

# Schools Newsletter



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## Greetings!

### New EHCP Guidance Consultation is now out

Parents, schools, health professionals and local authority representatives have been updating the Cambridgeshire Education, Health and Care Plan Guidance in order to make it clearer for all those who may be involved in the process. The draft guidance and a short feedback survey are now on the Local Offer until 19th October and a link can be [found here](#). We would be very grateful for your views.

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### Teaching Jobs service - invitation to set up your account

You may be aware the Department for Education has been testing a new service called Teaching Jobs - a service that's free to both schools listing teaching roles and the jobseekers looking for them.

We've completed our initial testing phase, which has helped us better understand the needs of hiring staff at schools like yours. We're now ready to get more schools and jobseekers using the service, both to drive its further improvement and prepare for rolling it out in phases till it's a fully national service. This is where you come in.

#### Setting up your account

From next week we will be setting up accounts for all schools in Cambridgeshire so they can start using the Teaching Jobs service.

If you have not yet registered to set up your account please email the following to:

[teachingjobs@digital.education.gov.uk](mailto:teachingjobs@digital.education.gov.uk)

- your school name
- the name of the person who will be using the

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account to list jobs

· the email address that person will use to access the service.

If your school currently has a vacant teaching role you'd like to list, please let us know by putting 'access and job ready to list' in the subject line of your email. We will try to set up your account as soon as possible. Remember, it's free to list a teaching job and by doing so you're helping grow the number of jobs, which will in turn help make the service more attractive to jobseekers.

Research participants needed

We also want to get more schools involved in our ongoing research. If you would like to take part in a short research session please email:

[teachingjobs@digital.education.gov.uk](mailto:teachingjobs@digital.education.gov.uk) with the subject line 'user research info'.

Regards

Teaching Jobs service team

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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.



## Attendance Service

With effect from 1 September 2018, every School will have a named Education Welfare Officer who will be available to support schools develop their attendance strategies. The amount of EWO support available to individual schools will be dependent on levels of Overall and Persistent Absence rates. You will receive information about this at the start of the new academic year as part of a Service Level Agreement. In addition, the existing buy back arrangements will be updated to offer a more flexible 'buy as you require' offer and this will be available for all schools to access.

## Annual Music Education Audit for Department of Education

This [important annual survey](#) enables Cambridgeshire schools and academies to ensure that information about music education opportunities for pupils are understood nationally. The link is below and the survey is live to ensure collection of current academic year data before staff and pupil changes over summer. The data is anonymised, informs policy making, is GDPR compliant and not requesting personal information, relevant to all settings regardless of providers, and a paper copy of the survey is attached so that you can prepare data requested. Your local music education hub, Cambridgeshire Music, will provide assistance if required ([cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)). Thank you for your help in supporting the ongoing cultural education opportunities for your pupils in this way.

## 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](#).

## The Lost Words campaign with Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination

Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination (CCI) is running a fabulous campaign to help children connect with nature and their local landscapes. They have a copy of Robert Macfarlane's and Jackie Morris's Lost Words for every primary school in Cambridgeshire too! There are over [20 similar campaigns](#) around the country too.

Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination are looking for ways to share the books at meetings or events so do get in touch with them if you are interested.

[info@cambridgecandi.org.uk](mailto:info@cambridgecandi.org.uk)

## Opportunity Area Newsletter - How schools are benefiting

Without the funding we wouldn't have been able to support all the staff in this way, so we are grateful for the opportunity." Find out more about how schools in East Cambs and Fenland are benefiting from the Opportunity Area programme in our latest [Schools Newsletter](#)

## Schools Safer Recruitment and Payroll Audit 2017 to 2018

Schools are funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant and risks to the accurate processing of payroll expenditure constitutes the most significant risk to overall schools budgets. Equally the DFE aims to ensure that appropriate systems are in place for recruitment, to reduce the risk of appointing unsuitable people to positions of trust. To this end an internal audit and review was undertaken to gain assurances over controls on payroll expenditure and safer recruitment within Cambridgeshire maintained schools.

It is very pleasing to note that the findings are positive on both counts; with 'good assurance' given over the controls for payroll and safer recruitment. Both schools and the work of the Schools Intervention Service on Safer Recruitment was audited and for the first time in a number of years we were able to report to members who have been taking a very close interest, that safer recruitment is good in Cambridgeshire. Thank you to all of you involved in recruitment in schools and to those of you who monitor recruitment processes for all of your hard work and commitment to getting this right. Well done everybody.

These findings also reflect Ofsted judgements about safer recruitment as part of safeguarding in the last twelve months.

It remains a complex area and there will be updated guidance in Keeping Children Safe when it is published in 2018 and the Local Authority will continue to provide and advise and support schools going forward. We have announced our Leadership of Safeguarding training programme for next year and it remains a requirement for one member of a recruitment panel to be safer recruitment trained. Governors Services offer a full and refresher training programme for all involved in recruitment.

[Diane Stygal](#) and [Chris Meddle](#) Education Advisory Team, School Intervention Service

## The future of the Outdoor Learning Service in Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently re-designing the future of the Outdoor Learning Service in Cambridgeshire - and needs the help of schools.

We hope this will enable more children and young people to have high quality, outdoor learning experiences through Cambridgeshire Outdoors. But to shape our services into the future we really need your feedback. If you can find time in your busy day to complete this [on-line survey](#) before July 20th, it would be much appreciated.

Please be aware that all Cambridgeshire Outdoors Centres (Burwell House, Stibbington Centre and Grafham Water Centre) will be sending out the survey. Please accept our apologies if you receive the survey more than once, but we want to capture as many views as possible. We only need each school to fill in the survey once.

We would like to encourage you to be honest in your responses, as it is important that we get our offering right for the young people of Cambridgeshire and beyond.

## Life Education Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Life Education Cambridgeshire and Peterborough delivers drug and health education programmes to children between the ages 3-11. The two mobile classrooms visit 60 schools annually and the two educators engage with 14,000 children. School staff and parents/carers are welcome to visit the classrooms.

LEC visits are planned with schools. The classrooms provide an exciting environment with sophisticated visual aids. The programmes are age appropriate and designed to build on previous knowledge. Evaluation demonstrates the value and impact of the programmes in schools.

We still have some dates available for Autumn term 2018. For more information please email [louise.augarde@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:louise.augarde@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
[PSHE Service](#)

## Wisbech Adventure Playground: National Play Day: 1 August 2018

This is an excellent [free day out](#) drawing children and families from the surrounding area and out of county. In 2017, hundreds of children and families came to this event at the Playground. Please tell your parents and families and we hope many feel able to join us.

<https://www.wisbechadventureplay.net>

For more information please contact: [Violet Loveridge](#), Lead Playworker or [Diane Fenner](#), Manager.

## Join the call for fair funding for Cambridgeshire schools

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. The Cambridgeshire's Schools Forum, which met on Friday 6 July, is calling on the Secretary of State for Education to increase funding for all the county's early years, primary, secondary and special schools. Parents, students, school staff and others who care about our schools are asked to show their support for our campaign by signing and sharing the Government petition [here](#), and sharing this link on your social media accounts. Click [here](#) for more information.

## New appointment

**Homerton Early Years Centre** has appointed Alex Pearson as the new Headteacher, with effect from 1 September 2018 (she is currently the Acting Headteacher).

## Regional Map Pack

The DfE have confirmed that the Regional Map Pack is available to share across the region. This includes information on Maths Hubs, NLG, NLE, TS, Research Schools and PP Review co-ordinator schools. You can view the map pack [here](#).

## 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 20 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.

### **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.

### **Leading a Mentally Healthy School**

Session 1: Tuesday 25 September, 09:00 to 15:30

Session 2: Tuesday 16 October, 15:45 to 17:30, at Buckden CE Primary Academy

A course for senior leaders about the Leadership of a Mentally Healthy School looking at strategic planning, policies and procedures.

### **English & Maths for Supply Teachers, NQTs and Teachers returning after a Career Break**

Monday 3 September, 09:30 to 16:30, ECAR Centre at Stanton house, Huntingdon. £80 (usual cost for 1 day course £130). A one-day course to highlight recent developments in English and Maths.

### **Primary Developing Effective Teaching Programme**

Starting 26th September at Hatton Park School, Longstanton, 09:00 to 15:00. £299 per delegate.

Four day programme for recently qualified Primary phase teachers who are in the early years of their career or those returning to the profession.

### **Primary Developing Outstanding Teaching Programme**

Starting 8th October at Jeavons Wood Primary School, Cambourne, 9.00 to 3.00. £299 per delegate.

Four day programme for Primary phase teachers who consistently deliver good and outstanding lessons, have a strong commitment to Teaching and Learning and wish to further develop and enhance their practice and that of others in their school.

### **CTSN Cover Supervisor Programme**

Monday 17 September & Wednesday 10 October at Comberton Village College, 08:30 to 15:00. £150 per delegate.

Two day programme developing improved learning outcomes and positive behaviour management in cover lessons.

**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.

### **Mindfulness**

Wednesday 31 October, 13:30 to 16.30, Oliver Cromwell Hotel, High Street, March PE15 9LH. 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.

### **Developing & Teaching RSE in Primary Schools**

Wednesday 14 November 2018, Huntingdon. This course will support staff in developing Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) across the primary and special school. It will address policy development, awareness raising, building confidence in teaching RSE and communicating with members of the wider school community about RSE.

### **Effective Responses to Bullying**

Thursday 15 November 2018, Ambury House, Ermine Business Park, Sovereign Court,

Lancaster Way, Huntingdon, PE29 6XU.

This course explores the power of empathy as an effective intervention when bullying occurs. It focuses on a number of non-punitive approaches which work directly with all involved guiding them to take responsibility and ultimately change their behaviour.

**[Teaching Assistant Conference 2019!](#)**

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

Tell us what you think of this Newsletter or if you know of a colleague who would like to receive it, please share this email address: [schools.news@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:schools.news@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
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