

**Essex Primary Headteachers' meetings  
Summer Term 2025  
AGENDA**

**NORTH EAST: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Colchester Football Stadium, Colchester, CO4 5UP**

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| <b>Welcome from Nick Hutchings (North East Area Chair) and Clare Kershaw (Director of Education)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>9.00 am</b> |
| <b>Local Authority Education Team</b><br><b>Director's update</b> – Clare Kershaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9.05 am        |
| <b>Banding update</b> – Ralph Holloway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9.40 am        |
| <b>STAY Project update</b> – Ondrea Bloom                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9.50 am        |
| <b>Essex Air Ambulance</b><br><b>Adam Carr</b> , Adam Carr, Clinical Community Lead for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance,<br>Essex and Herts Air Ambulance is rolling out CPR Smart, an initiative to train CPR Champions in Essex primary schools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10.05 am       |
| <b>Update on Educational Psychology in Essex</b> – Stephen Whitfield<br>Roundtable discussion – to receive feedback and comments on the strategic planning for the EP Service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10.25 am       |
| <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10.40 am       |
| <b>Apprenticeship Levy and opportunities for schools</b><br>Allison Aagaard - Apprentice and Employer Engagement Officer, 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       |
| <b>Smartphone Free Childhood</b><br>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.<br><a href="https://smartphonefreeschools.co.uk/">https://smartphonefreeschools.co.uk/</a> | 11.40 am       |
| <b>'Let's Talk Trash'</b><br>'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.<br>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 <sup>rd</sup> September     | 12 noon        |
| <b>EPHA Area Meeting – Nick Hutchings, NEEPHA Chair</b><br>Including the area Chair's report, Annual General Meeting and EPHA updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12.10 pm       |

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| <b>Close of EPHA meeting</b><br><b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12.30 pm       |
| <b>Safeguarding forum</b><br>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.<br><br>There is an alternative online option, taking place on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025, from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Please book a place via Education Essex. | 1.30 – 4.00 pm |