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Dear Reader

Healthy Schools Website now on Learn Together

The Healthy Schools Support service provides co-ordinated health and wellbeing support to all schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and is comprised of a network of quality assured, local partner organisations that work in collaboration to provide lesson resources, thematic workshops and assemblies, training, consultancy and focused events on a wide range of health themes from physical activity, healthy eating and mental health to keeping safe, building resilience and developing relationships.

The service also offer an accreditation award scheme for those schools wishing to adopt a whole school approach to health and wellbeing and to both evidence and promote their commitment to

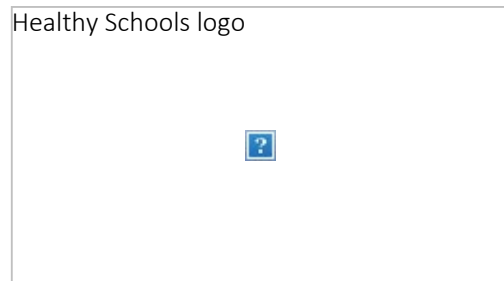
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delivering against the Ofsted Health Education curriculum standards.

To access resources and find out more, visit:

[Healthy Schools Support Service \(Peterborough\)](#)



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Ramadan

The month of Ramadan begins around the 10th March 24. Please use the link to access information and advice on Ramadan for all schools.

[Religious Education - Learn Together \(camblearntogether.co.uk\)](#)

CYP Community Asthma Team

As part of the strategy to improve the outcomes and management of all children with asthma, schools are encouraged to become "Asthma Friendly" by completing a number of checks and establishing required protocols. To date 18 primary schools have already started their journey and another 5 are about to start. Congratulations are, however, in order for Guyhirn Primary School for being the first school to complete the accreditation in November; the school is now working closely with the team to evaluate the process and make recommendations to other schools. In February Leverington Primary Academy also became accredited.

To start the process simply click this <https://forms.gle/pDai7w3YGu2vTaT2A> or contact the team at ccs.cypasthma@nhs.net

In addition to the accreditation scheme, we can also deliver an asthma awareness assembly on request as well as online asthma training to school staff. Find out more here: [CYP Asthma Training Tier 1](#)

We also have the opportunity to be part of a focus group looking at the use of spacer devices and are looking for young people and parent/carers to participate. For more information, click the link on this [Asthma Focus Group document](#)

Please promote this information in your parent newsletters.

Pupil Premium Funding

[Pupil premium](#)

Information on pupil premium funding, how school leaders can use it effectively and pupil premium strategy statements.

The 'Pupil premium: overview' has been updated with information for the 2023 to 2024 academic year, including outlining the funding criteria and adding a link to the allocations and conditions of grant for the 2024 to 2025 financial year. 'Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders' has been updated to add information to the 'purpose of pupil premium' section and improve overall readability.

Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship with QTS - The Cambridge Partnership

Do you currently have a TA/HLTA suitable to train to teach via the Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship route?

Often the main barrier to training is a financial one, where candidates cannot afford to support themselves whilst they train.

Unlike traditional salaried routes, where the school has to pay the tuition fees and a salary, the PGTA tuition fees are funded via the Apprenticeship levy, meaning the only cost to the school is employing them as an unqualified teacher (minimum UQT1) for the duration of the apprenticeship. This makes it an affordable route for both the apprentice and the school.

Many schools are now benefitting from this route, enabling them to 'grow their own teachers' to address the current recruitment crisis in teaching.

To find out more visit the TCP website <https://campartnership.org/which-route/> or email info@campartnership.org Tel: 01223 491630

Teach Peterborough Website

Peterborough City Council has decided not to renew the contract with Speed Agency for the Teach Peterborough Website. This is due to the large majority of schools now preferring to use the Government site. <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/>. In our view this site is maintained to a much higher standard and meets accessibility requirements. This service is well known to those seeking teaching jobs. Teach Peterborough would need further investment to bring it up to higher standard and we do not believe that to be good value for money given that there is a very effective alternative which is widely used by schools and job seekers.

If your school does not already have a user account with the government site, which was not available when Teach Peterborough was developed, please can you set one up for the advertising of future vacancies. We will look at ways in which we can support recruitment via the new Peterborough Learn Together site which is under development. Teach Peterborough will no longer be accessible from the end of this week.

Behaviour Policy and mobile phones in schools

We appreciate that many schools are reporting challenges presented by an increasing number of children with additional needs in relation to managing their behaviour. The DfE have published updated guidance regarding the creation of a behaviour policy. Linked with this information is the updated guidance related to the use of mobile phones in schools. We hope this is helpful to you:

[Behaviour in schools](#)

[Mobile phones in schools](#)

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Teams of four Y5 pupils (1 team per school) can now be booked onto this year's Maths Challenge. Heats start on the 17th April and are both fun and challenging. They are held face to face and take place after school in venues across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Working together, children take part in two general maths rounds, an estimation round and 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 to be held in July. If you are interested in taking part please follow the link. [School Improvement Service online calendar \(bookingbug.com\)](#) using the Year 5 Maths Challenge tab.

Caverstede Hub training - Glue Ear

Glue Ear in Children and Young People

This training aims to raise awareness of glue ear, a common condition among children/young people.

The training will explain what glue ear is and look at some common treatments that are available. It will also explore the impact of glue ear upon children/young people and suggest ways in which we can support children with glue ear within our educational settings.

This training is suitable for anybody working with a child/young person with glue ear 0 - 18 but may be particularly relevant for those working with younger children (where glue ear is known to be more prevalent).

Thursday 21 March 2024; 1.30 – 2.15 pm

On Microsoft Teams – delivered by the LA Sensory and Physical Support Team. Free.

https://www.caverstede.peterborough.sch.uk/website/glue_ear_in_children_and_young_people/681214

Evidence Bites #4 : How children and young people learn

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[How children and young people learn: using what we know about cognitive science to inform practice across the key stages, with Emma Turner](#)

[Wednesday 13th March 5 - 7 pm](#)

Target Audience: All primary and secondary teachers, HoDs, SLT, middle & subject leaders, governors

Venue: Neale-Wade Academy, Wimblington Road, March, PE15 9PX

The East Cambs & Fenland Evidence Network invite you to join us for Evidence Bites #4 - an informal, professionally energising event to meet colleagues, enjoy a bite to eat and hear an inspiring speaker!

£16 a ticket or use the code MULTI for discount on extra tickets.

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

Free Oracy Workshops for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough schools

speakers trust



Anglia Ruskin University are sponsoring free public speaking workshops that build confidence and employability skills in Year 10 students. The workshops are also a tried and tested method of supporting the speaking and listening part of GCSE English Language. A trainer from Speakers Trust, a charity, will deliver the workshop. The offer includes a full-day where students learn how to deliver short speeches, followed by a chance to compete in a Regional Final for the best speakers. Participation is fully funded, including materials and competition entry as well as the trainer's visit to your school. Limited workshops are available, so schools should respond promptly to secure dates. Contact hello@speakerstrust.org for more information.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy survey

Have your say about nature in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough!

Cambridgeshire County Council, in collaboration with Natural Cambridgeshire (Local Nature Partnership) has been delegated the responsibility to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and they would like to hear your views.

Our area is one of the most nature depleted in England and your response to the surveys below will help

develop a strategy to help our county to become a world-class environment where both nature and people can thrive. Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) will set priorities for nature recovery across England. Your input will help to identify existing habitats and species which it is important to conserve, as well as opportunities to increase biodiversity and create a landscape more resilient to climate change and other environmental pressures.

Whether you are an individual that cares about nature in your local area, and/or you are a local group, school or organisation that has an interest in nature recovery, we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas to help shape nature recovery in our county.

LNRS Survey for individuals - <https://forms.office.com/e/gz7th9AkkE>

LNRS Survey for local groups, schools and organisations - <https://forms.office.com/e/2ddKrVgDMV>

Please visit the [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS website](#) for further information and sign up to our newsletter for more regular updates.

Please note the deadline for response is Friday 5th April.

Grafham Water Centre news

Grafham Water Centre, alongside our partners at BinaryFold, are proud to launch our new website, a fresh first stop shop for everything GWC.

The new website can be accessed using the following link: grafham-water-centre.co.uk.

To ensure we offer the best and most accessible offer to our customers and partners, we have also created the following survey which we invite you to fill in to share your thoughts:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hgYcJuXxqs>

As a little sweetener, everyone who completes the survey will have the option to enter a draw to earn 10% off their next day visit.

Thank you in advance for engaging with us – we hope to welcome you to our wonderful site in due course.

Can you volunteer for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity?

Arthur Rank Hospice volunteer



Did you know that Arthur Rank Hospice Charity has over 500 volunteers covering a wide range of roles based in **Cambridgeshire** including **the Fens**. Some may even suit you if you'd like to **volunteer from home!** Many volunteers say they get as much back as they put in. So, if you would like meet new people, enhance your CV, gain new skills or just give back to your community contact Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and become part of **something special!** Find out more at arhc.org.uk/volunteer or email volunteer@arhc.org.uk or telephone 01223 675872.

Swimming Pool Carers and Qualifications

Schools are reminded that they should not operate their pool unless the plant is serviceable and is operated by a qualified and trained, nominated Pool Carer. All staff managing school pools, the operation and upkeep of water treatment plant, chemicals, equipment and water hygiene chemicals **must** be trained on the LA approved course of instruction covering the full scope of their duties.

All Pool managers must obtain the CCC or equivalent Small Pool Operator's Certificate and **must** re-validate this training every 3 years by attending an update seminar.

Full details of the CC Swimming Pool Guidance are available on the [Swimming and Water Safety page of the Learn Together website](#) and upcoming courses are available at this [Physical Education bookings and courses link](#).

For further information please contact Ian Roberts ian.roberts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Cambridge Maths Hub opportunities

The impact which engagement with the Cambridge Maths Hub has had in the Spirit Federation Schools since 2017 cannot be overstated across and I would recommend schools look to see what opportunities are available to support schools with their mathematics curriculum and pedagogy.

[Mastering Number](#) - a project supporting EYFS and KS1 pupils to develop good number sense. Sign up for the 2024-25 programme before 21st March in order to secure 'rekenreks' – a type of abacus to help support pupils' understanding of number.

Please do log on to [Cambridge Maths Hub](#) to find out more about [Teaching for Mastery](#) (apply soon). This is for Primary and Secondary Schools.

Below are is a link to all the different project school can get involved in during 2024-25. Places do get filled up so early expressions of interest are very much encouraged.

[Overview of 2024-25 Projects | CambridgeMathsHub](#)

Kerran Harwood, St John's Church School

The differences between domestic abuse and parental conflict webinar

domestic abuse and parental conflict webinar



You may find yourself supporting a parent and wondering whether the behaviours you are seeing indicate domestic abuse or parental conflict. The two are very different (although can look similar), and it is important that we are able to identify which is happening, and know how respond with the appropriate advice and support.

Family Hubs have commissioned Amity to deliver 3 sessions on this topic

- Wednesday 13th March 9:30 – 11:00
- Tuesday 19th March 13:30 – 15:00
- Thursday 18th April 9:30 – 11:00

Book via - <https://qrco.de/bemjLT>

The Dad Factor - Engaging Fathers in Education Settings

Engaging fathers who are resistant to services

This free online training, which is offered via The Fatherhood Institute, will focus on the cohort of fathers who are described as 'Hard to Reach' or resistant to services. The session will unpick the evidence behind this, explore why, and how, fathers may resist engagement. We will work on strategies to lower resistance, including the use of motivational interviewing techniques to support relationship-based practice with fathers.

- Monday 11 March, 10 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 12 March, 10 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 14 March, 12.30 pm – 3 pm

Online. Free of Charge. Book - rpctraining@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Join the team at Woodgreen Pets Charity!

Woodgreen



Are you passionate about pets? Would you like to play a vital part in inspiring the future generation of pet owners? Woodgreen Pets Charity are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join their team who lead and deliver interactive and educational activities on pet welfare to schools and youth clubs. It's a fulfilling and exciting role offering a chance to make a real difference to pets and people in the community!

If this sounds like you, please follow the link below and fill in an application form, and a member of the Woodgreen team will contact you.

[MyImpactPage - Educational Delivery Volunteer \(betterimpact.com\)](https://betterimpact.com)

Online healthier relationship courses for parents

Peterborough Family Hubs Team will be delivering Arguing Better via Teams for parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner. This will be a group delivery.

Arguing Better – designed to raise awareness of the impact parental conflict can have on children and help parents develop better ways of managing stress and arguments together. This course is designed for parents who are living together.

Wednesday 17 April 18:30 - 19:30 & Wednesday 24th April 18:30 - 19:30. Free of Charge. For more

information please email rpctraining@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Parents Booking Form - <https://forms.office.com/e/J2sVr8V9km>

Courses for Religious Education

Over the coming months there are a variety of RE courses available for all primary schools.

Subject Knowledge in RE – May 2nd 9.00am – 12.00 pm – New Shire Hall

The New Agreed Syllabus – May 22nd 3.30 – 5.00pm – Via Teams

Assessment and the New Agreed Syllabus – May 23rd 9.00am – 12.00pm New Shire Hall

Writing a Curriculum with Story – 5th June 3.30 – 5.00pm – Via Teams

Network meeting – 12 June – 3.45 – 4.45pm – Via Teams

Creative RE – 2nd July 9.00am – 12.00pm – New Shire Hall

[Bookings and Reservations for Religious Education Service courses and events](#)

Free RE Training - New Agreed Syllabus

Training to be held on 19th March, 3.30 - 5.00 pm at St Michaels Church School, Constantine Drive, Peterborough, PE2 8SZ.

Free to all Peterborough schools. To book a place please contact [Amanda Fitton](#)

NATRE RE meeting

A Cambridgeshire NATRE RE meeting is being held on **Wednesday 13 March** at Thorndown Primary School, Hill Rise, St Ives, PE27 6SE, 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm.

To find out more and to book a place please email [Charlotte Newman](#)

Training / Events

[EYFS Phase Leader Meetings - Spring Term](#)

For all Early Years Foundation Stage Leaders and Senior Leaders/Head Teachers in Schools - Tuesday 12th March 2024 - The Fleet Community Centre - 13:30 - 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies

[Writing Moderation for Year groups with no Statutory Assessment of Writing Year 5](#)

For all Year 5 class teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Assessment Leaders - Wednesday 13th March 2024 - The Fleet Community Centre - 14:00 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session - academies

[Year 2 Assessment/Moderation Workshop: Writing](#)

For all Year 2 Teachers who are new to Y2, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Key Stage / Phase Leaders - Thursday 14th March 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 -16:00 - £79 per person per session -

LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies

[Year 2 Assessment/Moderation Workshop: Reading](#)

For all Year 2 Teachers who are new to Y2, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Key Stage / Phase Leaders - Friday 22nd March 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 09:15 - 12:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies

[KS2 Assessment of Writing - Session 2: Moderation Workshop](#)

For all Year 6 Teachers, ECTs, KS2 Leaders and Senior Leaders - Tuesday 26th March 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies

[Year 2 Assessment/Moderation Workshop: Maths](#)

For all Year 2 Teachers who are new to Y2, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Key Stage / Phase Leaders – Thursday 25th April 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 - 16:00 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies

[Making Effective Use of Pupil Premium with Marc Rowland \(Cross Phase\)](#)

For all Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers, Pupil Premium Leaders, Link Governors for the Pupil Premium and any other person interested in improving educational outcomes for the disadvantaged. The session is relevant to Nursery, Primary and Special Schools – **New date Tuesday 11th June 2024** - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 16:00 - 17:45 - £20 for one delegate and £15 for each additional delegate from the same school - LA maintained schools. £25 for one delegate and £20 for each additional delegate from the same school – academies.

[Practical Approaches to Teaching PSHE](#)

19th March 2024, 9.30am-12.30pm. Armstrong House, Huntingdon. £70 for subscribing schools, £80 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: ECT's, or primary teachers looking for practical ways of teaching PSHE & Citizenship.

[Data Logging without Data Loggers](#)

For Primary computing and science teachers Tuesday 26 March, 16:15 – 17:15 Remote, Free.

[Introduction to the Micro:bit at Key Stage 2](#)

For Primary teachers of Computing, Tuesday 23rd April, 15:45 – 17:15 Wheatfields Primary School, St Ives, Free

[Getting Started with the Computing Quality Framework](#)

For Primary Computing Subject Leaders, Wednesday 27 March, 15:45 – 17:15 Remote, Free

[Physical Activity in EYFS and KS1 Every Child a Mover](#)

18th March 2024 – 9.30am-4.30pm. Papworth Village Hall, Papworth Everard. Cambridgeshire maintained school £140, all academies and non-Cambridgeshire maintained schools £162.

Audience: Teachers, coaches and assistances in KS1 7 KS2

[Hello Big School](#)

This session is aimed at School SENCOs, Reception class teachers in Peterborough.

The session will offer ideas to support successful SEND transitions into your school from an Early Years setting.

Tuesday 19th March 2024; 3.30 – 4.30pm

On Microsoft Teams. FREE.

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