

Essex Primary Headteachers' meetings
Summer Term 2025
AGENDA

MID: Thursday 19th June 2025
The Lion Inn, Main Road, Boreham, CM3 3JA

Welcome from Dawn Dack (Mid Area Chair) and Clare Kershaw (Director of Education)	9.00 – 9.05 am
Local Authority Education Team Director's update – Clare Kershaw	9.05 am
Banding update – Ralph Holloway	9.45 am
STAY Project update – Ondrea Bloom	9.55 am
Update on Educational Psychology in Essex – Stephen Whitfield Roundtable discussion – to receive feedback and comments on the strategic planning for the EP Service.	10.20 am
Coffee break	10.40 am
Apprenticeship Levy and opportunities for schools Lorretta Wiltshire and Hannah O'Brien (ECC Apprenticeship and Employer Engagement) will join us to discuss apprenticeship opportunities, and how schools (both maintained and academy) can access the levy, and an Apprenticeship Support Fund. This ties in with the Year of Opportunity that is being rolled out across Essex.	11.10 am
Smartphone Free Childhood Jordana Lynch and Geoff Woollgar will join us to talk about their mission, to make schools Smartphone free. Heads and teachers have a uniquely powerful role to play in changing the norm in their school communities. When schools act, parents listen. And when schools go smartphone free, it benefits children not just during the school day, but in their wider lives too. Because childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone. https://smartphonefreeschools.co.uk/	11.40 am
“Let's Talk Trash” 'Let's Talk Trash' is a unique, high-energy festival designed to engage young people through exciting, hands-on experiences that raise awareness about the impact of litter and waste on climate change. Open to schools across Essex, this free event is packed with fun, educational activities that inspire students to think differently about waste – from recycling and reusing to repairing and reducing. The festival is open to Year 6 and 7 pupils, and will take place at Braxted Park on Tuesday 23 rd September, from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.	12 noon
EPHA Area Meeting – Dawn Dack, MEPHA Chair Including the area Chair's report, Annual General Meeting and EPHA updates.	12.10 pm
Close of EPHA meeting Lunch	12.30 pm

Safeguarding forum In the afternoon Jo Barclay will run the termly safeguarding forum meeting – headteachers are very welcome to stay on and attend, and other DSLs from schools across the area will join the meeting. There is an alternative online option, taking place on Monday 23rd June 2025, from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Please book a place via Education Essex.	1.30 – 4.00 pm
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