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Peterborough Schools Newsletter

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Dear Reader

I hope you have enjoyed the start of term with all the energy it brings after the festive period.

It was good to see so many colleagues at the different leadership meetings last term and we've had positive feedback on the topics covered and also John Gregg's introduction. As John said more details will be shared on Ofsted's Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services which took place in December in future meetings. John has requested that school leaders across phases who are interested in representing their age phase in Peterborough's Improvement Board (established as a result of the Focused Visit by Ofsted that took place in March 2023) please contact him. The Board will benefit from school involvement. John's email address is John.Gregg@peterborough.gov.uk.

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Thank you to school colleagues who took part in interviews last year. Peterborough has made an appointment to the Head of SEND and Inclusion, and we look forward to welcoming James Bird in April 2024 who will take up the role on a permanent basis. James brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to Peterborough and is currently working in East Riding as Head of Service Specialist Teaching and Support, previously working in SEND and Inclusion in a variety of roles. Katy Blessett leaves Peterborough this month after many years of fantastic service to Peterborough. Katy is a valued colleague and will be missed. Following an external recruitment campaign and selection process I am pleased to inform you that Katie Barnett has been appointed to the Head of Statutory Assessment and Monitoring.

At a national level the DfE has issued a range of materials to promote attendance, including a toolkit as well as reminders of links to existing guidance. Thanks to all who contributed to the session on promoting good attendance at the Primary Heads meeting last term and I hope that enabled the sharing of good practice and things that colleagues could take away for their own schools.

[Chris Baird](#), Interim Director of Education

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Notification of school closures (including those related to Snow) and the Emergency Number for Major Incidents

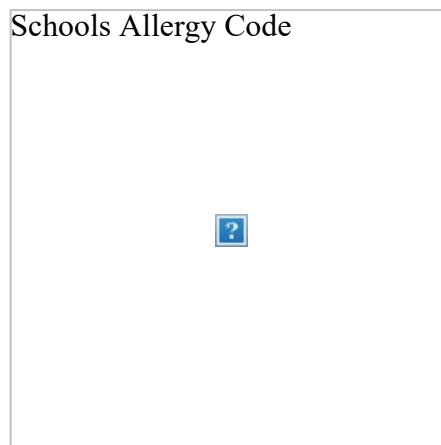
Peterborough City Council will continue to publish school closures on its website, however recognising the need for Education Transport to react to closures quickly, the Passenger Transport Team will now receive these communications from schools and update the webpage accordingly.

Please can all schools (whether they have school transport routes or not) email full and partial closure information to: educationtransport@peterborough.gov.uk

The Passenger Transport Team are operational from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm on school days.

For Emergencies of a more exceptional nature, then the 24 hour contact number is 07920 160 001. This number is only for use when a Major Incident arises and is not intended for closures relating to snow or teachers strikes etc.

Schools' Allergy Code



Peterborough City Council would like to make all schools aware of the 'Schools' Allergy Code'.

The Schools' Allergy Code is a code of practice to help schools to keep pupils with allergies safe. It was created to give schools a set of standards and clear guidance to help make their settings as safe and inclusive as possible. Any school can sign up to the Code and use the associated checklist to ensure it is following best practices.

The link below includes a video clip lasting less than 4.5 minutes, which explains more about the code. We encourage all Headteachers, Safeguarding leads and Chairs of Governors to take a few minutes to watch the clip. Schools signing up to the code will have access to newsletters and webinars to support staff in this area. The code has the support of clinicians and the Director of Public Health for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

<https://theallergyteam.com/schools-allergy-code/>

Specialist Qualification for Primary PE Subject Leaders

The recent Ofsted Physical Education '[Levelling the Playing Field](#)' document identified the need for greater rigour in the leadership of Primary School PE.

For over a decade now, Cambridgeshire's PE Advisory Service has delivered the Level 6 Primary PE Subject leadership award. This professionally recognised qualification helps develop a deeper understanding of teachers' role as a physical education (PE) leader, and enhances the ability to design, lead and evaluate a targeted strategy for primary school PE. This qualification has been identified as best practice by DfE, and is regarded as a good use of the PE Premium funding. Details can be found on our [AfPE/Sports Leaders Primary PE Subject Leaders Award page on Learn Together](#). Contact [Ian Roberts](#) for more details.

Year 6 English Challenge

Over the next 4 weeks teams of four Y6 pupils from schools across the county will work together to compete against other schools in the heats of the annual Year 6 English Challenge. The heats are great fun, held face to face and take place after school in schools throughout the county. Working together, children are quizzed on their general knowledge of books and other texts as well as answering questions about spelling, grammar and text types. They will also need to work strategically to tackle the 'Memory round.' Successful teams from the heats will then take part in the Challenge Final on Wednesday 27 March. If you are interested in taking part please follow the link. [School Improvement Service online calendar \(bookingbug.com\)](#).

CYP Community Asthma Team - Exciting events coming soon

CYP Community Asthma Team is looking to deliver an interactive focus group for the use of spacer devices and are looking for young people and parent/carers to participate. For more information, please click below.

[Asthma Focus Group information](#)

An informative online event for parents: at this event we'll discuss everything parents need to know about managing their child's asthma. Parents will be given the opportunity to learn and connect with other parents/carers facing similar challenges. This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Sign up now!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asthma-and-your-child-breathe-easy-together-tickets-794227534937?aff=oddtcreator>

[CYP Asthma Training Tier 1](#)

For **all** school staff. This is a free online training endorsed by NHS England. Tier 1 is for all staff and Tier 2 would provide staff with a deeper knowledge and understanding. This training will help towards Asthma Friendly School accreditation.

Message from the Secretary of State re Attendance

Headteachers have expressed concerns about the challenges schools continue to face in terms of addressing the poor attendance of some pupils. This is despite a great deal of hard work being undertaken in schools by Headteachers, attendance leaders and family support workers. We would like to thank all those colleagues for their hard work and commitment in relation to this.

The DfE are providing some additional resources to help support schools in this important area of their work. The link below contains a message from the Secretary of State and links to resources to help to support work with parents and carers. There are also links to webinars on improving attendance and resources to help leaders to evaluate the attendance in their school. We hope that you will find these helpful.

[Message from the Secretary of State](#)

A message from Caverstede Nursery School - Caverstede Hub Resource Library Open Day

Come along to Caverstede Nursery School and view the resources we have available to borrow in our resource library as part of the Hub service.

Thursday 1 February 2024

11.00 am – 12.30 pm and 3.00 – 5.30 pm

No need to book. A library loan agreement will need to be completed prior to items being borrowed. For more information on the resource library and to download an agreement, please visit our website:

https://www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk/website/resource_lending_library/319428 We look forward to welcoming you.

Free NESSie Parent / Carer Webinars in Cambridgeshire / Peterborough

Upcoming Free Parent / Carer webinars to support CYP with mental health issues. Please disseminate to parents. Topics include 'Supporting children / young people who are LGBTQ+ or Gender Questioning', 'Supporting Children / Young People with Anxiety', 'Supporting children / Young People who Struggle to Attend School'.

This is part of the Universal / Targeted mental health offer funded by Public Health.

To book, please visit [Nessie](#). More information can be found here: [NESSie workshops flyer](#)



Invitation to join the ARU Initial Teacher Training Partnership

Anglia Ruskin University is excited to launch a brand new [BEd \(Hons\) Primary Education with QTS](#) in September 2024, and we are looking for primary schools to join our Partnership and help develop ambitious future teachers for the region. This is a unique opportunity to work with a university ranked seventh for Education in the Guardian League Tables and recently named [University of the Year 2023](#).

There are a number of ways in which schools and individuals can engage with us, including hosting a trainee on placement, guest lecturing and contributing to the student interview process. Please visit our [partnership webpage](#) for further information and to express your interest.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch via traintoteach@aru.ac.uk

Dr Rachel Minett | Lead for Initial Teacher Training | Rachel.minett@aru.ac.uk

Teach Peterborough website

Teach Peterborough website image



We have received a number of queries recently relating to the [Teach Peterborough website](#). We can confirm this is still active and available for schools to use to advertise vacancies.

The Teach Peterborough website is hosted by Speed Agency, who provide technical support and will be happy to help if you have any difficulties uploading vacancies. For technical support, please contact: TechSupport@Speed.Agency.

Supporting care-experienced children - New free teacher training resources from BBC Teach

BBC Teach, the home of thousands of free curriculum-mapped classroom videos, has worked with experts to produce a free teacher resource, [Supporting Care Experienced Children](#). Mathew Blood, Virtual School Head for Islington, is featured in the video resources which aim to raise teachers awareness and increase understanding.

The resource is designed to help teachers understand more about the needs of care experienced children, how a trauma-informed approach can offer support to a traumatised child in a school setting, and ideas for how teachers can take actionable next steps. There are also three powerful animations of first-person testimonies by young adults who have been through the care system.

BBC Teach worked closely with Adoption UK on Supporting Care-Experienced Children. Data from the charity's annual Barometer (2023) shows that the majority of adoptive parents feel that their

school works with them to find the best ways to support their child. However, less than half (44 per cent) feel teachers have a good understanding of the needs of care-experienced children.

Alex Harris, Executive Producer, BBC Teach said: “I hope these resources offer teachers useful and practical information to help them to support care-experienced children and young people. It features first-hand, frank and emotional testimony from young people who’ve experienced care, as well as advice from some of the UK’s leading experts. We know teachers have many pressures on their time, so we have packed a lot of information into the films. We do hope schools will be able to use this resource in training and INSET.”

To view the resources visit: [Supporting Care-experienced Children](#)

DfE funded CPD for early years practitioners and childminders

DfE Funded EYDP January 2024



Please see the flyers below for details of the forthcoming EYDP funded by the DfE:

Early Years: High-quality, government funded CPD for Early Years Practitioners and Childminders:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/Od0afbbe1d.html>

Early Year Professional Development Programme: Discovery Sessions

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/b492dbac55.html>

Education Leadership Team and School Improvement Team Structure Chart and Contact details

The link below contains the current structure chart for the Education Leadership Team and School Improvement Team along with contact details. Please note that this is an updated version.

[Education Leadership Team and School Improvement Team Structure Chart and Contact details](#)

DfE Consultations

The DfE have launched two important consultations. We would be grateful if you could take some time to contribute your views by the deadlines stated. The Gender Questioning Guidance is non-statutory but we hope that it will help schools to meet the needs of any pupils who may be affected by this. Your views may help influence the final versions of this guidance.

[Gender Questioning Children -](#) The consultation is seeking views on the content of the guidance and whether it will help to support schools and colleges, teachers, and leaders to make considered and lawful decisions in relation to children who are questioning their gender and the wider school and college community. Closes 12 March 2024.

[Elective Home Education Guidance -](#) seeking views on proposed changes to the elective home education guidance for local authorities and parents. Closes **tomorrow** (18th January 2024).

Peterborough Food Survey

Peterborough Food Partnership is a network made up of representatives from the local farming community, local food businesses, the public sector, Peterborough City Council, NGOs, community food groups and our local academic institutions working to develop a sustainable, regenerative, and fair food system for Peterborough.

The Peterborough Food Partnership would like to know what citizens think before developing a sustainable food strategy for the city. We are inviting schools to share their views through our survey: [Peterborough Food Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

This survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will help develop Peterborough's first Food Strategy.

Marc Rowland - Effective Use of the Pupil Premium

We are delighted to have secured Marc Rowland to speak to school leaders on the effective use of the Pupil Premium in early March 2024. Marc is very engaging speaker and an expert in this area and addressing the attainment gap for disadvantaged students. The session is cross phase and open to school staff and governors. Full details can be found using the link below.

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/9e061c34a7.html>

Please book early as places will also be offered to schools in neighbouring Local Authorities early in the New Year.

Training / Events

[Supporting more-able pupils at KS1 with reading into writing](#)

For all Year 1 & 2 Teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Key Stage/ Phase Leaders – **Session 1**
Tuesday 23rd January 2024 - St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School - 14:00 – 17:00 -
Session 2 Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 17:00 - £145 per
person for both sessions - LA maintained schools / £165 per person for both sessions – academies.

[Preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check](#)

For all Maths Subject Leaders, Assessment Leaders or Class Teachers – Thursday 1st February 2024
- Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained
schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Literacy Subject Leader Meeting - Spring Term](#)

For all Literacy/English Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Thursday 8th February 2024 –
Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained
schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Maths Subject Leader Meeting - Spring Term](#)

For all Maths Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Tuesday 13th February 2024 - Weston
Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:30 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person –
academies.

[Leading end of KS2 Writing in-school or cross-school moderation](#)

For all Phase Leaders, subject leaders or those leading KS2 writing moderation in or between
schools – Thursday 15th February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:15 - £79 per
person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

[Writing Moderation for Year groups with no Statutory Assessment of Writing Year 1](#)

For all Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 class teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Assessment
Leaders – Wednesday 28th February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 16:00 - £79
per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Y6 Cambridgeshire English Challenge 2024](#)

Audience: Year 6 teachers and pupils

Aims

To promote an enjoyment of English

To promote a range of English skills in a variety of situations

To engage parents and carers with the expectations of the English curriculum

To book a place please go online <https://cambridge.council.bookingbug.com/home/w2489610> and
look in the tab 'Year 6 Cambridgeshire English Challenge'.

If you have any questions, please email course.booking@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

[Young Carers School Training Registration form](#)

All educational settings. 13th February, 13th March & 23rd April. 9:30-3pm. Various venues across
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. FREE

** Once your school has registered with us as a Young Carers Champion following the link above,
you will have access to more information about the training.**

[Subject Knowledge in RE](#)

Tuesday 30th January 24, 9.00am – 12pm, New Shire Hall Alconbury, £65 LA Schools and £75 Academies.

This course looks at the different types of 'Subject Knowledge' seen in RE in the Primary School. The course will cover what subject knowledge is expected in the classroom by Ofsted and teachers own subject knowledge on different religions.

[PSHE & Personal Development: Preparing for Ofsted](#)

7th March 2024, 1.30pm-4.30pm. Armstrong House, Huntingdon. £70 for subscribing schools, £80 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: PSHE Leads, Personal Development Leads and/or senior leaders in primary schools.

[Training for New or Inexperienced PE Subject Leaders in Primary Schools](#)

29 February 2024 and 19 June 2024 – 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Online. £49

Audience: Teachers and coaches who have been given responsibility for the leadership of PE in primary schools and settings. It is recommended but not essential that you attend both dates as topics will be different.

[Level 5 Certificate in Primary School PE Specialism/Level 6 Award in Primary School PE Subject Leadership](#)

6/8 dates starting 13th February 2024 – 9.30am-4.30pm. Sunley House, Papworth Everard. £1125/£1400

Audience: PE Leads and all teachers in primary school PE. It is also ideal for HLTAs, Tas and sports coaches employed in schools.

Audience: Any teacher, coach or assistant in KS1 and KS2 who teaches dance type activities.

[Developing and evaluating your safeguarding culture](#) (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Governors, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Aspiring Leaders in schools and academies across all phases.

Wednesday 24 January 13.30-15:00 Virtual course, £55 (90-minute course)

[Single Central Record](#) (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Safeguarding Lead Governors in schools and academies across all phases.

Wednesday 28 February 13.30-14.30 Virtual course, £35

[NEW - Managing Complaints \(including serial and unreasonable complaints\)](#) (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Governors in schools and academies across all phases.

Friday 15 March 11.30-12.30 Virtual course, £35

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[Form B guidance and TRAINING submission](#).

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