

# Schools Newsletter



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## Greetings!

### Improving the quality of school data

We're taking action to improve the quality of school data, following the 250+ survey responses we received from schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in early 2018.

Specifically, we'll be:

- Looking at our use of the Nexus system (which feeds Perspective Lite). The means ensuring all schools across Cambridgeshire have access to Nexus as well as increasing your capacity to use the system to examine trends and make decisions based on analysis. This system allows early access a national and LA level performance figure (for Primary data) and we hope you will be able to act and make changes
- We're also looking at how we use the Nexus and other data systems to create 'families of schools' to help facilitate collaboration between schools facing similar challenges and to help you learn from one another.
- Starting work with question level analysis (QLA) data in Assessing School Performance (ASP) when it becomes available to facilitate collaboration and target the right kind of support to schools.
- Producing for each school a 'school on a page' report to support discussions with governing body on performance.
- Looking at specific ways we can collaborate across schools to monitor the progress of different year groups throughout the academic year.

We're looking for good practices that we can bring to Cambridgeshire from neighbouring counties and beyond. We'll also be piloting new ways to present and analyse

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school data with schools and organising training sessions.

We've started to speak to head teachers who indicated in the school survey that they would be willing to help look at how we improve data for schools. If you are interested in learning more or participating, please contact Gwendolyn Casazza in the Transformation Team who is supporting this work in collaboration with the Business Intelligence and School Improvement teams.

[Gwendolyn Casazza](#)

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## 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.



## Call for expressions of interest from primary headteachers to join the Accelerations & Deferrals Officer Panel

This virtual, specialist panel considers requests for admissions out of year group in response to the relevant duty under the School Admissions Code (2014) Section 2.17, underpinned by the Accelerations & Deferrals Protocol.

The panel is drawn from a pool which includes a senior educational psychologist (EP), primary headteachers, primary advisers and early years (EY) specialists.

Headteachers usually serve for two years. Tracy Bryden (The Round House Primary School), Liz Bassett (Ely St John) and Deborah James (Crosshall Infant and Nursery School) are the current members.

Members have 3 weeks (excluding school holiday periods) to respond to cases. On average each Head might be expected to assess 10 cases per year.

Email [clare.buckingham@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:clare.buckingham@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) if you are interested in joining the panel from September 2018.

## An exciting opportunity for Primary Schools to join the Children's University

Cambridgeshire Schools Intervention Service is pleased to announce that it is working closely with Peterborough Learning Partnership. We have agreed to offer schools the chance to join the Children's University. For schools purchasing Element 1 and 2 of the Primary Offer, the cost will be £250.00 for the 1st year of CU membership. For other interested schools, the cost will be £500.00. I am sure that you will agree that participation in extra-curricular activities can positively build self-confidence and resilience as well as improving pupil outcomes. Click [here](#) for more information. Please contact [Iain Simper](#) for further details.

[Rosemarie Sadler](#)

## The Great Science Share

Take part in the [Great Science Share](#) and encourage your pupils to take the lead and showcase school science across the UK. Explorify will be releasing a specially curated set of activities for primary schools, to lead up to the big day. Make sure that your school has signed up to both Great Science Share and [Explorify](#) to make the most of the event - the resources are free and easy for the whole school to use.

From the Chartered College of Teaching bulletin June 2018

### 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](mailto:Property.Compliance@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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

### Secondary Health Related Behaviour Survey

Information on the above has now been sent into all Cambridgeshire secondary schools both electronically and by post. If you haven't already done so, please can you complete and return the reply slip enclosed with the information. For further information or to discuss completion of the survey please contact [diane.fenner@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:diane.fenner@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

### Critical Incident Training

Following the recent malicious threats; schools are to be congratulated on their handling of the situation. They were quick to liaise with the Local Authority and the Police and did their utmost to ensure the safety and well-being of the children in their charge.

The Local Authority takes these threats very seriously indeed and, in an effort to review and assess our responses, all associated teams have been meeting to refine protocols and practices.

An Education Advisory Team Critical Incident Workshop is being presented to schools in July to ensure clarity and consistency of approach across Cambridgeshire County schools should similar future events take place. These workshops can be booked in the usual way via the 'Booking Bug', or (where there are no places left) directly via the Education Advisers who are happy to offer bespoke training at your own school or to add additional dates.

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

### Horizon scanning

Are you a Year 9 teacher in England? Want to help your class contribute positively to society? Get free training, mentoring and resources from international specialists in citizenship education to help you embed up-to-date knowledge and skills - including British Values - in your teaching. Teachers of any subject can get involved in this new initiative. [Find out more here.](#)

### Guide to teacher retention

Improving teacher retention: Resources every school needs to overcome the challenges of retention. [Click here.](#)

### Have your say on teacher recruitment and retention

DfE is hosting an event in East of England and North East London (EENEL) and would like

to invite you to join them. They want to share with teachers across the country some of the things they've learnt, learn what's worked and what hasn't, and hear from you what should be done to improve teacher recruitment and retention.

In particular, we are keen to hear your views on areas including professional development, flexible working and entry routes into teaching and how they can be improved. The EENEL event will be hosted at Thomas Gainsborough School, Great Cornard, Sudbury, CO10 0NH on Thursday 12 July 2018, 16:30-18:30. Sign up and find out more about the summer term events [here](#).

[Lynne Birch](#)

Schools Engagement Adviser

## Training Courses, Events and Conferences

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

### [REMINDER! SENCO Briefing - Education Health and Care Plans](#)

Friday 29 June 2018, 10.00 to 12.00 morning session (primary), 14.00 to 16.00 afternoon session (primary), Huntingdon Development Centre. £30 Academies.

### [Trampoline - Refresher Course](#)

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

FINAL REMINDER: Teachers must be qualified to deliver trampolining in schools. This qualification must be refreshed every 3 years. Participants will receive practical advice about the best method for structuring and organising a lesson. Participants should hold a current BG trampolining teaching award.

### [Small Schools Conference 2018 - Connect, Collaborate, Create to be Great!](#)

Thursday 5 July 2018, 09.00 to 12.00, CPDC Trumpington, Cambridge.

£60 per place for Cambridgeshire LA maintained schools, £70 per place for Out of county, Cambridgeshire Academy and Independent Schools.

### [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.

### [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.

### [SENCO Briefing - Education Health and Care Plans](#)

Wednesday 11 July, 10.00 to 12.00 morning session (secondary schools and FE), 14.00 to 16.00 afternoon session (primary), Cambridgeshire Professional Development Centre (CPDC), Trumpington. £30 Academies.

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

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

We are currently recruiting for the next cohort of the afPE L5/6 Primary PE subject leadership certificate. These are DfE / OFQUAL recognised qualification to enable primary school teachers to improve and lead the Physical Education curriculum within their schools. It is acknowledged by OFSTED as an example of good use of the PE and Sport Premium funding.

### [National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership \(NPQML\)](#)

- funding available. Cambridge Teaching Schools Network (CTSN), Starts October 2018, Comberton Village College, £850.

**National Profesional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL)**

- funding available. Cambridge Teaching Schools Network (CTSN), Starts October 2018, Swavesey Village College, £975.

**Mental Health Issues and Solutions** - Tuesday 11 September 2018, 14.00 to 16.00, St Peter's School, St Peter's Road, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 7DD. FREE EVENT.

**Recently Qualified Teacher Conference - 'Work Smarter'**

Thursday 1st November, at the Huntingdon Marriott Hotel. Keynote by Helena Marsh, Executive Principal Linton Village College. £50 for Teachincambs subscribers, £85 for non subscribers.

**Teaching Assistant Conference 2019!**

Thursday 25th April 2019 at the Huntingdon Marriott Hotel. £70 per head.

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