

**Essex Primary Headteachers' meetings  
Autumn Term 2021  
AGENDA**

**MID: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
The Lion Inn, Boreham, CM3 3JA**

<b>Welcome from Dawn Dack (Mid Area Chair) and Clare Kershaw (Director of Education)</b>	<b>9.00 – 9.10</b>
<b>Local Authority Education Team</b> <i>LA Updates on:</i> Strategic Aims 2021/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work of the Taskforce</li> <li>• SEND Strategy</li> <li>• ECC resettlement of refugees</li> <li>• Safeguarding</li> <li>• Early Years Strategy</li> <li>• School Partnership refresh and relaunch</li> <li>• Assessment and Moderation</li> </ul>	9.10 – 10.30
<b>COFFEE</b>	10.30 – 10.55
<b>EPHA Area Meeting – Dawn Dack, MEPHA Chair</b> Including feedback about the outcome of the wellbeing survey conducted by EPHA and a discussion about proposed support for headteachers. <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> we will observe a 2 minute silence at 11.00 am for Armistice Day.	10.55 – 11.15 Including a 2 minute silence at 11.00 am
<b>Managing parental complaints - Natasha Taylor</b> One of the huge stresses for headteachers is the impact of parental complaints – and particularly those that becomes personal and persistent. This item considers how parental complaints can be managed, and considers what measures could be taken to avoid a complaint escalating in the first place. Natasha Taylor is a senior lawyer specialising in education law, working for Essex Legal Services.	11.15 – 12 noon
<b>Using the apprenticeship levy to benefit your school</b> Sharon Hockley, National College of Education Millions of pounds of schools' Apprenticeship Levy is being recouped by the Treasury – literally millions! A recent FOI request revealed that over £3m from just 3 Local Authorities' schools' Apprenticeship Levy funding had been returned to Rishi Sunak's coffers. The NCE is offering senior leaders the chance to access a L7 Masters programme through their January 2022 cohort. It can be fully paid for by the Levy. Sharon Hockley will explain how the funding can be accessed and used by headteachers.	12.00 - 12.15
<b>LUNCH</b>	12.15 – 1.00
<b>Juniper Payroll</b> A meeting with Gavin Freed, CEO of Juniper Education, to discuss the challenges as a result of the transfer of the payroll contract with ECC, and what measures are in place to resolve any continuing issues.	1.00 – 1.45