

Schools Newsletter



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Greetings!

After a busy term and some incredibly hot weather, it is nice to draw to a close the academic year by saying a huge thank you on behalf of the County Council to everyone in Cambridgeshire Schools for all their efforts supporting our children and young people.

We are starting to see the emerging position in terms of results but these are just a part of what we're here to deliver. As you close the year with events such as fetes, sports days, graduations, balls, activities weeks and productions, I hope you all take time to reflect on the impact you have had on the children and young people in their journey into adulthood, as this does not get recognised in any published statistic or assessment and is often undervalued. I would also like to thank those headteachers who are either retiring or leaving the Local Authority for their immense contribution - you will all be much missed.

From a personal perspective, I would also like to say a huge thank you for everyone who has made me feel so welcome since I joined in February. It has been a hugely eventful and enjoyable period and I have really valued the time I have spent with school leaders as I develop proposals for how the Local Authority moves forward to support you all in getting even better outcomes.

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So enjoy the last few days of term and please ensure you have a peaceful and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.

Best wishes,

Jon

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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.



Join almost 800 Cambridgeshire residents calling for Fair Funding for schools

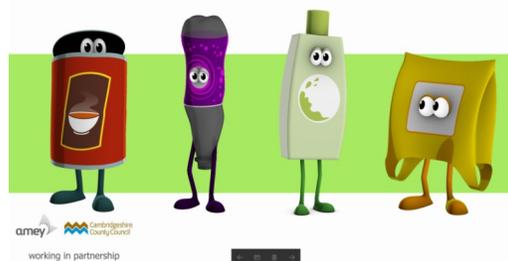
Before the summer holidays please help to spread the word to staff, parents and others who care about education and schools in Cambridgeshire and encourage them to sign the petition calling for fair funding.

So far almost 800 people from across Cambridgeshire have signed the petition with South East Cambridgeshire (nearly 300 signatures) and Cambridge (more than 220) leading the way. Cambridgeshire is one of the worst funded education authorities in England. The County receives £400 less per child than the average funded authority and £1600 less per child than Westminster.

Sign the petition before 1 August [here](#) and see the map of signatures [here](#)

Free recycling activity days for the summer holidays

Did you know we use over 15 million plastic bottles per day in the UK? Find out how to help reduce plastic waste and get creative with rubbish at one of our FREE family fun days in August!



Come and join us at Waterbeach Waste Management Park to learn how to make a bird feeder out of a plastic bottle. Sessions include hands-on practical activities and a tour of the site.

Children must be at least six years old to attend and accompanied by an adult. Sessions are free but booking is essential.

Click [here](#) to find out more about dates and to book.

Public Health England: guidance on looking after children during heatwaves

Guidance from Public Health England on looking after children in early years settings and schools during heatwaves can be found [here](#).

Will you be able to log in in September?

Please take a moment away from celebrating the year's successes to make sure that you/your school will still be able to log in to the various software tools that you use in September.

The DfE have been sending emails to people warning that the way we log in to ASP is changing - the email includes simple instructions on how to create a new login.

"It's really important that you sign into your ASP SA account [here](#) as soon as possible to begin the on-boarding process.

If you have forgotten your ASP SA log-in details, please re-set them using these [online instructions](#).

Further information about the on-boarding process can be found [here](#). Full details of the on-boarding process is attached but if you still need help please contact the [DfE Sign-in helpdesk](#)."

Other logins that you will need in the autumn are Perspective-Lite and FFT Aspire.

Planning your September Safeguarding INSET Day

September is a busy time in schools with new starters in both the classroom and the staff room, and the extended summer break can impact stakeholders in many ways. As such, safeguarding should be a key focus for every school in the new academic year. Extra vigilance is key and it is important to make sure everyone is up-to-date with the expectations on their Duty Of Care. Guidance on planning your INSET Day can be found [here](#).

Retiring Headteachers

We would like to thank the following for their commitment to Cambridgeshire:

Carol McCarthy, The Castle School
Angela Leach, Shirley Primary School
Diane Kingdon, Cheveley Primary School
Dr Chris Marshall, Ditton Lodge Primary School
Alison Evans, Great and Little Shelford Primary School
Kate Evans, Bottisham VC - CEO of Anglian Learning
Steve Ellison, Cottenham VC
Gill Gilbert, Sutton Primary School

Early Years and Childcare Membership Offer and Training Programme 2018-2019

Please take a look at the [Early Years Service offer for 2018 - 2019](#). It includes an expanded range of flexible, cost-effective options designed to meet the changing needs of the sector. The 2018 - 2019 [Early Years and Childcare Training and Support Programme](#) has also been published and courses are ready for booking now.

Cambridgeshire School Improvement Team Primary Offer 2018 - 2019 and Primary School Improvement Courses, Conferences and Briefings 2018/19 booklet

Please view the new [Primary Offer for 2018 to 2019](#), where you will find details of how our highly experienced team of school improvement advisers and external associates can support and challenge schools to improve outcomes for pupils in Cambridgeshire. View the [Primary School Improvement Courses, Conferences and Briefings 2018/19](#) booklet to plan ahead.

Early Indications of EYFSP, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 outcomes

You will be received an email notification last Friday that a report has been loaded into your folders in Perspective-Lite. This is part of the Local Authority's (LA) commitment to providing schools with access to comparative results as soon as the data is available. (The Perspective-Lite helpdesk respond to requests for new passwords very quickly). <https://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/perspective/login.aspx>

Please [click here](#) to see a brief overview of what we are providing (results data for EYFSP to KS2 for your school, the LA and early indications of national outcomes). Please be aware that the results are tentative at this stage and are for internal use only - they are not to be published on your website or posted on social media.

The Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 Progress data is very tentative - it is using the 2017 prior attainment groups - and has been provided as an early indication of how progress may look. It will be updated as soon as the DfE release their final guidance on this year's methodology and the prior attainment groups for this year.

Training Courses, Events and Conferences

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

[Intro to the DofE](#)

Sunday 14 October, 10:00 to 16:00, Broadleas Centre, St Ives.

The Introduction to the DofE course provides all the information needed to be a DofE Leader and run DofE programmes within a centre. £45 for CCC LO centres / £55 other centres.

[Expedition supervisor Training](#)

Monday 15 October, 09:30 to 15:30, Broadleas Centre, St Ives. ESTC covers understanding the role of adults involved in the delivery of the expedition section, the process of remote supervision, the importance of emergency procedures, the duty of care held by the Supervisor. This course will focus on adapting expeditions for special needs young people and other targeted groups of young people. £35 for CCC LO centres / £45 other centres.

[Schools Intervention Service Teacher and Governor Assessment Workshop](#)

Thursday 20 September, 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 16:00, Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre

"Sensible Approaches to Progress and Assessment"

[Expedition Assessor Accreditation](#)

Thursday 18 October, 09:30 to 15:30, Broadleas Centre, St Ives.

The EAAS provides the opportunity for new Expedition Assessors to have their training, skills and learning accredited by the DofE and nationally recognised. £45 for CCC LO centres / £55 other centres.

[NPQML & NPQSL](#)

New 2018-2019 dates released - venue: Hinchingsbrooke School, Huntingdon.

Are you eligible for a fully-funded place?

Funds of £10 million have been set aside by government in order to support teachers and leaders in challenging areas to access the National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Middle Leaders (NPQML), Senior Leaders (NPQSL), Headteachers (NPQH) and Executive Leaders (NPQEL).

We are able to offer [fully-funded places](#) on the NPQs to those applicants working in a school in an Opportunity Area (OA) or a Category 5 or 6 area. Anyone in these areas who does not already hold the NPQ for which they are applying and has not previously dropped out before completing it may apply.

PLEASE NOTE: All funding is subject to DfE approval. Where funding is not awarded for any reason an invoice will be issued for the programme to the invoice details provided.

[Termly Governance Briefing and Networking Sessions \(Autumn Term 2018\)](#)

Six sessions available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is recommended that all governing boards should aim to send at least one representative. The programme is available on the LTC School Governance Team web-page (for more information click the heading above).

Family STEAM Festival

Saturday 29 September 2018, Spinney Primary School, Cambridge. Family STEAM Festival. Hugely popular annual event open to all Cambridgeshire Families. Please pass on details of this event to parents.

Safeguarding Young Adults at Risk of Harm

(for staff who are supporting vulnerable young adults in school)

Friday 12 October 2018, 09:30 to 16:00 at Cambridge Professional Development Centre

Prevent Lead Training (for Designated Personnel for Child Protection in schools)

Tuesday 25 September 2018, 09:30 to 11:30, Huntingdon Primary School Development Centre.

Basic Child Protection

Thursday 4 October 2018, 09:30 to 12:30, Huntingdon Primary School Development Centre.

Teaching Assistant Conference 2019!

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

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