Hampshire County Council

Improvement and Advisory Service

# District Headteacher Briefings

## Autumn 2 2026

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**Please read all slides for full information**

**Slides with actions are hyper-linked and relevant action is highlighted on the slide**

# Local headteacher updates – Eastleigh

## New headteacher

- Natalie White – Freegrounds Infant (Jan ’27)

## Acting/Interim heads

- Jim Hartley – Fair Oak Jnr
- Susannah Holmes – Freegrounds Inf
- Nikki Wilson – Shakespeare Jnr
- Ali Lloyd – Scantabout (from Jan ’27)
- Vicky Holland and James Taylor (supported by Amanda Greenwood) – Netley Abbey Fed

## Headships

- Scantabout (April ’27)
- Stoke Park Infant (Sept ’27)

# Local headteacher updates – Winchester

## New Headteacher

- Marissa Ballard – Twyford St Mary's

## Acting/Interim heads (Jan 27)

- Rebecca Corrigan – St Bede
- Amy Randell – West Meon

## Headships

- St Bede CofE (September 27)

# Education and Inclusion update




From January 2027 **School Communication:** Changes to the leadership arrangements within Hampshire's Education and Inclusion Service;

**Lead Education County Manager** - Jean Thorpe; responsibility for primary, secondary, post-16
**Assistant County Education Managers** - Primary Martyn Beales (+ a SIM district)
- Secondary Helen Dear (+ a SIM district)

- Recruitment now to add to the wider team of School Improvement Managers, PSHE work, Primary Phase Inspectors
- Any district changes of SIM will be shared asap
- Jean – liaising with Chairs of Heads Exec to ensure support for all headteachers remains strong and aligned to their needs; meeting dates and conferences are diarised.
- New School Improvement Manager (SIM) and Advisers to the SEND team …. watch this space…

# Assessment Update

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# Key assessment dates

## Phonics

- March – Test administration guidance published
- 17 May – 21 May – Phonics materials delivered to schools
- 7 June – 25 June – LA to carry out monitoring visits
- June 14 – Phonics materials available to download from NCA Portal

Phonics screening check: assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA) - GOV.UK

## KS2

- January 8 – deadline for academies to confirm on NCA Portal if they are using a non-geographic LA
- February 8 – Pupil registration opens on NCA portal for KS2 SATs and early opening (March 5 deadline)
- April 26 – April 30 – KS2 test materials arrive
- May 4 – May 21 – LAs carry out SATs monitoring visits
- May 14 – LA to inform schools if selected for KS2 writing moderation

2027 key stage 2 assessment and reporting arrangements - GOV.UK

# National Curriculum Assessment Portal

**About the NCA Portal**

The NCA Portal is a secure website that supports primary schools, local authorities and MATs with the administration of the:

- phonics screening check
- optional key stage 1 (KS1) tests
- statutory key stage 2 (KS2) tests and teacher assessment

Schools can:

- place test orders
- download phonics screening check and optional KS1 test materials
- register pupils for KS2 tests
- apply for KS2 access arrangements
- submit online attendance registers
- submit headteacher's declaration forms
- download teacher assessment standardisation training materials
- submit KS2 teacher assessment data
- view KS2 test results and marked test scripts

**LA maintained schools:**

- Automatically assigned to geographical LA for assessment and monitoring services *(you may receive an email about this but this can be ignored – it is not a notification of monitoring*)

**Academies:**

- Must select preferred LA for monitoring and moderation services by Jan 8

# General update

Autumn 2 2026

# Emergency contacts




Emergency Contact December 2026

The Emergency Contact database is a critical resource, enabling the County Council to contact your establishment during out-of-hours periods and school holidays.

Schools will receive a separate email containing a copy of the details currently held for their establishment. This is intended to assist with the review process and help identify any information that may need updating.

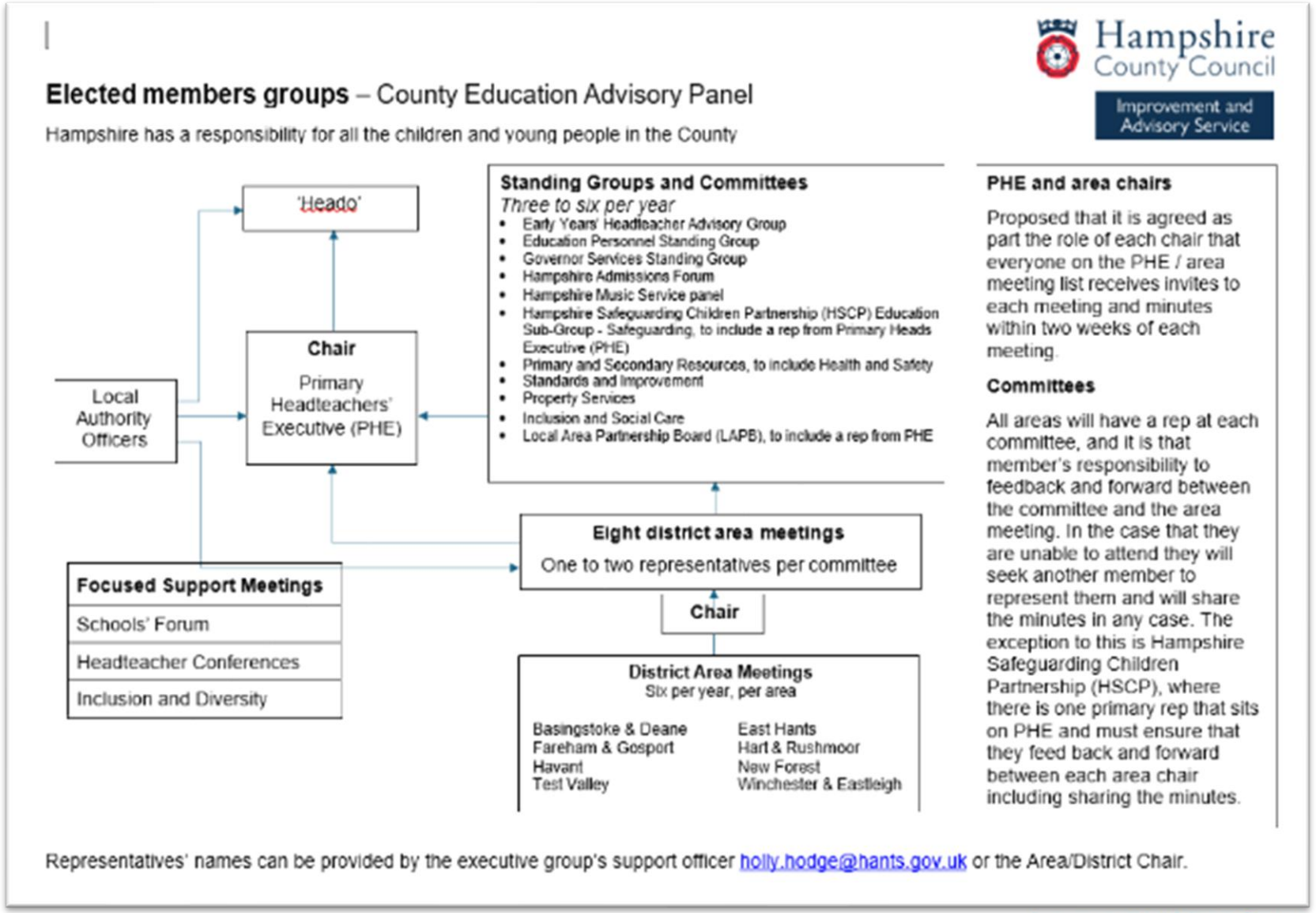
If your school's details remain correct, you can simply select the **'No Change'** option. This will save time and avoid the need to resubmit information that is already accurate.

Schools for which we do not currently hold any Emergency Contact Details will receive a blank form to complete and submit.

**Deadline:** Please submit your updated details by **30 November 2026** so that all information is current and available before the Christmas holidays.  If you experience any issues completing the form, please contact **dqc.team@hants.gov.uk**.

# Headteacher committees - ToR and approach

Commitment to ensure there is clarity around the various committees, the leadership of each, the required feedback and feedforward in to district and area meetings and back to the committee.
People and Health and Safety is being separated – scope of this developing now.



# Headteacher committees - ToR and approach

**By the end of November**

- Simpler collation of the information – a linked document with access for all
- Clarification of membership and gaps – actively recruit
- Reiteration of the ToR with each committee and with District HTs
- Clarification of attendance / representation and the feedback and contribution loop.
- Confirmation that every meeting must have attendance by the representative OR a substitute headteacher is appointed

# School-age childcare

November 2026

# Spring Census: Check Your School Childcare Information

**School Age Childcare Includes:**

🏫⏰ **Before-school childcare**
⏰ **After-school childcare**
🌞 **Holiday childcare**

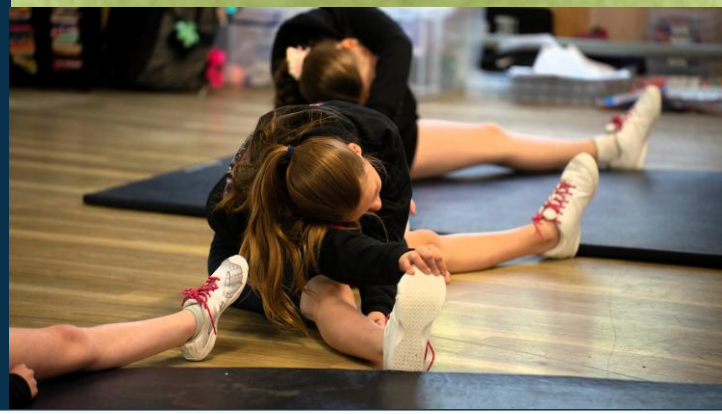
- This information supports the local authority's statutory childcare sufficiency duty and new reporting requirements for school age childcare.
- Accurate returns help build a clear picture of childcare availability for children and families across the county.
- Refer to the School Childcare section: DfE school census Guidance
- **Find out more** about school-age childcare in Hampshire
- Training and resources are available on the School-age childcare moodle
- Join our School-Age Childcare Bulletin Mailing List

# Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

## Winter 2026







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# Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Winter 2026

HAF is back for winter 2026! Funded by the DfE, the HAF programme is open to school-age children in receipt of benefits-based Targeted FSM. Local authorities also have discretion to use some of their funding to provide free places for children not in receipt of Targeted FSM. Details of these groups can be found in our FAQs.

Over 160 HAF schemes will be running across Hampshire this winter, offering eligible children a range of fun activities and nutritious meals for **free**. Families can browse listings now and register their interest ready for when bookings go live at **2pm on Monday 23 November**.

Hampshire HAF Booking Site

## Important Changes to HAF Eligibility – Free School Meal Status

There are now two types of benefits-based FSM eligibility and **not all children** who receive free school meals are eligible for the HAF Programme. Only children who receive benefits-based **Targeted FSM** are eligible for free HAF places. Children who receive Expanded FSM are **not** eligible for funded HAF places. Parents/carers can check their FSM eligibility via the Online FSM Application or through their child's school.

Hampshire HAF FAQs

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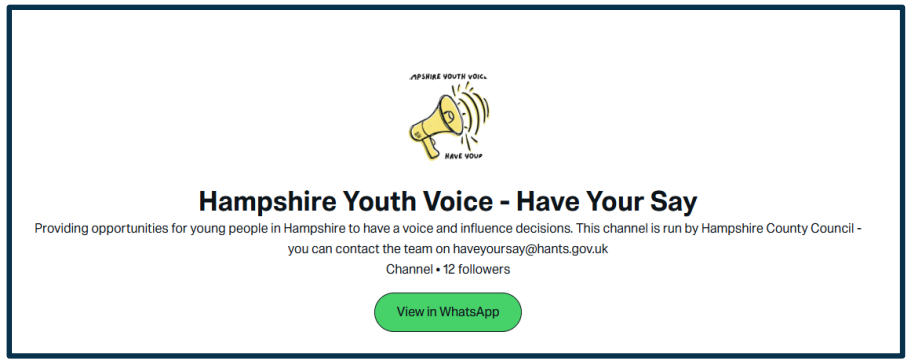
# SEND Youth Forum | Hampshire CTSH

Hampshire SEND Participation Guide

Presentation of the Youth Forum to the Local Area Partnership Board – 16 November 2026









# Hampshire Special Educational Needs Conference 2027

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**3 Feb 2027, 08:30-15:00**

## The Strategic SENDCo



The aim of the day is to help delegates consider the importance and implications of a strategic SENDCo. The speakers and workshops have been selected to give professionals perspective and clarity on what a crucial role the SENDCo is and the significant impact it can have for children and young people.

By the end of the session, attendees will be equipped with the knowledge and tools to improve pupils' daily experiences through consistently high-quality provision, timely identification and resolution of gaps, effective support and interventions, and the involvement of the right professionals at the right time.

**Learning outcomes:**

- review and strengthen strategic SEND leadership
- improve the quality and consistency of SEND provision
- identify and address gaps in support and outcomes
- evaluate the impact of interventions
- strengthen multi-agency working and professional collaboration
- support effective evidence-gathering in relation to the Ofsted framework.

## Keynote Speakers:

**Margaret Mulholland and Dean Beadle**

For booking information go to: tinyurl.com/LearningZoneGuidance

Use the keyword search or course name to search for this learning item in our catalogue.

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**On behalf of the Inclusion and Diversity Partnership, we would like to invite your school to join the next free, online, collaborative staff meeting to further explore the county's work on inclusion and diversity.**

**What?** # The (next) big IDP staff meeting

SAVE THE DATE

**When?** **27 January 2027, 15:45 – 17:00**

Exploring Belonging

**Who?** Schools from across the county: headteachers, teaching and support staff, governors

**Why?** Opportunity to work collaboratively to explore the county's work on promoting and developing belonging, inclusion and diversity in our schools

FOR HEADTEACHERS

# BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP CAPACITY. SUSTAIN HEADSHIP.

HEADSUP4HTS
VALUING LEADERS' WELL-BEING

A practical two-day programme to help you protect your energy, increase your leadership capacity and rediscover the joy of leadership.



## THE REALITY FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

**22%** of headteachers in England say they are "sinking".

**15%** of headteachers across the UK expect to leave the profession within two years.

*Source: Greany et al. (2026), Sustainable School Leadership.*

## ON THE PROGRAMME, YOU WILL:

- **Build your leadership capacity –** identify what drains your time and energy, and develop ways to reclaim both.
- **Manage your workload more sustainably –** set boundaries, prioritise effectively and share responsibility.
- **Strengthen your confidence and resilience –** navigate the emotional and practical demands of leadership.
- **Reconnect with your purpose –** rediscover fulfillment, enjoyment and a sustainable way of leading.

TWO DAYS.
PRACTICAL TOOLS.

**LASTING IMPACT.**

£345PP AND £295 FOR SMALL SCHOOLS

**LET'S BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP CAPACITY.**

Contact Kate Smith • kate@headsup4hts.co.uk

Join us for a live webinar to explore the research underpinning the programme, discover what it offers and ask your questions.

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***Tuesday 1st December 11:00 - 11:30am***

**SIGN UP!**

LIVE WEBINAR

# Support Available for Headteachers

A network community for school leaders focused on ***intentional well-being support***

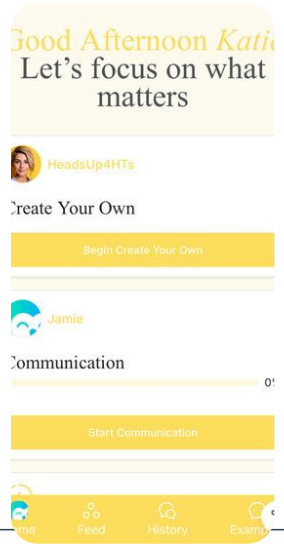
Coaching
Events
Book Clubs
Safe Spaces
Training
Workshops
Conference Keynotes

www.headsup4hts.co.uk



## Peer Support Group- Every Wednesday

- Free, weekly support group for headteachers
- Friendly, confidential, non judgemental support
- Led by a HeadsUp4HTs Facilitator




## Well-being App

- 24/7 Well-being support
- 24/7 Coaching
- Positive Psychology
- AI support based on
- HeadsUp4HTs insights
- ~~£~~15pm

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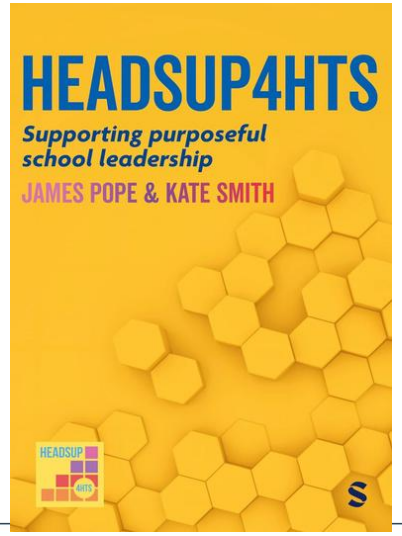
## 1-1 Coaching for school leaders

- 1-1 coaching focused on sustainable leadership & well-being
- 6 x 1 hour session  £895




## Supporting Purposeful Leadership

- Written by Headteachers, for headteachers
- 9 steps to well-being
- Insights from thousands of headteachers
- Practical strategies to support well-being
- Available on Amazon  £19.99