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Dear Reader

Dear Colleagues

Welcome back and Happy New School Year. By now the summer holidays will I think be somewhat of a distant memory but I hope you feel recharged from the summer. We have had a busy start to the term for admissions, transport and SEND in particular as all service areas had considerable requests come in at the end of the summer term and over the summer holidays. Thanks to colleagues who have supported the services, including those who are helping with providing school

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places. We had over 290 applications come in in August for children who are new to Peterborough and are working through these so your assistance is appreciated. Feedback from colleagues has been that they would welcome a catch up with LA colleagues before half term, so you should have received a Teams invite to a LA Update on Tuesday 17 October at 2 pm. Hope to see you then and if you are unable to make it, don't worry we will put some more on. Please do share with your leadership team if you yourself can't log on at that time.

We aim to give a brief introduction to the team in Peterborough Education Services. We welcome Zoe Lattimer as head of Peterborough's Virtual School. Zoe started with us from the first week of September, taking over from Dee Glover who has retired. We have thanked Dee for all her dedication and commitment over the years. Children in Care and those with a social worker are some of the children who benefit from your commitment, tenacity, understanding and dedication. Schools and education play a hugely significant part in many lives that face challenging and difficult circumstances. I know Zoe is keen to become known to Peterborough schools and staff and will be making introductions as she gets into the role.

Finally, we have had a few queries from schools regarding incidences of COVID-19.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that the current guidance for schools is contained in the link below. I hope this helpful to you.

[Gov.UK Education Hub blog: Latest rules on Covid 19 in schools, colleges, nurseries and other education settings.](#)

Chris Baird

Interim Director of Education

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KS2 Writing and the Outdoors

Improving the quality of pupil's writing remains a regular feature on school development plans to support this goal would you like to learn how to use your school site and other outdoor

experiences to inspire writing? Then this new project is for you!

Working in partnership, Outdoor Education, English & School Improvement Advisers will show you how to develop ideas and activities to impact on KS2 writing, with a particular emphasis on engaging boys. The project will involve undertaking a range of outdoor activities and considering how these could be used to inspire writing. Sessions will be hands-on and interactive and attendees will go outside whatever the weather! For more information contact

English.team@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or Stephen.brown@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Early Help Module (EHM) Newsletter - September Edition

This month's EHM Newsletter focusses on transitions of staff and children following the summer holidays.

It is packed with information on how to make necessary changes on the system and where to go for support with these processes.

We also have a new e-learning site coming soon!

Please follow this link - <https://sway.office.com/tsGqh9U8gJQINAPs?ref=Link>

Council launches budget simulator

An interactive tool that puts residents in the driving seat when it comes to balancing Peterborough City Council's budget has been launched.

The budget simulator gives residents the opportunity to learn more about the breadth of services the council provides, and to have their say on which services matter most to them in the run-up to the authority setting its budget for the coming year.

The council really wants young people to get involved and to have a go at completing the simulator, thereby giving their opinions on where the council spends its money.

As a result, schools are being asked to share the simulator with their students – older children at primary level – and encourage them to have a go.

Further support, including graphics and a presentation, can be provided if helpful. If so, please contact the council's Head of Communications, [Amanda Rose](#) or on 07572 463889.

The budget simulator will be live until the end of Tuesday 31 October 2023 on the [budget simulator challenge page of the Peterborough City Council website](#).

Cambridgeshire and Fenland Evidence Network Seminar: Putting Evidence to work for School Improvement

Have you joined the [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Schools Webinar Series group on Knowledge Hub](#)?

Once you've signed in, if you click on 'Resources' and scroll down, you'll be able to watch the East Cambs and Fenland Evidence Network seminar: Putting Evidence to work for School Improvement. The network explores new ways to support evidence-led practice beyond research schools in rural

settings. You can watch the workshop here:

[Putting Evidence to work for School Improvement](#)

The next Evidence Bites session (#3): Understanding the Role of Story in a Knowledge-rich Curriculum will be held on Tuesday 10 October, 5 pm to 7 pm. The session will feature [Christine Counsell, who will examine what cognitive science can and can't tell us about using story in a curriculum and why this matters for securing curriculum quality.](#)

The session is for all primary and secondary teachers, HoDs, SLT, middle & subject leaders, governors, at Vista Academy, Littleport, CB6 1EW. £15 a ticket or use the code MULTI for discount on 2 tickets.

For more information, please contact: blayfield@robertarkenstall.co.uk

Letter to Headteachers from Chief Medical Officer

Professor Chris Whitty and other senior health professionals have written to Headteachers and Principals with some key messages about pupils with mild illnesses which might be affecting their attendance. The letter includes hyperlinks to information leaflets which may be helpful to share with parent/carers. There is also a link to a document which outlines guidance and responsibilities in relation to supporting pupils where mental health concerns may be affecting school attendance.

We hope that these resources will be helpful.

[Letter to Schools](#)

ELSA study

The East of England NIHR Clinical Research Network are inviting schools to express an interest in becoming involved with the ELSA study on insulin-dependent diabetes. The ELSA study (www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk) is screening children aged 3-13 years to find those at risk of insulin dependent diabetes. If your school would like more information or is interested in becoming involved, please contact your local Clinical Research Network by emailing kate.mccloskey@nihr.ac.uk and Kate will explain the next steps.

Alternatively, contact the East of England NIHR research team via research.eoe@nihr.ac.uk

Creating a Sustainable School - FREE Webinar

creating a sustainable school

Registration is open for the online 'Creating a Sustainable School event', which is being held on Tuesday 17 October at 10.30 am.

Creating a Sustainable School will discuss the path towards net zero and showcase ways that educational buildings can reduce their environmental impact. Sponsored by E. ON, the interactive webinar will examine funding, planning, collaboration and how to embed a sustainable ethos throughout educational institutions. Registration is free of charge to professionals in schools and universities.

[Register for FREE.](#)

Peterborough Positive organise Positively Ghoulish Halloween Trail

Peterborough Positive



Families can take part in a free, spooktacular trick or treat trail around the city centre next month thanks to a one-day event organised by Peterborough Positive – the city's Business Improvement District (BID) – and [Peterborough Museum](#).

The trail will run between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday 21 October, when maps detailing six shops and businesses hiding Halloween characters will be available to pick up from the museum.

Found out more on the [Peterborough Positive website](#).

Parents urged to apply now for September 2024 school places

The application process for children who need a primary or secondary school place in Peterborough for September 2024 has started.

Any child transferring from primary school to secondary school next year must apply for a place by **31 October 2023**.

Children due to start at primary school next September must complete their application by 15 January 2024.

Parents are encouraged to make applications online. Children starting at primary school will be notified on 16 April 2024. Those applying to secondary school will be offered a place on 1 March 2024.

For further information and to apply for places visit [School Admissions](#).

Music Teaching too variable in quality and not given enough time

Ofsted has published a subject report looking at how music is being taught in England's schools.

We'd encourage you to read the main findings and reflect on them with your own school's progress in mind. Peterborough Music Hub would like to remind you and assure you that you are welcome to speak to us or get in contact with us for support and guidance at any point.

Please follow the link below to read the Gov.UK report:

[Music teaching too variable in quality and often not given enough time - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Morag Richardson](#)

Mental Health and Relationships Programme Event 2 - Launching the C&P Mental Health and Relationships Programme

As part of a fully funded, year-long Mental Health and Relationships Programme, we would like to invite primary schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to attend the launch of the programme. School leaders can find out about the resources, events and training opportunities provided and scope out how their school might benefit.

The launch events are held on 10th and 11th October 3.45 - 4.45 pm, online.

Sign up for these events and access resources using [this form](#).

For more information contact [PSHE Service](#) or access our [course brochure](#).

Engaging Fathers in Education Settings and Fathers Reading Every Day (FRED)

Fathers Reading Every Day is a reading-for-pleasure intervention for fathers and their child of any age often delivered through primary schools. It works by encouraging men to read to their child, understand the importance of listening to their child's reading, and share in literacy-benefiting activities for a fixed number of minutes per day for four weeks. Tuesday 10th October, 9:45 am – 3 pm or Thursday 18th January, 9:45 am – 3 pm. Open to all practitioners, especially those working with children, families and parents in conflict. Online. Free of Charge. To book email rpctraining@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

FREE Working with Young Fathers Training

Participants on the course explore barriers to, and enablers of, positive father-child engagement within and across households; the personal and cultural issues which shape how they are perceived (and may perceive themselves); and ways they can be included in work with young mothers, without compromising their autonomy. Monday 6th November, 9:45 am – 3 pm and Tuesday 8th February 2024, 9:45 am – 3 pm. Open to all practitioners, especially those working with children, families and parents in conflict. Online. Free of Charge. To book

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Peterborough SEN and Inclusion (SENI) Services brochure 2023/2024

The [Peterborough SEN and Inclusion \(SENI\) Services brochure for this academic year](#) is a guide to services, with information and FAQs on each service as well as structure charts for the whole service, which have been updated for this academic year. If you have a query regarding the service, you will most likely find the answer in this brochure, ranging from contact details to service information. You can also find a copy of this on the [Local Offer page of the Peterborough City Council website](#).

Join Woodgreen LIVE for World Animal Day with a surprise celebrity!

A local charity, Woodgreen, are part of the Pet Education Partnership, a ground-breaking collaboration between the UK's leading animal welfare organisations: PDSA, RSPCA, Blue Cross, Cats Protection, Dogs Trust, USPCA and SSPCA. Education experts from the Partnership are hosting a free live Zoom event for World Animal Day this year on **Wednesday 4 October**, suitable for all KS2 classes. Find out more and book your class access to this unique event here: [World Animal Day and Me event tickets](#)

Training / Events

[Understanding End of KS1 Expectations in Reading](#)

For all Year 2 teachers including those new to Year 2 or ECTs – Tuesday 3rd October 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) – 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[New to EYFS Training - Session 1](#)

For all Teaching Assistants and Teachers working in the EYFS in schools, Maintained Nurseries and Nurseries managed by schools – Wednesday 4th October 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) – 09:00 – 16:00 - £199 per person - LA maintained schools / £219 per person – academies.

[Maths Subject Leader Meeting: Autumn Term](#)

For all Maths Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Thursday 5th October 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) – 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Leadership of Phonics and Early Reading: Session 1](#)

For all Phonics and Early Years Leaders in schools – Thursday 12th October 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) – 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Literacy/English Subject Leader Meeting: Autumn Term](#)

For all Literacy/English Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Thursday 19th October 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) – 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained

schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[KS2 Assessment of Writing - Developing & Understanding of GDS - Session 1](#)

For all Year 5 & 6 Teachers, KS2 Leaders, ECTs and Senior Leaders – Thursday 2nd November 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) – 13:15 – 16:00 – £159 per person - LA maintained schools / £179 per person – academies.

[SIS – Preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check](#) - Maths tab

Audience: Maths Subject Leaders, Assessment Leads & Year 4 Teachers. Monday 2nd October 2023, 13:30 – 16:00. Face to face training at Over Community Centre. £65 per place for Cambs LA schools & £75 per place for out of county schools, Cambs academies and independent schools

[SIS - Progression in Grammar](#) – English tab

Audience: English Subject Leaders, Middle & Senior Leaders & Class Teachers. Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 13:30 – 16:30. Face to face training at Over Community Centre. £65 per place for Cambs LA schools & £75 per place for out of county schools, Cambs academies and independent schools

[SIS – Developing Practice in English for ECTs and RQTs](#) – English tab

Audience: Early Career Teachers & Recently Qualified Teachers in KS1 and KS2, Tuesday 10th and 17th October 15:30 – 17:30. Online training. Sessions 1 & 2 of 4. £50 per place per session for Cambs LA schools & £65 per place per session for out of county schools, Cambs academies and independent schools

[Energy Stores and Pathways](#)

For secondary teachers. 03 Oct 2023, 16.00 – 18.00, Ormiston Bushfield Academy, from £50 with £35 subsidy available

[End of KS2 Moderation](#)

For primary teachers. 3 sessions starting 05 Oct 2023, 13.00 – 16.00, West Town Primary Academy, from £285 with £185 subsidy available

[Cambridge primary science subject leader network](#)

For primary teachers. 18 Oct 2023, 14.00 – 16.00, remote delivered, from £50

[New to Leading PSHE in Primary & Special Schools](#)

31st October 2023, 9.30am-4.30pm. Armstrong House, Huntingdon. £115 subscribing schools, £135 non-subscribing schools. OR 12th June 2024, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: Those new to leading PSHE, or new to leading the Cambridgeshire Primary Personal Development Programme in primary or special schools.

[Physical Education & School Sport Conference](#)

14th February 2024, 9.30am-4.30pm – Burgess Hall, St Ives. Early Bird offer if booked prior to 1.12.23 – Cambs & Peterborough schools £75, all other schools £90.

Audience: All people involved in delivery of PE & School Sport in Primary, Secondary and SEND schools and settings.

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