

Schools Newsletter



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Greetings!

Cambridgeshire Primary Heads (CPH) is a group of head teacher representatives elected from each of the 22 regional school clusters across Cambridgeshire.

The Aims of CPH are:

- to work with members to form collective views and positions to influence policy at county and national level
- to support the dissemination of information, policy and good practice
- to contribute to the development of a strong school to school improvement structure
- to support the well-being of its members
- to support the professional development of its members
- to identify the key strategic decisions that need to be made (those by Local Authority, Teaching Schools and other bodies whose decision-making impacts on schools and the education system).

The representatives are also part of other working parties such as admissions all the way through to SEND.

In a nutshell, CPH works to find sensible solutions to problems being faced by the majority. Head teachers can raise issues, concerns, ideas with CPH via their local school cluster meetings. If you have an issue that you would like to raise, please ensure that you contact your local cluster representative who will happily feed it back to the CPH Reps group.

Currently, the officers for CPH are:

- Chair: [Tony Davies](#), St Matthew's Primary School

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- Vice Chair: [Tracy Bryden](#), Roundhouse Academy (to become chair in September 2018)
- Secretary: [Anna Reader](#), Milton CE Primary School

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New Vice Chairs for September 2018: Kate Coates, Fordham Primary School

SEND Local Offer

Services and support available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) from birth to age 25 and their families.



Education Advisers' Knowledge Hub Group

The Education Advisory Team uses this site as their central resource store. By becoming a member you will have access to:

- An extensive library of resources supporting all areas of Safeguarding which includes:
 - Model policies
 - Audit Tools
 - Guidance Documents
 - Training resources for use with a variety of Stakeholders
 - Wiki Pages (Information Pages) detailing information and resources for use when developing specific Safeguarding themes across the school, as well as prompts and challenging questions to assist with monitoring.
 - Alerts and announcements keeping leaders abreast of updates and current thinking.

Statutory Model Policies

See our new Wiki Page detailing the Government's Statutory School's Policy List - with examples of many of them.

To register, type the following into your search engine: <https://www.khub.net/>
Click the 'Sign up' button to the right of the screen - this takes you to the Register Page.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Chris Meddle](#) and [Diane Stygal](#) - Education Advisory Team

Primary Reading Project 2018/2019

There is an exciting opportunity for primary schools to be part of some action research, focusing on developing readers and reading in schools. As part of the project support will be offered:

- *For a Senior Leader and teacher(s) from any year group to focus on raising expectations in reading
- *To set ambitious targets to support pupil progress, particularly considering disadvantaged pupils
- *To secure knowledge and understanding of reading provision



LA English Advisers, in association with Cambridge University Press (CUP), will offer support to schools to consider how books are being used to develop the knowledge and skills required to be a confident and fluent reader. A particular focus of the project will be on improving pupils' comprehension and vocabulary.

Eddie Rippeth, Head of Primary Publishing at CUP (erippeth@cambridge.org), is offering project schools the opportunity to choose ten free books from the Cambridge Reading Adventures series and, when ordering £500 or more of books (and digital resources), provide a 50% discount if you order before the 31st July, or a 30% discount after that! To indicate your interest in being part of this project, please email anna.walker@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or emma.fuller@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

DfE Data Exchange Project

The data exchange project aims to make it easier to move data from data providers (schools) into DfE and enable others to improve local data sharing.

The project has been through the early alpha stages and through this work the DfE have found that they can move data by building simple and easy to use API's.

API - An application programme Interface is a set of commands and formatting of those commands that one programme or system sends to another.

The DfE have created an API to move relevant data (census data that is used to calculate funding) from a schools system to the DfE automatically as well as providing quicker validation feedback.

They have now finished the alpha testing and they are preparing to move into beta development and they are asking if any Cambridgeshire schools would like to be contacted by the DfE to help with the next round of testing. If you would be interested, please contact Maria Clough on 01480 379862 or email maria.clough@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Education and Skills Funding Agency Asbestos Survey (AMAP)

Cambridgeshire County Council will be completing the above survey direct on behalf of all Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools. We will of course still offer our support to all other Schools in Cambridgeshire. The deadline for submission has been extended to the **25th June 2018**. The Property Compliance Team may contact you if they require further information on your School. The team can be contacted on Property.Compliance@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

[Philip Hill](#), Compliance Team Manager, Asbestos and Legionella Co-ordinator, Compliance Team Manager.

School Place Planning

School Place Planning is a huge challenge across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. As you will be aware, Wave 13 of the Free School Programme has now opened. As an authority, we are keen to ensure the right schools are built in the right places, at the right time with strong sponsors running these schools. We also have a number of free schools presumptions and I am keen to share with you our vision for school place planning and also the requirements we face in terms of building new schools in the next 5 years. I would therefore like to invite all academy sponsors and interested parties to an event on the 3rd July at 2pm at Cambridge Golf Centre to listen to our plans / requirements. I have also secured a speaker from the New Schools Network so they can give a perspective. You can book onto the event [here](#).

Celebrating Schools

We are planning to repeat the #CambsSchools summer celebration of schools in Cambridgeshire during the week beginning 25 June. Please share photographs and information about Sports Days and other events and activities that are taking place in Cambridgeshire schools during the week from 25-29 June and use the hashtag #CambsSchools and tag @cambscc or Twitter or @cambridgeshirecc on Facebook.

If you would like us to share your posts directly from our Cambridgeshire County Council

Academies Financial Handbook 2018

The DfE Academies Financial Handbook 2018, effective from 1st September, is now available [here](#).

Future-proof your staffing: grow your own teachers

It is becoming evident that one of the best ways to ensure that you have high quality teaching staff during the recruitment crisis, is to train them up yourself. Liaise with our local training provider [here](#) to see if you can have a trainee in your school next academic year. Or canvass your support staff to see if anyone is interested in becoming a teacher, and ask the TeachinCams team about ways they could do so. You could also consider taking on an intern - we have several interns looking for placements, including some (primary) in the Wisbech area and some shortage subjects in secondary: maths, science, MFL and computing. Please visit [teach in Cams](#) for more information, or contact schools.recruitment@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Intern employed as a TA in school 1 st September -30 th June		(Subject to interview) Intern employed as an apprentice 1 st July – end of term following year	
The intern....	The school....	The intern....	The school....
Receives training one afternoon a fortnight	Pays the intern NLW (approx £9600)	Works up to 80% of a four day timetable	Pays the intern UQT scale pt 1
Completes a portfolio of professional development	Pays TiC £400	Receives ITT training 1 day per week (typically Friday)	Pays TiC £150
Guaranteed interview for a teacher apprenticeship in year two	Provides one afternoon training session for all the interns	Achieves QTS in June	Draws down money from its levy fund to pay for the training
	Provides the intern with a mentor	Apprenticeship End-Point-Assessment in July	Gives the intern a timetable which involves teaching up to 80% of four days
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The Key for Governors & School Leaders

The Key is providing an exclusive membership offer to Cambridgeshire schools. The Key is an invaluable resource that provides online support, articles, knowledge and tools for governors and school leaders. Follow this [link](#) to their flyer to find out more.

Teachers energised at the most optimistic (and unique) education festival

Over 300 teachers descended on the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education on Saturday 9th June, for the Cambridgeshire Festival of Education..

The festival-goers were dubbed 'flamingos of hope' because collectively they showed that they want to optimistically and joyfully celebrate their profession as 'the best job in the world!'. Each were asked what their key 'take-away' ideas were from the day; ... "belief in myself as a teacher... to be brave...the power of teacher collaboration... remember to be human in the face of adversity..."



"I have never been to a more optimistic conference...I loved speaking and meeting everybody....Well done to you and your team. What a slick event. Lots of food for thought

Horizon scanning

[New campaign to tackle "historic underrepresentation"](#) as governors of ethnic minorities and younger people has been launched. 'Everyone on Board' has been jointly created by the National Governance Association (NGA) and Inspiring Governance. It centres on a film which features six governors explaining how volunteers from "different places who think different things" can bring "diverse perspectives and a balance of views to conversations so that barriers, biases and stereotypes do not go unchallenged".

Training Courses, Events and Conferences

For a list of all current training courses provided by the Local Authority and Teaching schools [click here.](#)

[National Award for SEN Co-ordination](#)

Venue: Swavesey Village College. Year long statutory accredited M level course for SENCOs which meets all DfE learning outcomes. For more details, and to book, click title above.

[Mindfulness](#)

Wednesday 27 June, 13.30 to 16.30, Claret Centre, Buckden Towers, High Street, Buckden. This is an introduction to Mindfulness, a form of meditation recognised for its contribution to mental and physical wellbeing. It includes information about what is involved in developing it for ourselves and in schools, and some short mindfulness practices.

[Level 5/6 PE Specialism Award](#)

8 days during 2018/2019 - Ambury House, Huntingdon.

These are DfE / OFQUAL recognised qualifications to enable primary school teachers to improve and lead the Physical Education curriculum within their schools.

[The Advanced Skills for Teaching Assistants \(SEND Focus\)](#)

Venue: Over Community Centre. Cost: £750+vat.

Accredited year-long Level 4 course for support staff who want to develop their expertise in working with learners with SEND. Click heading above for more information.

[Trampoline - Refresher Course](#)

Monday 2 July - 09.00 to 15.30 - One Leisure, St Ives.

Participants will receive practical advice about the best method for structuring and organising a lesson. Participants should hold a BG trampolining teaching award.

[Discovery Teaching School Alliance - SEN Conference - OPENING DOORS](#)

Friday 6 July 2018, The Marriott Hotel, Hinchingsbrooke Business Park, Kingfisher Way, Huntingdon. Speakers to include Professor Barry Carpenter CBE, OBE, PhD, Professor of Mental Health - the conference will be a treat for all involved in Special Educational Needs.

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