

**Essex Primary Headteachers' meetings
Spring Term 2022
AGENDA**

**NORTH EAST: Wednesday 2nd March 2022
Colchester Football Stadium, United Way, Colchester, CO4 5UP**

Tea and Coffee on arrival	8.45 - 9.15
Welcome new & existing colleagues – Nick Hutchings, North East Area Chair	9.15
<p>HOLDING FIRM TO WHAT MATTERS: THE PROFESSIONAL IMPERATIVE Professor Mick Waters</p> <p>The last couple of years have been incredibly challenging for everyone connected with schooling. The levels of demand on individuals have been significant and maintaining a healthy and optimistic outlook is vital for both sustaining teams and planning future development. So many have recognised the important role that schools play within their community and, as we move forward, there is a growing awareness of the possibility of meeting the future with a renewed emphasis upon hope, ambition and collaborative partnerships.</p> <p>This session will reflect on the role of leadership in moving the learning agenda forward at a time of challenge whilst showing due care for all colleagues and ourselves. Of course, what matters most is children's learning and the session will explore issues to do with how teachers can be supported in effective teaching and implementing the intent of curriculum. The session will be thoughtful, practical and positive and will refer to some of the issues raised in Mick's very recent book (written with Tim Brighouse) called 'About Our Schools: improving on previous best'.</p> <p>Mick Waters has consistently been a down-to-earth voice in the increasingly complex world of education for many years. He has regularly endeared himself to school communities in the UK and overseas by talking the sort of sense they needed to hear - practical, challenging, inspiring, insightful, engaging. His unique perspective, closeness to the classroom and ability to see innovation in terms of its impact on learners mean his views are always worth listening to.</p>	 <p>9.20 -10.45</p>
Coffee/tea – networking with colleagues	10:45 - 11.15
Holding firm to what matters –continued	11.15 – 12.00 noon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPHA update • Dates of meetings coming up 	12.00 noon – 12.30
Buffet Lunch	12.30- 1.30