210 **Email:** [enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk) **Text:** ADVICE4ME to

87007 **Web:** [www.suffolksendiass.co.uk](http://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk)



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**[Educate Against Hate Update and Guardian Foundation Training Sessions on Preventing Radicalisation](#)** | For information | All schools

Guardian Foundation Training sessions

[The Guardian Foundation](#) are hosting a series of free CPD sessions for teachers throughout the Autumn term. These will focus on how teachers can support pupils to develop critical literacy skills to aid them in spotting mis and disinformation when online.

Register your interest [here](#) for primary school teachers.

Register your interest [here](#) for secondary school teachers.

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [Charlotte.sanderson@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Charlotte.sanderson@suffolk.gov.uk)



**Computing**  
Hubs

**[Suffolk and Colchester NCCE Computing Hub - CPD](#)** | For information | All Primary schools

Please view [here](#) our list of upcoming courses. The document provides details about the courses, including dates and venues plus booking links.

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [teachcomputing@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk](mailto:teachcomputing@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk)



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**Suffolk and Colchester NCCE Computing Hub - CPD** | For information | All Primary and Secondary schools

**Upcoming course:** Computing Quality Framework – driving change within your school

This **free** 90-minute remote CPD explores the Computing Quality Framework to identify and support change within your school. Learning how to use the framework to identify strengths and weakness in your school's computing provision, you will identify next steps to implement change and monitor progress. 4 October 2023 starting at 4pm: [Information and booking](#)

[Learn more about Computing Quality Framework](#)

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [teachcomputing@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk](mailto:teachcomputing@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk)  
[Website](#)

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**Early Years Authors with Emma Spires** | For information  
| All Infant and Primary schools

Wensum English Hub are delighted to welcome Emma Spires for a free course exploring the world of early authorship, gaining invaluable insights and pexpractical solutions to create an amazing early writing classroom, which inspires and supports our youngest learners at every step along their early writing journey. This course will take place on 12 January 2024 from 9am to 3pm at The Links, Cromer. [More information](#)

[Please complete the Expression of Interest form](#)

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk)  
**Tel:** 01603426438  
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**Sensory Stories webinar with Emma Spires** | For  
information | All Infant and Primary schools

Wensum English Hub are delighted to welcome Emma Spiers for a free online webinar delving into the world of sensory stories, which are instantly and inclusively brought to life for PMLD students and those with significant barriers to learning, through a fun and fascinating approach. [More information](#)

Monday 15 January 2024 3.30-4.30pm

Free tickets available on [Eventbrite](#)

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk)

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**[Rachel Clarke event – Teaching Reading in KS2](#)** | For information | All Infant and Primary schools

Join Literacy Advisor, Rachel Clarke, as she considers how to teach guided reading so that it is targeted to children's needs whilst also being manageable to teachers. Explore how to teach vocabulary as part of the reading lesson through the use of Tier 2 vocabulary. The course will take place at the Nest on 31 January 2024.

Course aims:

- Establish the range of skills involved in being a reader in KS2
- Consider guided reading as a key pedagogical approach for teaching reading
- Explore approaches for teaching vocabulary during the reading lesson

[Please complete this Expression of Interest form](#)

For full details please click the link above.

**Contact:** [englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.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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