



# Schools Newsletter



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**Dear Ed,**

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to welcome you to this latest edition and give you a brief snapshot of just a few of the many things happening in my service area. We started the summer term as the highest achieving Council in the Eastern Region for the number of codes which had been validated to enable parents to take up their entitlement to 30 hours free early years and childcare.

The Admissions Team met a key milestone in their annual calendar when, on 16 April, they sent out offers to 6763 children who will be starting primary school in September. Of these, 94.69% received an offer of a place at their parents' first preference school, an increase on last year. The Team do not have time to rest, however, as they continue to receive and process applications and deal with those parents who are unhappy with the school their child has been offered. All parents have the right of appeal in such cases and many choose to do so each year.

There is also lots of activity currently around the implementation of the changes to Children's Centres as well as planning and delivering capital projects in response to housing growth across the county. Enjoy reading what follows.

[Hazel Belchamber](#), Lead Education Officer

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## GDPR and School Immunisation and Screening Services

As a result of some schools raising concerns about the data that they provide to Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust's School Immunisation and Screening Services, we confirm that it is lawful to share the required information. Please click [here](#) to read the letter sent to head teachers 19th April.

## 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.



## Physical Education Guidance - Being Safe in the Sun

### Physical Education in extreme temperatures, and the application of suncream

PE lessons should be carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration.

Many schools specify that students must apply their own suncream, or that parents do so before the child arrives at school.

The HSE says that there is no legal obstacle to school staff helping children to apply suncream. Schools must make their own professional decisions about this, clearly observing correct procedures regarding physical contact and, as with all policy, it should be clearly communicated to all staff, students and parents.

[Ian Roberts - Education, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Adviser](#)

## IT and Digital Newsletter - regarding information on data collections

Please click [here](#) for a copy of the IT and Digital Service newsletter.

Within the newsletter, updates and advice on the data collections that will be taking place between now and the end of the Summer Term. All Schools will have the School Census in May and then Primary and Infant schools have the EYFSP, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 returns.

## Reception this September

Each year, approximately 10% of the parents of children who are due to start school for the first time in September do not make an application before the National Closing Date for applications on 15 January 2018. As a result, these children have not received an offer of a school place on the National Offer Day, 16 April.

There are many reasons why this might happen, e.g. families moving into Cambridgeshire after the National Closing Date, but there will be other families who have just not remembered, or don't know how to apply.

If you have any children attending your setting who do not have a school offer for September following the National Offer Day, please support them to make an application before 1 May 2018 to make sure they are allocated a place on the Second Round Offer Day, 18 May.

For further information about how to apply and where places are still available, please click [here](#).

## NQTs: statutory guidance

Have you recruited an NQT?

It is a statutory requirement that NQTs are registered with an independent NQT Appropriate Body, which has the main quality assurance role for induction. If you will be employing an NQT from September 2018 and plan to use the Cambridgeshire Appropriate Body, please ensure they are registered by Friday 14 September.

You can find further details about our NQT Advisory Service and how to register NQTs on our website [here](#).

[Rachel Minett](#), NQT Adviser, 01223 715313

## New religious education syllabus

On 3rd May 2018 there will be a new Religious Education agreed syllabus for all schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This will be available on [SACRE websites](#), [Knowledge Hub](#) and [Learn Together](#) Cambridge from 3rd May with implementation in schools for September 2018. The new syllabus will give schools the opportunity to devise a new curriculum that will allow pupils to explore religions, engage with their knowledge, and reflect on their learning and their lives.



[Amanda Fitton](#), RE Advisor

## Undergraduate Teacher Apprentices?

The employers' trailblazer group which designed the Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship, is now looking at the possibility of designing an undergraduate apprenticeship route. TeachinCams has offered to gather evidence on the kind of demand there is for this, and to that end has produced two short surveys - we would be very grateful if headteachers could complete one, and ask their sixth form students to complete the other.

[Survey for sixth formers](#)

[Survey for Headteachers/CEOs](#)

## Training Courses, Events and Conferences

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

### [Termly Governance Briefings for the Summer Term 2018](#)

Five sessions available across the county. It is recommended that all governing bodies 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).

### [Teaching RSE](#)

Monday 30 April, 13.30 to 16.30, Stanton Training Centre, Huntingdon.

This course supports staff in primary and special schools, especially those new to teaching Relationships & Sex Education (RSE).

### [PE Convention](#)

Tuesday 1 May 2018, 13.00 to 16.15, Hinchingsbrooke School, Huntingdon. For Cambs and Peterborough schools. To provide Senior Leaders & PE practitioners with guidance and resources related to PE and Schools Sports provision, and the Primary PE and School Sport Premium funding

**Pool Carers Course**

Wednesday 2 May 2018 and Thursday 3 May 2018, at The Grove Primary School, CB4 2NB. Two day courses for new pool carers and one day update courses available.

**Outdoor Adventurous Activities**

Wednesday 9 May 2018, 09.15 to 16.00, Stukeley Meadows Primary School. This workshop will consider a range of approaches for OAA, and their application across all curricular areas.

**STIBBFest 2018**

Saturday 12 May, 10.00 to 16.00, Stibbington Centre, Church Lane, Peterborough. Fun-filled, family open day. Entry: adults £2, under 16 yrs £1. Register interest at [cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Outdoor learning in the Early Years: practical ideas for EY teachers and leaders**

Monday 14 May, 1330 to 16.30, Stibbington Centre. Practical course to provide teachers and leaders with a range of ideas and activities that can be adapted and developed back in their own setting. Price: £60 per delegate.

**Workshop 7: Health and Safety**

Wednesday 23 May, 09.30 to 11.30, Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

Thursday 24 May, 09.30 to 11.30, South Fens Business Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

**Computing At School Cambridge Primary Hub Meeting**

Thursday 24 May 2018, 16.00 to 18.00, Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School, Sheepfold Lane, Lower Cambourne, CB23 6FR. Free CPD session aimed at all primary teachers, heads and subject coordinators who desire to learn more or share expertise about teaching the Primary Computing curriculum.

**Primary Science Leaders Meeting: Science on a Shoestring**

Tuesday 5 June, 13.30-16.30, Stibbington Centre. A practical course offering low cost activities for developing science in School. £60.00 per delegate.

**Embedding British Values in Geography and History**

Wednesday 13 June, 13.30 to 16.30, Stibbington Centre.

Are you confident in your teaching of British values? Does the label British make you uneasy? Then this course is for you! £60 per delegate.

**Learning outside the classroom for NQTs**

Friday 15 June: 17.00 on 15 June until 17.00 on Saturday 16 June, Stibbington Centre. A 24 hr residential course for NQTs and trainee teachers. Prices start at £60 per delegate for a shared room.

**Addressing Challenging Relationships Between Girls**

Monday 18 June 2018, 09.15 to 16.00, Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington. Designed to support the development of positive relationships between girls.

**Secondary Relationship & Sex Education**

Monday 18 June 2018, All day or just the am or pm, Stanton Training Centre, Huntingdon. Developing & Teaching RSE in secondary schools.

**CTSN Cover Supervisor Programme**

Monday 18 June 2018 and Wednesday 27 June 2018, 08.30 to 15.00, Comberton Village College. Two day programme developing improved learning outcomes and positive behaviour management in cover lessons. £150 per delegate.

**Workshop 8: Critical Incidents and Business Continuity Planning**

Wednesday 4 July, 09.30 to 11.30, Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

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