

# Suffolk Virtual School Newsletter - Summer Term 2024

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Welcome back! It's hard to believe that we have already reached the summer term of this academic year.

Your support for our children and young people this year has been phenomenal, as ever, and we would like to thank you for the hard work and care that you invest in ensuring that our children have positive educational experiences.

## Feedback from the spring term ePEP quality assurance process

The spring term ePEPs were a reflection of the strong practice in place for our children. The Live Records and Provision tabs continue to be a real strength of the ePEPs and it has been a real pleasure to read about each child's experience of education and the impact of the support and interventions in place. Thank you.

If we could just highlight one area for the summer term – we know that lots of thought goes in to putting together the plan each term for each child. We would ask that all actions and decisions that shape the plan are recorded in the Planning and Pupil Voice tab. You can select a range of meeting options from the dropdown menu (e.g. PEP meeting, Transition meeting, Professionals meeting).

We recognise that some parts of the plan will be decided upon outside of formal meetings (for example, conversations between staff or with the child or their social worker) and these should also be recorded in the tab, using the *Actions/Decisions agreed outside of formal meeting* option in the dropdown menu.

To access the feedback on each ePEP, please go to the pupil's Document section and click to open the Word version of the spring term ePEP. It will open as a continuous document and the evaluation page will be just before the new summary page.

The submission date for summer ePEPs is Friday 5 July.

## Suffolk Virtual School Conference – Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 June 2024, Trinity Park Ipswich

We are very excited about our forthcoming conference and invite you to join us. The first day has a primary education focus; the second day will focus on secondary education, including transition into Post 16. The different focus has helped us to shape each day around specific issues relating to the particular phase of education and to enable you to get the most out of the event. You are welcome to attend either or both days.

We are pleased to share further details of each day:

### **Primary Education: Tuesday 11 June**

Our morning keynote speaker is Ruth Swailes. Ruth has worked as a School Improvement Advisor, Inspector, Early Years Advisor, strategic lead and consultant in several Local Authorities and has a proven track record of supporting leaders and teachers to improve outcomes for children. Her second book, co-authored with Dr Aaron Bradbury, "A child-centred Early Years" will be published in September. She writes regularly for Early Years Educator and Yorkshire Bylines.

Ruth will be focusing upon how the curriculum can be used to support vulnerable learners.

Our afternoon speaker is Stephanie Fitzgerald. Stephanie is the founder of the award-winning DESTY emotional resilience programme (<https://www.educationdesty.com/>). She will be talking about building emotional resilience in the face of trauma.

### **Secondary Education: Wednesday 12 June**

Our keynote speaker is Tara Elie, senior lecturer in education and a behaviour specialist from the team at 'When the Adults Change'. <https://www.positivelynoticed.com/tara-elie>  
Our afternoon session will focus on 'Seeing potential, building futures'; how we can all help to prepare our children for life beyond school. Colleagues from the John Lewis Partnership, local universities and Suffolk County Council's very own Family Business apprenticeships for care leavers scheme will be contributing.

Alongside these speakers, there will be a range of workshops covering a wide range of topics with lots of practical tips and advice to take back to your setting.

To sign up, please click on the link below. There is no charge to attend the conference. Registration begins at 9am, with a 9.30am start. Each day will finish at 3.30pm.



Please find attached flyer for the event which you can share with colleagues who may wish to attend.

## Summer term DT professional development network sessions

Alongside our conference we have our regular professional development sessions for DTs.

Session	Date	Times
Planning for Transitions	Tuesday 23 April	10 – 10.45am and repeated at 3.45 – 4.30pm
Using the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire to promote outcomes	Tuesday 7 May	10 – 10.45am and repeated at 3.45 – 4.30pm
Early Years	Tuesday 21 May	10 – 10.45am and repeated at 3.45 – 4.30pm
Summer term ePEP check-in	Tuesday 18 June	10 – 10.45am and repeated at 3.45 – 4.30pm

Please complete the booking form below to reserve a place on the summer term sessions.

[Summer term 2024 DT training booking form](#)

## Online learning modules for Designated Teachers

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