

EPHA Meetings Academic Year 2016/2017

Spring term 2017

SOUTH	Wednesday 22 February	Holiday Inn, Basildon
N-EAST	Thursday 23 February	Colchester Stadium
WEST	Wednesday 1 March	Weston Homes Takeley
MID	Thursday 2 March	Chelmsford City Football Club

Summer term 2017

SOUTH	Wednesday 14 June	Holiday Inn, Basildon
N-EAST	Thursday 15 June	Colchester Stadium
WEST	Wednesday 21 June	Weston Homes Takeley
MID	Thursday 22 June	Chelmsford City Football Club

Meetings start at **9.00 am** and *please* book out the whole day to ensure you benefit from the EPHA and Local Authority input. The agendas will be emailed to schools at least a week in advance of the meeting, and are available on the EPHA website.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided free at the meetings.

Contact your Area Chair or the EPHA Professional Officer with any concerns, questions or issues you would like to discuss with colleagues.

Why don't you consider taking advantage of the termly briefings delivered to groups of heads by the EPHA Professional Officer, which will keep you up to date with information on Ofsted, the DfE, safeguarding, the LA and much more? Ten clusters across the county are already running these free sessions and headteachers are enjoying the benefits of receiving up to date information each term.

Preparing for the

General Data Protection Regulation

Many of you will have picked up information about the impending change to the Data Protection framework; in brief, the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) will be replaced on 25th May 2018 with the new General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR). This introduces far more stringent requirements for Data Controllers, which includes all schools.

Lauri Almond, Business Consultant for ECC Information Governance Operations, will attend the four summer term headteacher meetings in June to ensure that heads are aware of the duty and have started to put arrangements in place to meet their responsibilities. EPHA will also be organising more detailed training across the county, and we will let you know where and when that will take place. In the meantime, download the ICO 12 steps document from the EPHA website to start raising your awareness of the new regulations.

<http://essexprimaryheads.co.uk/files/preparing-for-the-general-data-protection-regulation-12steps-ico.pdf>

Termly meeting with Local Authority officers

The EPHA Executive met with Clare Kershaw and other LA Officers on 26 January 2017. The agenda included:

- Information about the budget for 2017/18
- The current review of education services
- A focus on safeguarding, particularly during inspection and the impact of complaints to Ofsted

At the **EPHA Executive meeting** earlier in the day, headteachers discussed:

- ✓ EPHA priorities for 2016/17, including headteacher well-being and the future of primary services
- ✓ Collaboration with the Emotional Wellbeing Mental Health Service, and how support can be offered to schools

The minutes of the Executive meetings are available on the EPHA website

<http://essexprimaryheads.co.uk/meetings>

Executive Director report

Nigel Hookway, the EPHA Executive Director, is focusing on key issues that are affecting all Essex primary-phase schools and, in particular, the continuing squeeze on budgets. He has circulated a letter which we would like all heads to send to their MPs, and has attended a meeting in Westminster with Essex MPs to discuss EPHA's concerns.

You can contact EPHA through the website

www.essexprimaryheads.co.uk

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Harriet Phelps-Knights EPHA Chair,
via Janet Duke Primary

EPHA CONFERENCE NEWS

HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE Friday 17 March 2017
Stock Brook Country Club, Nr Billericay – *key note speakers, Sir John Jones and Andy Buck.*

There are very few places left, so please contact Pam Langmead immediately if you would like to attend.

DEPUTY HEADS' CONFERENCE Friday 6 October 2017
Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester