



Network Newsletter

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Coordinator's Comments

Please Help Us Plan for 2026-27

It is that time of year again when the summer is nearly upon us and I begin to plan for what the Suffolk TA Network 2026-27 will look like, but I can't do this without your help.

Please could you spare a few minutes to fill out this anonymous '[Suffolk TA Network Impact and Planning Survey](#)' to let us know what you love about being part of the network, any changes you would like to see and your training and development needs for next year.

This will really help me to plan a programme of professional development for 2026-27 that meets your needs and those of the pupils you support in school or college.

Thank you 😊



Join Us

If you are not already a member of the Suffolk TA Network, please join via the following link:

[Suffolk TA Network Membership Form](#)

You will then receive the half-termly newsletter and other correspondence.

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Training Opportunities



1. Preparing for High School: Transition Planning into Y7 and through High School for CYP with SEND

This Essential CPD session explores how effective transition planning supports positive outcomes for pupils with SEND. The training focuses on reducing anxiety, maintaining curriculum continuity and promoting wellbeing, independence and belonging during key transition points.

Participants will explore practical, strengths-based strategies, evidence-informed practice and inclusive approaches to school routines, peer support and assessment continuity.

Suitable for any pupil-facing support staff working with pupils with SEND who are preparing for transition.

Tuesday 28th April 2026 – 14.00-15.00 or 16.30-17.30



2. ADHD Awareness and strategies to support pupils in the classroom

This training session explores the needs associated with pupils with a diagnosis of ADHD, awaiting diagnosis or presenting with similar needs. Offering practical strategies for how to support pupils' engagement with learning, managing emotions and peer interactions.

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – 14.00-15.00 or 16.30-17.30



SEMHS
Social, Emotional & Mental Health Service



SpLD
Specific Learning Difficulties Service

To register to attend any of these free online sessions, please email suffolkta@attrust.org.uk

Suffolk Specialist Unit Staff Networking Group

- Do you work for a Specialist Unit in a Suffolk school?
- Would you like the opportunity to network with staff from other Specialist Units?

If the answer to these questions is 'yes', we invite you to join the Suffolk Specialist Unit Staff Networking Group to share your experiences and ideas with colleagues from across the county.

The network meets on a half-termly basis. The next session is:

Thursday 7th May 15.45-16.30 – via TEAMS

All sessions are open to teachers, teaching assistants and other pupil-facing support staff.

To book a place at any of these sessions, please email suffolktan@attrust.org.

FREE CPD!
SPEECH, LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION NEEDS

FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Do you:

- Wish to **develop your existing knowledge** of Speech, Language and Communication Needs?
- Want to **explore strategies** for supporting pupils with language and communication difficulties?
- Value the opportunity to **connect** with colleagues across Suffolk and share successes and skills?

The Offer:

- **Six Sessions** Across the Academic Year
- Suitable for Those Working in **Early Years, Primary, Secondary or Further Education.**
- Delivered **Virtually** via Microsoft Teams.
- Training designed and delivered by **Speech and Language Therapists and Specialist Teachers.**
- A **Certificate of Completion** for attendees of all sessions.

COURSE DATES

Session 1	Monday 29th September @ 4pm	Speech, Language and Communication Overview
Session 2	Monday 17th November @ 4pm	Social Communication
Session 3	Monday 19th January @ 4pm	Receptive Language
Session 4	Monday 16th March @ 4pm	Expressive Language
Session 5	Monday 18th May @ 4pm	Speech Production & Phonological Awareness
Session 6	Monday 15th June @ 4pm	Vocabulary

NB: We aim to finish each session by 5:30pm.

Book Your Place!

Scan the QR Code:



Or click on the following link: [**BOOKING FORM**](#)

Have a query?

Contact: alex.baker@suffolk.gov.uk

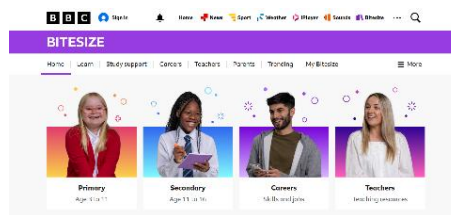
Open to education setting staff, the [Inclusion Support Line](#) is open Mondays to Fridays, 9am - 5pm.

It is designed for general enquiries or 'quick questions' and not for in-depth individual pupil discussion. For example, you may have a question around systems, processes, school-based interventions, the Graduated Response, etc.

The support line can be reached on **01473 265502**.

Resource Corner

BBC Bitesize Website



The [BBC Bitesize](#) website offers a range of free resources organised by academic year and curriculum area for both primary and secondary settings. There is also a section with a library of teaching resources.

If you have found a good resource lately and want to shout about it, please get in touch suffolktan@attrust.org.uk.

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