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# Peterborough Schools Newsletter

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## Dear Reader

### ILACS Inspection is underway in Peterborough

The second half of the autumn term now finds us at the start of a full Ofsted inspection of Local Authority Children's Services.

Peterborough got the call on Monday 20 November and there are now three weeks of intensive work taking place. The link to the framework is

here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-local-authority-childrens-services-from-2018/inspecting-local-authority-childrens-services#Annex-A>

The first week is spent sending Ofsted a range of evidence

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and information, which the inspection team will review, alongside a range of other information about Peterborough. They will also review the last inspection as well as the more recent focused visits. From the week commencing 27 November they will then spend two weeks on site, talking to children, social workers, other staff and also some designated teachers, and partners to gain a comprehensive view of services and arrangements that help and protect children, children in care, care leavers, and the impact of leaders and managers and the quality of professional practice.

Given the festive holidays in December we expect that the report will be made available towards the end of January 2024. If your setting or school is asked to be involved please do assist. Contact about this will come via the Virtual School.

I am pleased to inform you that Angela Wellings is joining Peterborough week commencing 4th December to cover the Head of SEND and Inclusion whilst we go through permanent recruitment (and thanks to school colleagues who have volunteered to assist with that process). Angela brings a wealth of experience and is excited to be joining Peterborough.

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

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**Great British Bake Off Winner Matty Edgell**

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bake off winner



Congratulations to Matty Edgell from Hampton College on winning The Great British Bake Off 2023. Many of us in Peterborough have followed Matty's progress in the Bake Off Tent over this series. His win is a fantastic achievement and a shining example of the talent in our schools. Well Done Matty!

### HEAR 85258 - the free to use and local mental health text service

NHS HEAR campaign



### **NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough provides HEAR – the free to use mental health text service**

A new local mental health free text messaging support service is available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough having launched on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**HEAR 85258** is being funded by NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, in partnership with the

national service SHOUT. The free to use text service provides real-time support to people who are struggling with their mental health across the county.

When texting the word HEAR to 85258, the person will be connected to a trained volunteer who will offer them calm in a time or place of crisis. During the confidential and anonymous conversation, the texter will be supported while working on a plan of action and signposted to local and national mental health services.

Texting HEAR to 85258 is free, discreet and runs 24/7. It won't appear on a mobile bill and requires no app, data, password, or registration.

**HEAR 85258** is specifically targeted at school staff, students and their families and carers.

For more information visit: [Text HEAR to 85258 | CPICS Website](#)

### DFE Guidance on students attending political protests re The Middle East

The Secretary of [State wrote on 17 October](#) to support schools in securing a safe environment for children, young people and staff in the wake of the Israel Hamas conflict.

Since then we are aware of a small number of cases where students have participated in protests related to the Middle East during school time.

While we understand students may have strong feelings related to world events, the Department is clear that missing school to engage in protests is unacceptable.

We strongly support headteachers and local authorities in setting a clear expectation to parents and children that pupils should be in school, and supporting actions taken to ensure attendance.

This includes recognising that absence to engage in this kind of political activity is considered unauthorised. We also encourage schools to work with local authorities where thresholds are met for enforcement activity, including (where applicable) for fixed penalty notices.

### Stibbington Centre Legacy: Burwell House Outreach

An exciting new, (but familiar) school trip experience is available from January 2024. Burwell House will be running curriculum-based day visits from Nene Valley Railway and Sacrewell Farm following the closure of Stibbington Centre this summer. This includes the extremely popular WWII Evacuation days, with a new opportunity for a train journey at Nene Valley Railway, and a selection of geography, rivers, and habitat days at Sacrewell Farm. The courses will provide a unique, fun day outside the classroom covering areas of the curriculum which may be challenging to cover in school.

For more information and enquiries, please contact: [Burwell.outreach@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Burwell.outreach@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### 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 \(surveymonkeys.com\)](https://surveymonkeys.com/surveys/Peterborough-Food-Survey)

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

### Health Protection Guidance for Education Settings

As we approach the winter months we thought it might be helpful to share the links with the most recent guidance for schools in terms of Health Protection. The second link contains A-Z guidance on specific illnesses including an exclusion table indicating how long staff or pupils should remain off school with specific infections, for example with Scarlet Fever. This table also includes which organisation to contact for support and guidance.

[Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)

[Children and young people settings: tools and resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources)

Details of the East of England Health Protection Team for the East of England are shown below.

#### **UKHSA East of England Health Protection Team**

The Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, IP28 7JX

[EastofEnglandHPT@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:EastofEnglandHPT@ukhsa.gov.uk)

Phone: [0300 303 8537](tel:03003038537)

### Funding for Non-swimmers - Key Stage 3

I have significant funding from Public Health to address the high number of non-swimmers transferring into secondary schools in Yr 7.

Being a non-swimmer is a safeguarding issue, so I can fund interventions put in place for Yr 7s or Yr 8s who are genuine non-swimmers.

If schools set up intervention lessons, I can cover all costs, and can signpost to swimming providers if needed. Please do talk to the appropriate people in your schools (PE Dept, FSM, Pupil Premium, SENCO etc) because we must make our children safe in and near water.

Any questions – please contact [Jan Roberts](mailto:jan.roberts@peterborough.gov.uk)

### Talking Together in Cambridgeshire FREE online Festival of Stories events 21 - 28 February 2024

Schools are invited to experience magical tales, learn how to take

## Festival of Stories



better care of our planet, and join in with nature-focussed activities at three, free online Festival of Stories events.

Booking links for the events will be shared in early January 2024, and more information about the Festival of Stories can be found on our [Festival of Stories webpage](#).



## Flu Vaccination for Secondary School Pupils

The flu vaccination team from Vaccination UK will be returning to some secondary schools in the coming weeks for another flu vaccination session. They are asking that all pupils (who haven't received the flu vaccine already this autumn) attend the session regardless of whether the consent form has been signed and returned. The vaccination team can then contact parents when the child is with them to get verbal consent. Thank you to all the schools who have allowed this, it has been shown to significantly improve uptake in this cohort.

Please remind parents of the date for the next visit for your school and ask them to complete the consent form in advance.

If you have any queries please email.

[cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk)

Kate Rolfe

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Public Health Directorate

Cambridgeshire County Council & Peterborough City Council

**Senior mental health lead training grant update for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough schools 2023/ 2024**

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## senior mental health lead training



More than 40% of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough schools have still NOT claimed their £1,200 grant to train a Senior Mental Health Lead.

To claim the grant, sign up to your chosen course here -

<https://onlinecollections.des.fasst.org.uk/fastform/senior-mental-health-leads>.

Then complete the form here - <https://onlinecollections.des.fasst.org.uk/fastform/senior-mental-health-leads-confirmation>.

\*NEW\* Opportunity to claim a second grant if the trained lead has left!

The application process remains the same as the first-time round with one additional step: when completing the online form, the applicant needs to tick the declaration to confirm the previously trained senior mental health lead at the setting has now moved on from the role.

Full [details of the grant and how to apply](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training) can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training>.

## Training / Events

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

For all Year 2 Teachers including those new to Year 2 or ECTs - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

### [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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 17:00 - **Session 2** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### [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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:15 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

#### [Moving and Handling Young Children](#)

This is an introductory Moving & Handling session aimed at staff in nursery/reception classes within schools.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 13:30 – 14:30

On Microsoft Teams

FREE

#### [Forest School Summer Training](#)

Places still available of the Level 2 Forest School Assistant and Level 3 Forest School Leader training. Find out more by clicking the heading.

#### [Body Image for Primary Schools](#)

13th February 2024, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: PSHE Leads and KS2 teachers in primary schools.

#### [Physical Education & School Sport Conference](#)

14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### [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.

#### [Promoting Inclusivity in your STEM Curriculum](#)

For secondary teachers. 09 Jan 2024, 16.00 – 18.00, Ormiston Bushfield Academy, from £50 with £35 subsidy available

#### [Preparing Pupils for the GCSE Assessment of Practical Skills](#)

For secondary teachers. 17 Jan 2024, 14.00 – 16.00, Swavesey Village College, from £80 with £50 subsidy available

#### [Diagnostic Teaching and Dealing with Misconceptions in Secondary Science](#)

For secondary teachers. 2 sessions starting 07 Mar 2024, 16.00 – 17.00, remote delivered, from



£90 with £60 subsidy available

### [Peterborough Museum Teacher Open Evening](#)

For all teachers, particularly primary history and science leads or those responsible for trips.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 17.00-18.30. Peterborough Museum, free.

[NEW - Managing Complaints - including responding to serial and persistent complaints](#) (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.

Monday 11 December 13.30-14.30 Virtual course, £35

[NEW - Dealing with Challenging Parents](#) (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

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

Monday 11 December 09.30-11.00 Virtual course, £55 (90-minute course)

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

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

Friday 8 December 11.30-12.30 Virtual course, £35

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