

**Essex Primary Headteachers' meetings  
Spring Term 2026  
AGENDA**

**WEST: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Manor Suite, Manor of Groves, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0JU**

<b>Welcome from Chris Jarmain (West Area Chair) and Clare Kershaw (Director of Education)</b>	<b>9.00 – 9.10 am</b>
<b>Local Authority Education Team</b> Director's LA updates – Clare Kershaw, Director for Education	9.10 – 9.40 am
<b>South Y6-7 Transition Project:</b> Key Insights & Strategies Mat Harper, Headteacher Beauchamps High School	9.40 – 10.10 am
<b>Year of Opportunity</b> Robin Harbord, Strategy and Development Lead/ Gareth Honeyford, Strategy and Development Lead	10.10 – 10.25 am
<b>Quadrant update</b> Assistant Director/ Head of Education/ Quadrant Manager SEND	10.25 – 10.40 am
<b>Mid-morning tea/coffee break</b>	10.40 – 11.00 am
<b>Anglia Ruskin University teacher training programme</b> Dr Leanne Grey joins us to share information about the ARU B.Ed teacher training programme, and how schools can get involved by hosting placement trainees.	11.00 – 11.10 am
<b>Essex Road Safety Education</b> Eleni Kyriacou, Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity Lead, will introduce her team, remind us of the importance of road safety in education settings and the free life changing interventions they offer to all schools.	11.10– 11.20 am
<b>EPHA Area Meeting – Chris Jarmain, WEPHA Chair</b> EPHA update, including discussion and feedback from any colleagues who have been inspected under the renewed Ofsted framework.	11.20 – 11.45 am
<b>HR update</b> Nicki Harris (Juniper HR) will attend the meeting to give an update on anticipated employment law changes, and advice on managing complaints about staff. In this session the EPHA Professional Officer will also explain changes to the EPHA model Complaints Policy, which schools may choose to adopt.	11.45 – 12.15 pm
<b>Close of EPHA meeting Lunch</b>	12.15 pm
<b>Safeguarding forum</b> 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	1.30 – 4.00 pm

join the meeting.

There is an alternative online option, taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026, from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Please book a place via Education Essex.