

# Schools Newsletter



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## Greetings!

The Early Years Service works with providers of early education and childcare up to the end of Reception, and with registered playwork providers for older children. The service offers tailored support through its membership offer, and intensive support where there are concerns about the safety or quality of provision, especially where highlighted through Ofsted. The service convenes regular forums and briefings across the county, including early years leadership briefings for schools, as well as an extensive CPD programme of courses and conferences. The service also produces early years Quality Frameworks for schools and other providers, and for out of school settings, and a nationally acclaimed handbook for Equalities. Early Years team members are leading the County Council's Forest School for All vision and plan alongside other learning colleagues. Our web presence includes the online version of our termly magazine, Jigsaw, as well as resources to support assessment, business and governance, including our sustainability tool, which won a Childcare Works award in March 2018. The service also oversees the CASEY assessment management system, which is offered free of charge for early years providers in Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire's Community Literacy Project, 'Talking

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Together in Cambridgeshire' is a new Early Years project working in partnership with the National Literacy Trust supporting early literacy.

[Annette Brooker](#)

## 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.

## New Financial System Causing Some Disruption and Delays in Education Directorate

Apologies for delays and disruption that you may recently have experienced in Education Directorate customer services and business processes for finance.

These are largely due to the implementation of a new financial system (ERP Gold) that commenced 1st April 2018. In some instances this has resulted in delays in the issue of our customer invoices to schools for courses and services.

We appreciate your understanding that we're responding to each customer enquiry as soon as possible and ask for your forbearance during the next few weeks. Please do make contact regarding any relevant queries by email to [administration.supportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:administration.supportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01223 706399, option 5.

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## Help your colleagues stay informed during UK withdrawal from the EU

From April 2018, EU citizens in the UK will have started to see digital adverts helping EU citizens to 'stay informed'. Adverts point towards official sources of information on GOV.UK about how the UK's withdrawal from the EU affects EU citizens.

If you're recruiting teachers from the EU or have colleagues from the EU, you may like to share this information.

For further information, please visit [Status of EU citizens in the UK: what you need to know](#) or the main campaign page at [EU citizens in the UK - stay informed](#).

There is also an [EU email template for use with external partners](#), for you to share with your stakeholders.

## Teaching Schools CPLD Reach in Cambridgeshire 2017/2018

Cambridgeshire Teaching School Alliances (TSA) and the LA meet together regularly to discuss the collaborative CPLD (Continuous Professional and Leadership Development) offer. The group recently discussed the results of research into TSA CPLD reach, which identified that

91% of primary schools have engaged with TSA CPLD since September 2017. This is fantastic news and a clear indication that our teaching schools are fulfilling their role in supporting our county CPLD needs in schools. For more information about the offer, click [here](#).

[Lynne Birch](#) - Schools Engagement Adviser, Cambridgeshire County Council.

### New school admission form

A new school admission form template has been uploaded to the Learntogether Knowledgehub - schools can download this Word document and amend the logo and wording as required. The form can be sent out ahead of time and once the form is complete, it can be returned to the school and the data can be entered into their management information systems. The admission form can be found [here](#).

### Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month, June 2018

June is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

The month was established in Britain in 2008 as a way of raising awareness of these communities and their contributions to society, and to offset negative stereotyping and prejudices. Gypsies, Roma and Travellers are one of Cambridgeshire's largest minority ethnic groups. How about making a display in a public place or delivering a school assembly?



For help, resources and advice please contact [CREDS](#)

### Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018

In December 2017, the Department for Education published its proposed revisions for the new edition of the statutory guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education which will come into force in September 2018. The consultation ended on 22nd February 2018.

For your information and future planning key proposals for the new document include:

- Ensuring that schools have more than one emergency contact number for pupils.
- Ensuring that safeguarding and welfare concerns are taken into account when restraint is used on children with SEND.
- Clarifying that when 'homestays' are arranged by schools in the UK, that parents (and others over 18) hosting children are subject to an enhanced DBS and a barred list check (and that the DBS will process these without charge).
- Schools should have their own child protection policy that reflects local circumstances.
- Ending the need for each school in a MAT to maintain separate single central records for each school.
- Ensuring that the role of deputy DSL is included in their job description.
- Ensuring that in sole proprietor owned schools, the DSL can perform their duties with 'sufficient independence' from the proprietor and their family by, for example, writing into the job description that they may need to call the LADO for advice; and that such schools should consider engaging external safeguarding consultants to support them.
- Adding in new information about county lines, honour-based violence, and sexual violence and sexual harassment between children

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

### Having difficulty recruiting a Clerk to Governors?

We have started once again to recruit to the Camclerk Service and after a successful recruitment round we now have Camclerks available in the following areas: Ramsey/Huntingdon, St. Neots and Ely/ East Cambs. If you are interested and want to find out

more, please email: [anna-marie.cooper@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:anna-marie.cooper@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Ramadan & Eid

The Muslim month of **Ramadan** will commence around Tuesday 15 May - Thursday 14 June this year (depending on the sighting of the new moon).

Most Muslims will be fasting from dawn to sunset. The fast will last between 18 - 19 hours each day. Please be extra vigilant in safeguarding pupils' health and well-being during this time and look out for signs of dehydration or any illnesses where pupils should not be fasting.

The celebration of **Eid Al-Fitr**; marking the end of Ramadan, is expected to be on Friday 15 June. For further information click [here](#).

Iman Ibn Thahaikt, CREDS Advisory Teacher

## Teacher advocates for on-campus ITT recruitment events in 2018 and 2019

To support the national Get Into Teaching campaign, The DfE is seeking enthusiastic teachers who would be willing to talk to students and graduates about the merits of the teaching profession at on-campus events in 2018 and 2019. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet potential candidates, demonstrate the benefits of becoming a teacher, and explore with them the range of training options available.

For further information, and to offer your support, please email [whatson.where@education.gov.uk](mailto:whatson.where@education.gov.uk).

## Maths early-career payments

New financial incentives are available for teachers who start a non-salaried postgraduate maths ITT course in the 2018 to 2019 academic year.

In addition to the £20,000 bursary or £22,000 scholarship eligible teachers will receive early-career payments of £5,000 each in their third and fifth year of teaching. Eligible teachers in selected local authorities will receive payments of £7,500 each in their third and fifth year.

This is a new approach to bursary funding that is being piloted for this cohort. To check eligibility and view full guidance, click [here](#).

## ARTS and Culture Survey CSIB survey

Festival Bridge has been asked by Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board (CSIB), to support its understanding of its goal to provide every Cambridgeshire student with a broad cultural entitlement.

They have developed this [survey](#) to ask teachers for their support to explore what a Cambridgeshire cultural entitlement might look like across the county in 2018. They have used the Cambridgeshire Culture definition and also Darren Henley's definition in the cultural education plan to underpin the questions. The deadline is Monday 14 May.

They will be using our findings to provide the CSIB with recommendations for a cultural entitlement definition which it can champion across schools and have been invited to report back on Wednesday 23 May.

## Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 External Moderation Dates and the Appeals Process

The Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 external moderation season will soon be upon us. Schools will be informed that they have been selected for a moderation on May 18th, with the visits taking place between Monday 04 June and Friday 22 June. As in previous years two days (Monday 25 June and Tuesday 26 June) have been set aside for schools to present additional evidence (this will be by appointment at the ECAR room, Stanton House Huntingdon) and one day (Wednesday 27 June) has been set aside for final appeals (by appointment at either at the ECAR Room or Shire Hall, Cambridge).

The KS1 and KS2 Local Authority moderation appeals process document for this year can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

[Martin Gray](#), Senior Adviser for Assessment. Tel. 01223 728587

## SATs monitoring visits

As in previous years, the Local Authority (LA) will be conducting SATs monitoring visits in the week before, the week of, and in the days following this year's Key Stage 2 SATs test period. In brief, LAs have a statutory responsibility to monitor the administration of Key Stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum tests and the phonics screening check. The visits help the LA and the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) to ensure that:

- the security and confidentiality of test and check materials are maintained
- KS2 tests and the phonics screening check are administered correctly and consistently.

Monitoring visits also give headteachers a formal opportunity to demonstrate how their school/academy is administering KS2 tests and the phonics screening check. During KS2 monitoring visits, monitoring visitors will also be asked to review the security of Key Stage 1 (KS1) test materials, where applicable. They are not expected to observe the actual administration of the KS1 tests.

We will be visiting at least 10% of our KS2 schools/academies with:

- 10% of visits take place during the week beginning 7 May
- 80% of visits are carried out during the test period from Monday 14 May to Thursday 17 May
- 10% of visits take place immediately after the test period, from Friday 18 May.

A documents which summarises the nature and requirements of the visits and includes hyperlinks to the STA guidance can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions about the monitoring visits please get in touch. [Martin Gray](#), Senior Adviser for Assessment. Tel. 01223 728587

## CBBC's Operation Ouch! to recognise young medical heroes

A new episode of the fun, educational series is being made, called the Ouch Awards. It will recognise young people between 6 and 16 years old who can be nominated in five award categories. The deadline for nominating your medical hero is Sunday 20 May. For more details, and to nominate, click [here](#).

## Guidance on KS2 SATs Timetable Variations

As you will be aware, recently there has been a spate of hoax threats being sent to schools nationally and across the local authority. A repeat of this in SATs week may have implications for pupil attendance and timings on a test day.

Extracts from the SATs guidance can be found [here](#). It outlines the process for applying for a timetable variation in cases where pupils need to take a test at a different time to the rest of the cohort (but still on the test day), and for when pupils have been absent but return to school within 5 days of the original test date.

If you have any questions, please contact [Martin Gray](#), Senior Adviser for Assessment, tel. 01223 728587.

## Horizon scanning

**Education Secretary to set out vision for "clearer" school system** Education Secretary Damian Hinds will clearly set out how the Government will "trust school leaders to get on with the job" by clarifying who schools are accountable to and boosting development opportunities for new teachers. [Read more here](#)

**Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme's 20th anniversary** will be celebrated by the awarding of a £1000 grant every school day of 2018. Find out more [here](#).

**New support to help parents improve their children's early language and literacy skills** at home before they start school have been announced by Education Secretary Damian Hinds. A new £5million scheme will be run by the EEF to trial projects to provide practical tools and advice to parents so they can help their children learn new words through simple steps like reading and singing nursery rhymes.

Alongside this, an £8.5million programme has opened for local authorities to fund projects to improve early language and literacy development for disadvantaged children. Find out more [here](#).

### **Resilience screening**

A Bradford teacher-training organisation has reduced drop-out rates by screening applicants for their resilience. The wastage rate of teacher trainees at Bradford SCITT fell from 10 per cent to one per cent in the first year after applicants' resilience was measured and those with low scores were targeted with support. Find out more [here](#), page 11.

### **Eynesbury Church of England Primary School handchime group - winners of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year - Junior Group!**

On Sunday 29 April 2018, Eynesbury Church of England Primary School's handchime group became the Junior Group Winners of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year 2018, a prestigious achievement. The competition started back in January when the group entered a local competition run by the Rotary Club St Marys of St Neots. The handchime group, made up of eight children aged between 9 and 11 years, were also Winners of the 'Group' overall - beating the intermediate and senior group performances at the District Final competition held at Market Harborough (This is the highest event for Group performances), and were also awarded the John Cartwright Musical Achievement Award for the Rotary Club of St Neots.



### **Training Courses, Events and Conferences**

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

#### **[Key Stage 3 Science for Non-Specialists](#)**

Monday 14 May 2018, 9.30am- 15.30pm, Nene Park Academy.

This course is designed so that you will be able to teach pre-GCSE level science confidently whilst developing a repertoire of practical activities and embed working scientifically in your everyday teaching.

#### **[Science Technicians Supporting Physics for Non-Specialist Practicals](#)**

Monday 21 May 2018, 10.00 to 15.00, Soham Village College.

This course will help prepare science technicians to be able to deliver physics experiments which have been discussed and performed by teachers during the recent TSST physics programme in the East Anglia Region.

#### **[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.

### **[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.

### **[PSHE Courses: Addressing Challenging Relationships Between Girls](#)**

Wednesday 20 June 2018, 09.15 to 16.00, Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Trumpington. Designed to support the development of positive relationships between girls.

### **[Cultural Training for Headteachers and Governors 2018](#)**

Thursday 21 June 2018, 10.00 to 12.00, Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre, Hemingford Abbots Golf Complex, PE28 9HQ. How high quality arts and creative learning achieves social, moral, spiritual and cultural aspects judged by Ofsted. £10 per person.

### **[Physical Education Training: There Must be an App for that..](#)**

Friday 22 June, 13.15 to 16.15, Fulbridge Academy, Keeton Road, Peterborough. This popular workshop will focus specifically on mobile devices such as the iPad and iPod and the capacity these have for transformation within the PE classroom.

### **[Primary Science Network Meeting](#)**

Tuesday 26 June 2018, 16.00 to 17.30, Meridian Primary School. No charge.

### **[PSHE Courses: 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.

### **[Primary Science Network Meeting](#)**

Wednesday 27 June 2018, 16.00 to 17.30, Highlees Primary School, Peterborough. No charge.

### **[PSHE Courses: Conflict Resolution & Peer Mediation](#)**

Thursday 28 June, 09.15 to 16.30, Stanton Training Centre, Huntingdon. This course is based upon a popular resource designed to empower children to resolve interpersonal conflicts and enable them to become peer mediators.

### **[Physical Education Training: Trampoline Refresher Course](#)**

Monday 2 July, 09.00 to 15.30. One Leisure Centre, St Ives. Participants will undertake a mixture of practical and theory activities to review their trampolining knowledge and update their techniques. There will be opportunity to apply the concepts in a range of practical situations. This training must be refreshed every 3 years.

### **[Getting Started: Celebrating Difference and Challenging Gender Stereotypes in the Early Years Foundation Stage](#)**

Wednesday 4 July 2018, 09.00 to 12.30, Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Cambridge. This training provides practical activities and resources, including a copy of Stonewall's new guidance document for EYFS. Cost £25.

### **[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.

