

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

**NORTH EAST: Wednesday 12th November 2025
Colchester Football Stadium, Colchester, CO4 5UP**

Welcome from Nick Hutchings (North East Area Chair) and Clare Kershaw (Director of Education)	9.00 – 9.10 am
Local Authority Education Team Director's LA updates – Clare Kershaw, Director for Education	9.10 – 9.40 am
Attendance table discussion Led by the Heads of Education	9.40 – 10.00 am
Strategic updated: Ofsted's renewed inspection framework Peter Stonier, Senior HMI, Ofsted	10.00 – 11.00 am
Mid-morning tea/coffee break	11.00 – 11.30 am
Threatening incidents and harassment in schools Janet Bloomfield, Child Centred Policing Team Manager for Essex police, will attend the meeting to explain what support are the police are able to offer schools when criminal incidents take place. Jan will outline what constitutes a reportable incident, where to seek advice, and how to report an incident.	11.30 – 11.50 am
Reintegration of excluded pupils into mainstream schools CSS has been commissioned by the Local Authority to support the reintegration of pupils across Essex, currently not sitting on a school roll, back into local mainstream schools as a one-year pilot project starting after half term. These young people have previously been permanently excluded, and are currently receiving Individual Packages of Educational Support (IPES). Steve Phillips, CSS Deputy Head of Service, will attend to explain the suggested proposal.	11.50 – 12 noon
Primary Science Teaching Trust Alison Trew, Regional Mentor & Project Lead, will share information about how the PSTT can support primary schools with developing their science provision	12 noon – 12.10 pm
EPHA Area Meeting – Nick Hutchings, NEEPHA Chair EPHA update, including a discussion of the EPHA priorities for the year ahead and the potential impact of Local Government Reorganisation – what do headteachers want EPHA to look like in the future?	12.10 – 12.30 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 Thursday 20 th November 2025, from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Please book a place via Education Essex.	1.30 – 4.00 pm