

Essex Primary Headteachers' meetings

Essex County Council

Summer Term 2025

AGENDA

WEST: Wednesday 18th June 2025

Manor Suite, Manor of Groves, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0JU

Welcome from Chris Jarmain (West Area Vice-Chair) and Clare Kershaw (Director of Education)	9.00 am
Local Authority Education Team Director's update – Clare Kershaw	9.05 am
Banding update – Ralph Holloway	9.40 am
STAY Project update – Ondrea Bloom	9.50 am
Essex Air Ambulance Adam Carr , Adam Carr, Clinical Community Lead for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance, Essex and Herts Air Ambulance is rolling out CPR Smart, an initiative to train CPR Champions in Essex primary schools.	10.05 am
Update on Educational Psychology in Essex – Stephen Whitfield Roundtable discussion – to receive feedback and comments on the strategic planning for the EP Service.	10.25 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
EPHA Area Meeting – Chris Jarmain, WEPHA 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 23 rd June 2025, from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Please book a place via Education Essex.	1.30 – 4.00 pm

