

# Schools Newsletter



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Sir David Carter

## Greetings!

### SEND Service joining Education

I am delighted to announce the SEND 0-25 Service, led by Helen Phelan, will move to the Education Directorate from the 16th April. The decision to move both the SEN teams and Disability Social Care to a new directorate will enable closer working with other school facing services and teams to deepen existing links, and improve consistency and communication around SEND and school improvement. The strong links these teams have formed under Children's Services (with the District safeguarding teams and Early Help) will continue, making sure that SEND is represented across the system. An updated structure will be shared with schools shortly.

### Sir David Carter

I was pleased to welcome 85 Education leaders from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough to hear directly from Sir David Carter, the National School Commissioner on his view on the journey schools go through in delivering

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school improvement. He was very candid about the challenges faced in improving schools and shared his wisdom from being a Headteacher, CEO and a Regional School Commissioner. His presentation can be found [here](#). We hope to share the video of his session in the coming weeks.

### Teacher Vacancy Service

I sent an email out to schools recently, drawing your attention to the Teacher Vacancy Service currently being developed by the DfE - a new digital service for publishing and finding teacher vacancies. Important features of the service are that it will be completely free of charge to schools and job-seekers. The [TeachinCambs](#) team is working with the DfE on developing the site, and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough schools have been invited to participate in a pilot project before it rolls out nationally. The DfE would like to invite you to come along to one of two events to watch a live demonstration of this free digital service and have an opportunity to ask the service development team questions or share any feedback you have.

- Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Academy - Wed 9 May, 14:00-15:30
- Impington Village College - Friday 11 May, 14:00-15:30

Places are limited and demand may be high so please confirm your attendance by emailing: [Ellie Craven](#). If you have not yet registered an interest, you can do so by emailing [Isobel Croot](#). If you need any further information, please contact [Helen Manley](#).

Best wishes, [Jonathan Lewis](#)

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### David Carter steps down

David Carter Steps down as Schools Commissioner  
[Click here to hear his message](#)

### Cyber security alert

You may be aware of recent bomb hoax emails being sent to a large number of schools in the UK. These emails are suspected to have been sent by an online group calling themselves Apophis Squad. It is suspected that this group is also linked to other cyber activity, including Ransomware and DDOS attacks.

Following these emails, the National Cyber Security Centre, in the UK, the FBI and Department of Homeland Security in the USA have issued a joint Technical Alert about malicious cyber activity carried out by the Russian Government.

[Click here](#) for the full Technical Alert that has been released and sent to all schools in the UK.

### School good news stories

This week you will notice that there are three news items from our county schools. If you have a story that you would like to share with the media or social media, our Corporate Communications Team is waiting to hear from you. They will help with creating your press release so you don't need to create it yourself. To share your news please complete the [form here](#).

### Women leader in education pledge to coach

If you're a leader and want to help more women to become leaders in education, pledge to coach. Coaching transforms the leadership journey of women teachers; building resilience, increasing confidence and unlocking potential. [Register here](#).

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### Maths and Physics Teachers for September - a regional recruitment opportunity

NELTA (NE London Teaching Alliance) is working with the DfE and Point to Point to recruit, acclimatise and support overseas qualified teachers for NE London and the East of England in Maths and Physics for September 2018 from: Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA.

All NELTA and recruitment agency fees are covered by the DfE. Further details are [here](#). Please note that at the moment there is funding for only 20 teachers across the whole region. Candidates will be matched with schools on a 'first come first served' basis so do please return your expression of interest as soon as possible.

### Teaching Assistant Conference Review, April 26 2018

I was in awe this week to have met 70 Cambridgeshire primary teaching assistants who all had such enthusiasm and pride in their work. This half day event had a lot to deliver in just half a day. The line-up was amazing with workshops on resilience, maths, english and metacognition. Just a few of the comments are below.

*"Made me think about what I am doing well and how I can improve"*

*"Have taken away vital teaching tools"*

*"I came away not wanting it to end"*

The big request for next year - Please can we make it a full day?

### Schools' contact information

The way that school contact information is managed by the Local Authority is changing. We would like to take this opportunity to ensure we have your most up to date information.

The deadline for this information is **today**. Thank you to those that have already completed this survey. For those of you that haven't please click [here](#).

Please continue to keep us updated of any changes in the future by email to: [administration.supportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:administration.supportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

### 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.

**Local Offer**



## National Guidance for school visits

From the Outdoor Education Advisers Panel [National Guidance for school visits](#)

Taking consent forms out of school for day visits can be a source of potential data loss. Updated advice in February 2018 says "There is no requirement for Visit Leaders to carry evidence of consent on visits in the UK". Full document [here](#).

## New appointments

**Brighton Primary School** has appointed Mark Farrell to the permanent Headteacher role, beginning in September 2018.

**Sutton CEVC Primary School.** Emily Gore-Rowe the Acting Headteacher at St Andrews C of E Primary Academy, was appointed with effect from 1st September 2018.

## Critical Incident Plans and Emergency Procedures

A Safeguarding Workshop is being held to assist schools with forward planning in respect of dealing with emergencies next July however, in the meantime some steps to consider are:

- Identify the likely risks to the school.
- Identify the mitigating measures in place to slow down or prevent access into the school site and buildings.
- Identify any parents or students that might present specific risks; or risks presented by the community, for example, the impact of gangs.
- Look at how current alert systems can enable different sounds to be given for different events.
- Think about a 'two stage' lockdown.
- Consider how these steps can be shared or, if appropriate, practised with pupils without spreading fear or alarm.
- Consider how communication with parents can be made to minimise panic responses.

Chris Meddle and Diane Stygal - Education Advisory Team

## Barnabas Oley C of E Primary School - Walking and Cycling Super-STARS!

At a special schools' awards event at the Houses of Parliament, hosted by Andrew Selous MP, Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Cycling Group, the school was presented with its Modeshift STARS National Primary School of the Year award in recognition of its pupils' outstanding achievements in encouraging more young people to walk, cycle and use other forms of sustainable travel for the journey to and from school. The school has actively increased numbers walking to school year on year from



38.2% in 2014/15 to 55.0% in 2016/17. Meanwhile, the number of pupils being dropped off in cars has fallen from 44.3% to 9.3%. [Read more...](#)

## Coding discovery day at Teversham Primary

Cambridge LaunchPad ([@Camb\\_LaunchPad](#))  
The Cambridge LaunchPad team are excited to be at [@cammakespace](#) for a coding discovery day with Y5 [@TevershamSchool](#) students! #STEM #[Technologypic.twitter.com/v1B1QaVmXG](https://twitter.com/v1B1QaVmXG)



## Local school raises funds for Florida students affected by school shooting to visit

Money is being raised by the East Cambs youth consultation panel to pay for eight young people from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida to travel, after fifteen students and two staff members were tragically killed in a school shooting there in February. To read the full story click [here](#).



## Recruiting now! Your chance to take part in an EEF trial

More than 10,000 schools, nurseries and colleges have signed up to be involved in trialling a high-potential EEF-funded project. Trials currently recruiting include:

1. Young Journalist Academy: providing Year 5 pupils with a meaningful purpose for writing and teaching specific writing techniques. [Read more](#).
2. Realistic Maths Education: trialling an approach to teaching mathematical problem solving in Key Stage 3. [Read more](#).
3. Maths-for-Life: supporting teachers to re-engage GCSE re-sit learners and cement their understanding of fundamental areas. [Read more](#)

## Post-16 Home to College Travel Assistance Policy Statement September 2018 - Consultation

We have launched a consultation on the Council's Post-16 Home to College Travel Assistance Policy Statement. The draft statement can be viewed via the Post 16 Transport webpage [here](#). Please share with parents / guardians of your Year 10 and 11 students.

Please send any comments / feedback [here](#) before Friday 25 May 2018.

## Horizon scanning

### Benefits of Virtual Reality for People with Autism

Interesting to hear [@Newbutts](#) research on the benefits of VR for people with Autism - 95% found the tech helpful in improving comms & social skills. #CWunplugged #Techforgood. Form the Future CIC ([@form\\_future](#))

### STEM Learning ([@STEMLearningUK](#))

With advice from STEM Ambassador Hubs, volunteers and educators, this programme of short online courses will support you in engaging and inspiring young people in STEM [ow.ly/ISht30jAyp3](http://ow.ly/ISht30jAyp3)

A new [EEF guidance report](#) is out giving recommendations to develop pupils' metacognitive skills and knowledge: Metacognition and self-regulated learning. It's designed to support teachers in changing their classroom practice to improve their

pupils' metacognitive skills - in short, their ability to plan, monitor and evaluate their own academic progress so they become better at learning and studying. Evidence suggests the use of 'metacognitive strategies' - which get pupils to think about their own learning - can be worth the equivalent of an additional +7 months' progress when used well.

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### **KS1 Phonics Screening Check Administration Guidance**

Guidance on how to plan for and administer the statutory phonics screening check in Key Stage 1. For more information, click [here](#).

### **NCETM Primary Mathematics Teaching for Mastery**

Is your school interested in learning more about Teaching for Mastery? Applications are now open for you to join a Teaching for Mastery Work Group.

Cambridgeshire has twelve Teaching for Mastery Specialists located around the county. All are teachers who have participated in the NCETM training and are seeking to embed TfM in their schools. Learn more about Mastery through observing their lessons and joining in discussion. The Work Groups are funded (£1000) plus have £2000 match funding offered for text books. Deadline for the application : Monday 4 June 2018. For more information, visit the [NCETM website](#).

### **Cambridge Maths Hub Teaching for Mastery Teaching Research Group**

The Cambridge Maths Hub is currently recruiting schools to be part of a pilot TRG. The TRG provides an opportunity for schools to engage in high-quality, sustained, collaborative professional development and participate in an important national project. A TRG consists of three schools who work with one of our mastery specialists. They will meet twice between now and the end of the school year. [Apply here](#) or email: [admin@cambridgemathshub.org](mailto:admin@cambridgemathshub.org).

### **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).

#### **[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.

#### **[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.

#### **[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.

### **Stonewall `Train the Trainer`**

Monday 18 June 2018, 09.00 to 16.30, Arbury Primary School, Cambridge. How to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and celebrate the difference. £240 (includes a year's membership of Stonewall School Champions programme.

### **Workshop 7 Health and Safety**

Wednesday 23 May 2018, 09.30 to 11.30. Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

Thursday 24 May 2018, 09.30 to 11.30, South Fens Business Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

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

Wednesday 4 July 2018, 09.30 to 11.30, Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

Thursday 5 July 2018, 09.30 to 11.30, South Fens Business Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

### **STEP4SEAS National Seminar**

Tuesday 12 June 2018, 09.00 to 12.30, Trumpington Community College, Cambridge. For all schools. At this seminar UK and European partner schools will share their achievements from implementing the research-based Successful Educational Actions (SEAs). FREE of charge.

### **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.

### **TACT Peterborough Conference**

Tuesday 26 June 2018, 09.30 to 15.45, Allia Future Business Centre, Peterborough United Football Club. Current research on Trauma informed and Attachment focused practice and interventions. Free for foster carers, adopters, special guardians, social workers and partner agencies of TACT Peterborough. Tickets on first come, first served basis. [Book here](#).

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