

Our aims

In partnership with education providers, families, communities and businesses, we will enable:

- Every child to achieve their full potential
- Every child to attend a good or outstanding provider
- Every child to have the best preparation for life before and beyond school

How we will measure our success

- Increased achievement at ages 5, 11, 16 and 18
- Reduced attainment gap between disadvantaged and other pupils, at ages 5, 11, 16 and 18
- Increased percentage of schools and education providers rated good or outstanding by Ofsted
- Reduced unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds

Looking forward, what Raising the Bar success looks like in 2017

Our education system is enabling all children and young people to reach their potential and is delivering wider benefits for Suffolk: Children and young people in Suffolk are achieving good results at every stage of their education. All Suffolk schools, early years and other education providers are judged good or outstanding. Families and communities support and encourage learning outside of school, and before children start school. Children from disadvantaged backgrounds are achieving

at the same level as their peers. Suffolk children and young people are aspirational in their future ambitions. Young people are well informed and ready to enter the world of work. Employers are engaging with young people in all schools and education providers. There are more high quality apprenticeships and graduate internships. The growth of Suffolk's economy is accelerating as a result of the improved education system.

Suffolk has a strong reputation for its education system and is recognised as a national leader for good practice: There is strong leadership and governance throughout our education system and effective school to school support. More high calibre teachers and leaders are working in Suffolk schools because of excellent education recruitment and workforce development. Suffolk County Council's Education and Learning team is challenging schools and providers, and is delivering fast and

Raising the Bar Priorities 2015-2017

1 Effective and timely school improvement

Objectives

- 1) Further embed the system for monitoring achievement in all schools, to identify schools at risk of declining and intervene more rapidly where necessary #02
- 2) Strengthen target setting to ensure that targets set by schools, especially for disadvantaged children, are aspirational and link to County targets #01
- 3) Increase access for education leaders to high quality support and challenge from County Council services #05
- 4) Further develop the role of County Council officers to monitor, support and challenge schools #06

Changes we will see

- New structure and approach for Education and Learning Team
- Increased pace of interventions in schools at risk of declining
- Aspirational targets set at school and countywide level
- The gap will be reduced between disadvantaged pupils and other pupils
- Local Area Education and Learning Plans

Priority Lead: Adrian Orr

2 Strong school to school support

Objectives

- 1) Establish the School to School Support Partnership, to give education leaders access to high quality school to school support #05
- 2) Develop with school leaders a cohesive strategy to support leadership, teaching and learning #04
- 3) Foster innovation in teaching and learning, by investing in and sharing good practice
- 4) Promote excellence in teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects to support our economic growth sectors

Changes we will see

- Launch of the School to School Support Partnership
- Launch of good practice website
- More teaching schools
- New partnership with Education Endowment Foundation

Priority Lead: Carol Hitchman

3 Excellence in leadership and governance

Objectives

- 1) Embed a new workforce strategy:
 - a) Develop 'Teach Suffolk' brand to attract high quality teachers into Suffolk
 - b) Build schools' capacity to recruit and manage new talent pipelines
 - c) Invest in developing school leaders at all levels, from newly qualified teachers to headteachers
- 2) Provide effective support to enable governors in schools and committees in early years providers to challenge performance and attainment #02

Changes we will see

- New 'Teach Suffolk' brand
- Suffolk initiative to recruit new school talent
- Growing Leaders programme, with bursaries for leadership development
- Relunched Suffolk governors programme

Priority Lead: Julia Dolan

4 Developing aspirations with families, communities and businesses

Objectives

- 1) Build aspirations among young people and their families
- 2) Extend the opportunities for family learning in the community
- 3) Further increase involvement of businesses to support young people
- 4) Work in partnership with the voluntary and community sector to strengthen their role in supporting educational attainment, including through the Raising the Bar Community Fund
- 5) Encourage all parents to be actively involved in their children's education

Changes we will see

- Launch of 'ICanBeA' website to support work inspiration
- Launch of Careers and Enterprise Advisor programme
- Launch of New Anglia LEP Youth Pledge Mark recognising businesses
- More Families First Awards

Priority Lead: Judith Mobbs

5 Clear strategy and communication (enabling priority)

Objectives

- 1) Develop a clear strategy and plan for Raising the Bar 2015-17
- 2) Improve the effectiveness of communications and consultation with education providers #03
- 3) Review and strengthen the Raising the Bar communications strategy with internal and wider stakeholders
- 4) Build the national profile of Suffolk education
- 5) Promote local and national awards to celebrate the excellence of education in Suffolk

Changes we will see

- New Raising the Bar 2015-2017 strategy and plan
- Improved communications and consultations
- Increased recognition of excellence at a local and national level

Priority Lead: Hanna Dale