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1. Strategic Information and Actions

1.1 School Term Dates for 2028/29

Content	Audience	Purpose
The Local Authority is responsible for setting term dates for community and controlled schools. The dates for the 2028/29 academic year are now available on the Cheshire East Council website. When setting term dates, we have, where possible, liaised and taken in to account the dates/patterns set by our local authority neighbours. Schools not run by the council, such as voluntary-aided, foundation and academies, are free to choose their own term dates, although we encourage all schools to accept the term dates as agreed. In academies and free schools, the duty lies with the local governing body, or with the trust, depending on the scheme of delegation. In all cases, it is expected the best interests of children/students will be the key consideration in setting term dates. Primary and secondary headteachers are expected to consult and agree the most appropriate pattern for their shared learning community. Schools must be open to pupils for 190 days in an academic year and 195 days for teachers. Therefore, schools have five extra inset days per year, which the schools themselves choose the dates for. Link: Calendar view of 2028/2029 school term dates	All schools & academies	For Information

Contact: School Governance: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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1.2 Headteacher Changes

Content	Audience	Purpose
If your school has a new Headteacher starting in the Autumn term, please can you email the School Governance Team with an update. Many thanks	All School Leaders & Admin	For Action

Contact: School Governance: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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1.3 Emergency Contact Details for Schools and Academies

Content	Audience	Purpose
During the Spring term we asked all schools and academies to provide the LA with updated emergency contact information for their Headteacher, Chair of Governors, etc so that, should an out of hours incident occur, someone who has the authority to take any necessary decisions may be contacted. It is important that the information we hold is up to date and accurate. Therefore, please can you complete the form using the link provided below. Thank you for your support in this matter. Link: https://digital-core.cheshireeast.gov.uk/w/webpage/request?form=provide_emergency_contact_details_for_schools Please note: Contact details are stored confidentially and only used in the case of an emergency by senior members of the LA.	Headteachers/ Principals/ Chair of Governors of all schools & academies	For Action

Contact: School Governance: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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1.4 Inclusion Framework Visits Begin This Term

Content	Audience	Purpose
We are very excited to announce that, following a highly successful pilot, Inclusion Framework visits to all our schools and post 16 settings will commence this term. Our aim is for every secondary school and post 16 college to receive their initial visit by October half term, and for every primary school to receive their initial visit by Christmas. We also anticipate that several of our schools and settings will have received their second visit by the end of the term. These visits provide an invaluable opportunity for schools and settings to work alongside their link Inclusion Support Advisory Teacher (ISAT). During each visit, the ISAT will support leadership teams to reflect and engage with the self-evaluation process offered by the Inclusion Framework, identify strengths and areas for development, and plan meaningful and impactful targets to further improve inclusive practice. ISATs will also be available to support schools and settings through advice, training and resources to help turn these plans into inclusive practice. We all recognise the importance of inclusion for our children and young people. As well as supporting individual schools and settings, this service aims to identify and share effective practice across Cheshire East. We know that there is already a wealth of excellent inclusive practice taking place, and we are keen to celebrate and learn from this together. Inclusion starts with a whole school or setting ethos and approach and so, for the process to be most effective, it is essential that Headteachers, as well as SENCOs, engage fully with the framework. During the pilot, the most successful visits were those where schools and settings involved a wider range of colleagues, such as Inclusion Governors, Pastoral Leads and other key members of staff. By the end of next week, you will have received an introductory email from your ISAT to arrange a date for your first meeting, if this has not already been booked. We would ask all schools and settings to prioritise finding a	Headteachers and SENCOs	For Information

suitable time so that we can begin working together to strengthen inclusive practice across Cheshire East.		
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We are here to support you and look forward to working with you.		
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Contact: Sarah Clough: Sarah.Clough@cheshireeast.gov.uk

1.5 Coram Voice to Deliver Advocacy and Independent Visitor Services in Cheshire East

Content	Audience	Purpose
From 1 August 2026, Coram Voice will become the new provider of our Advocacy and Independent Visitor (IV) Services for children and young people across Cheshire East. Coram Voice is a national charity that supports children and young people to understand their rights, have their voices heard, and influence decisions that affect their lives. The organisation will take over service delivery from the current provider, with a strong focus on ensuring a smooth and seamless transition for those already receiving support. What does this mean for our children and young people? The key message is that very little will change for children and young people. Advocacy services and Independent Visitor support will continue, and wherever possible children and young people already receiving support will retain their existing advocate or Independent Visitor. Where this is not possible, new support arrangements will be put in place to ensure continuity. Advocates will continue to help children and young people: • Express their views and wishes • Understand their rights • Participate in decisions affecting their lives • Raise concerns or make complaints where necessary Independent Visitors will continue to provide trusted, consistent relationships and positive experiences for children in care through regular contact and support. What you need to know Frontline practitioners play a vital role in supporting this transition. Staff are asked to: • Continue promoting advocacy and Independent Visitor services • Signpost and refer children and young people to Coram Voice when appropriate	All schools & academies	For Information

Who can access the service? Advocacy support is available to a wide range of children and young people, including: • Children in care • Care leavers up to age 25 • Children subject to child protection plans • Homeless 16–17-year-olds • Children and young people with disabilities • Young carers • Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children • Children and young people making complaints about services Coram Voice contact details From 1 August 2026, children, young people, carers and professionals can contact Coram Voice directly: • Freephone: 0808 800 5792 • Text: 07758 670369 • WhatsApp: +44 (0)7758 670369 • Email: help@coramvoice.org.uk • Website: www.coramvoice.org.uk Together, Cheshire East Council and Coram Voice are committed to ensuring every child and young person continues to receive high-quality, independent support with their voice at the centre of decision-making. Staff support will be essential in helping children and young people understand the change and access the advocacy and Independent Visitor services they are entitled to.		
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Contact: help@coramvoice.org.uk

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1.6 Guidance for schools and parents to support delivery of school aged vaccination programmes to children with SEND

Content	Audience	Purpose
Please share the new leaflets with parents and carers, specialist providers and SENCOs. The Information for parents and carers leaflet provides practical information for parents and carers and supports vaccination for school age children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This leaflet is designed to help parents and carers understand the importance and benefits of vaccinations for children and young people with SEND. It seeks to address many of the queries and concerns raised by parents and carers of children with SEND and provides practical advice and information on how to prepare for an immunisation appointment, what to expect, and where to find accurate and reliable trusted sources of information on vaccinations. The Information for specialist providers and SEND co-ordinators in mainstream schools leaflet is designed for specialist providers and SEND co-ordinators (SENCOs) in mainstream schools and covers practical steps to help children and young people with SEN and disabilities and their families understand why vaccination matters, the benefits of delivering these within school settings, and approaches to make vaccination accessible and inclusive, ensuring they receive the protection they need in a safe and supportive environment. Also, link below to Guidance for schools and parents to support the delivery of the school aged vaccination programmes to children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Links: Information for parents and carers Information for specialist providers and SEND co-ordinators in mainstream schools Supporting vaccination for SEND children and young people - GOV.UK	Parents and Carers Specialist Providers SENCOs	For Information and Support

Contact: Ingrid Bell: Ingrid.Bell@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk

1.7 Probation Policy

Content	Audience	Purpose
The Employment Rights Act will reduce the qualifying service period for employees to bring an unfair dismissal claim to an Employment Tribunal from two years to six months from 1 January 2027. This means employees who have started employment after 01 July 2026 will reach six months' service on or shortly after 01 January 2027 and will gain unfair dismissal rights much earlier than under the current rules. As a result, Education HR has updated its probation policy (support staff) to reduce the probation period so that managers have enough time to identify concerns, provide support, review progress and complete any necessary process before the legal risk significantly increases. The policy, together with the associated letters and forms, is available on ChESS, for buy back schools to adopt.	Headteachers and School Business Managers/ Bursars	For information

Contact: Katie Dean: deanhadden@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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1.8 NJC Pay Award (Support Staff)

Content	Audience	Purpose
The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has confirmed agreement on the pay award for the 2026/27 financial year. All pay points will receive a 3.3% increase, effective from 1 April 2026. This will be reflected in the October pay run, including any applicable back pay. Requests for backpay for members of staff who have left schools should be submitted through the recruitment and pay online contact form. Please note: If colleagues receive Universal Credit, the back pay may affect their payment. Unfortunately, we're unable to spread the back pay over multiple months. Universal Credit is a complex and individual matter, so if colleagues are affected, please advise them to speak to their work coach via their online account or call the helpline on 0800 328 5644.	Governing Boards, Headteachers, School Business Managers/ Bursars	For Information

Contact: Nuala Hadden: deanhadden@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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1.9 Letter to parents of Year 9 pupils regarding schools with atypical age range

Content	Audience	Purpose
The Department for Education (DfE) requires all Local Authorities to write to parents of Year 9 pupils to make them aware of alternative opportunities for their children going into Year 10. The types of schools this include are University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and Studio Schools. The DfE wishes to ensure that parents and pupils are aware of the choices open to them, and that such schools are not disadvantaged in admissions compared to schools with typical age ranges. The LA sent out the letter (below) to the parents of this Year 9 cohort during August 2026. DfE Legislation Information on schools within our Local Authority must be included in the letter, and schools outside Cheshire East within a reasonable distance (up to an hour's travelling). A copy of the letter can be viewed here: atypicaladmissionlettersept27.docx	Headteachers / Governing Bodies/ Academy Trusts	For Information

Contact: Jo Bowkett: joanne.bowkett@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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1.10 Primary and Secondary School Admission Applications Open

Content	Audience	Purpose
Applications are now open for children starting primary school and transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences. Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by: • 31 October 2026 for pupils moving up to High School in September 2027. • 15 January 2027 for pupils starting primary in September 2027. Parents still need to apply even if the child has a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Some faith schools may also require parents and carers to submit a supplementary information form/confirmation of baptism. Further information about this will be available on the school's website. Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at School transport To apply online and for further information please go to Apply for September 2027 school place or call 0300 123 5012. For up-to-date information please direct parents to follow The Family Information Service – @FISCheshireEast or Family Information Service (Cheshire East Council) - Home Facebook Link: Application process for starting school in September (cheshireeast.gov.uk)	Nurseries/ Primary School/Secondary Schools	Information & Action

Contact: admissionsce@cheshireeast.gov.uk

1.11 Vivup Benefits Platform

Content	Audience	Purpose
We are pleased to announce that Cheshire East's benefits platform - Vivup, is now available to all staff employed in maintained schools. Vivup is a staff benefits platform designed to provide employees with access to a broad selection of lifestyle savings and essential products. Through Vivup, employees can enjoy discounts on a variety of everyday expenses ranging from fitness memberships, dining and travel to entertainment and retail. For support staff, the platform offers home and electronic items available for purchase via a salary sacrifice scheme. It should be noted that due to Teachers Terms and Conditions the only salary sacrifice scheme open to them through the platform is the cycle to work scheme. The other salary sacrifice schemes are available to support staff only. Further information, including a link to register for access, is available on the Education HR Chess Site - Staff Pay and Benefits. Please share this information with the staff in your school. Each individual member of staff needs to register for their own account if they want to access the benefits. For Academies who buy back Education HR there is access to the lifestyle savings/theatre tickets part of the benefits platform, although other elements of the platform are not available.	Headteachers and School Business Managers/ Bursars	For Information

Contact: Katie Dean: deanhadden@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2. Training and Wider Development Opportunities

2.1 Governor Training Programme: Autumn 2026

Content	Audience	Purpose
Our autumn term governor training programme can be accessed here, via GovernorHub or by emailing the School Governance & Liaison team. Training helps governors/trustees to gain a better understanding of their purpose and function, be more confident in asking relevant questions and thereby contribute more effectively to supporting their school(s). Our live, online courses cover a wide range of topics, suitable for governors at all levels and from all schools including maintained, stand-alone academies and those who are part of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). In addition to our governor induction modules, courses offered include: • HT's Performance Management: 23 September 2026 • Effective use of Governor Visits: 29 September 2026 • Understanding The Curriculum: 05 October 2026 • Pupil Exclusions & Suspensions: 07 October 2026 • Cared for Children: The Role of the Board: 13 October 2026 • Safeguarding for Governors: 02 November 2026 • Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS): 10 November 2026 • Inclusive Governance: 12 November 2026 • Introduction to School Finance: 19 November 2026 • Pupil Premium: 25 November 2026 Further details and instructions on how to book onto courses is provided in the programme booklet. Link: Autumn 2026 Programme	Governors/ Trustees	For Information & Action

Contact: School Governance: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2.2 Governor/Trustee Induction Training: Autumn Dates

Content	Audience	Purpose
The Department for Education (DfE) requires boards to provide an induction and development programme for all new governors/trustees. Therefore, to help you get up to speed with the role and responsibilities, we strongly recommend new or recently appointed governors and trustees complete our three induction modules, available next term on the following dates: • <i>Induction Module 1 - Effective Governance on Monday 21 September 2026, 6:00pm via Zoom</i> • <i>Induction Module 2 - Strategic Leadership on Monday 28 September 2026, 6:00pm via Zoom</i> The above courses are free to schools and academies that have purchased the Governor CPD Training package via ChESS Hub. For non-purchasing schools and academies, the charge is £75 per course, per delegate. For further details and/or to book your place, please go to the 'Training' tab in GovernorHub or email schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk	Headteachers; Chairs of Governors	For Information

Contact: School Governance: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2.3 Governors' Conference: 16 October 2026

Content	Audience	Purpose
This year, our annual Governors' Conference will take place on Friday 16 October 2026 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at Cranage Hall. The half-day event provides governors/trustees with an opportunity to network, whilst receiving updates on some of the latest national developments and key local authority initiatives. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Buzzi, Director of Digital Safeguarding UK. A full programme will be published shortly. Bookings are now open and can be made via Governor Hub or by emailing the School Governance & Liaison at schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk Conference costs: 1 x FREE delegate place per CE school. <i>An additional free delegate place* is available to schools that have purchased the CE Governor CPD Training package for 2026-27. Additional delegate places for non-buy-back schools will be charged at £40 per delegate*.</i> * subject to availability	Governors/ Trustees and School Leaders	For Information & Action

Contact: School Governance: schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2.4 Join us for the first annual Early Years Conference: 18 Sept 2026

Content	Audience	Purpose
Calling all Early Years professionals! We're excited to announce our first annual Early Years Conference on Friday 18 September, 9:30am-3:00pm at the Canalside Conference Centre, Middlewich. This is your opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the Early Years sector, discover innovative approaches to practice, develop new skills, and celebrate the incredible work taking place across our workforce. Inspirational Keynote Speaker: We are delighted to welcome Stacy Mann, Chief Operating Officer at The Early Years Company, as our guest speaker. With over 20 years' experience supporting children, families, and educators, Stacy will deliver an engaging and thought-provoking keynote exploring how we can better engage boys in Early Years settings. Expect practical insights, fresh ideas, and plenty of inspiration to take back to your setting. Interactive Workshops Designed for Real Practice: Throughout the day, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a range of immersive, hands-on workshops, including: I'm Regulated, Are You? - Practical strategies to support co-regulation, developed in partnership with Educational Psychology. Am I Ready to Write? - An Occupational Therapy-informed exploration of motor development and how we can lay the foundations for successful writing. Sensory Environments - Experience the power of sensory spaces through this immersive workshop delivered by SPOTTS. Emotional Literacy for Little Learners - Discover the 5-Point Scale and explore personalised approaches to supporting emotional wellbeing in young children. Be the First to See Our New Offer: We will also be unveiling the newly developed Portage, Quality and Inclusion Team offer, showcasing how we can	Early Years Professionals	CPD and Networking

support you, your setting, and the children and families you work with.

Meet the Experts:

Browse our professional marketplace and connect with a range of specialist services and professionals who will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions, share resources, and highlight the support available across your locality.

Why Attend?

- Network with fellow Early Years professionals
- Gain practical tools and strategies you can use immediately
- Discover local services and support available to you
- Be inspired by sector-leading expertise
- Celebrate the passion, commitment, and impact of the Early Years workforce

Whether you're looking to learn something new, build connections, or simply take time to reflect and be inspired, this conference is not to be missed. Join us as we come together to learn, connect, innovate, and celebrate Early Years excellence. We can't wait to see you there!

Book your place via the ChESS Early Years Training Hub. If you require any support, please contact:

Earlyyearsandchildcareteam@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Link: [Early Year Conference flyer](#)

<https://chessey.sla-portals.co.uk/Event/302402>

Contact: earlyyearsandchildcareteam@cheshireeast.gov.uk

2.5 SENCO dates for the Autumn Term

Content	Audience	Purpose
SENCO Development Days <i>(These are both full days)</i> South: Monday 5 October – Reaseheath College SENCo Development Day - South – Fill in form North: Tuesday 6 October – Oakenclough Family Hub Wilmslow SENCo Development Day - North – Fill in form The agenda will be emailed to our SENCO distribution list so please let us know if you haven't received it in order for us to update our records. Spotlight on Inclusion <i>(Morning session for North and afternoon session for South)</i> Thursday 12 November – Holmes Chapel Community Centre Spotlight on Inclusion - North – Fill in form Spotlight on inclusion - South – Fill in form Further details to follow. Twilight SENCO Networks <i>(These sessions will be repeated, so you only need to attend one.)</i> Tuesday 24 November, 3:30pm – 5:00pm SENCo Network - Tuesday 24th November – Fill in form Thursday 26 November, 3:30pm – 5:00 pm SENCo Network - Thursday 26th November – Fill in form Please use the links to book your places. An invitation will then be sent out to let you know your place has been secured.	SENCOs	For Information & Action

Contact: Sarah Clough: Sarah.Clough@cheshireeast.gov.uk

2.6 Knowing Me Neurodiversity Profile Tool Training

Content	Audience	Purpose
About the Tool The Cheshire & Merseyside Knowing Me neurodiversity profiling tool will be used across the region to better understand and meet the needs of neurodiverse children/young people and their families. When a family or a professional working with a child/young person identifies potential neurodiversity, they will work together to complete a profile, led by the professional who has completed the training. They will collaborate with the child/young person and their parents/carers to understand their strengths, differences and needs in various areas. By using this needs-led approach, we can provide more personalised support at an earlier stage. In Cheshire East we are rolling out the tool with our Primary, Secondary and Post 16 settings in the first instance. Please use this link Knowing Me - Addvanced 2025 to book on the following training options: 3hr Professionals Training These sessions are designed to equip professionals to confidently use the profiling tool and complete neurodiversity profiles with children, young people and families. Q&A Session An open session offering further information, advice and guidance to professionals who are using the tool after completing the 3hr training. 1hr Information Sessions Sessions for professionals or parents and carers designed to understand more about the profiling tool and its benefit for children and young people.	Headteachers, SENCOs and other education professionals	For Information & Action

Contact: Sarah Clough: Sarah.Clough@cheshireeast.gov.uk

2.7 Safer Recruitment Training: 07 October 2026

Content	Audience	Purpose
Education HR Consultancy are running a Safer Recruitment training course on: • Date: Wednesday 7 October 2026 • Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm • Venue: Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School The course fee is £80 for buy-back customers and £140 for non buy-back schools/academies. The cost covers training materials and refreshments. Places can be booked via ChESS	Governing Boards, Headteachers, School Business Managers	For Information

Contact: Nuala Hadden: deanhadden@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2.8 Cheshire East Annual SEND Conference 2026: 08 October

Content	Audience	Purpose
Dear Colleagues, Jigsaw (Cheshire East's SEND Youth Forum) and Cheshire East's Participation Team are delighted to invite you to our Annual SEND Conference 2026. This event will bring together young people, professionals and partners to share ideas, experiences and perspectives. Through a range of creative, interactive and accessible activities, young people will have the opportunity to share ideas about the issues that matter most to them and help shape the services, support and opportunities available across Cheshire East. The conference will ensure that the voices of children and young people with SEND are heard, valued and acted upon. Further information, risk assessments and a detailed agenda will be shared closer to the event. Event Details • Date: Thursday 08 October 2026 • Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm • Venue: Crewe Municipal Building, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ Refreshments and Lunch: Refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Attendees are asked to bring their own packed lunch. To help keep the event safe and inclusive for everyone, please ensure that all packed lunches are nut-free. Booking Places We are inviting schools to bring students along to participate in the event and share their views. If you would like to attend, please reply to this email confirming: • The number of staff attending • The number of students attending • Any access needs, reasonable adjustments, dietary requirements, communication needs, or additional support requirements for those attending	Schools and SEND Pupils	Information & Action

Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to welcoming you and your students to what promises to be an engaging and inspiring event. Link: <u>SEND Annual Conference</u> https://livewellservices.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Services/4690/jigsaw-for-young-peo-2026		
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Contact: Sophie Dambock: sophie.dambok@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2.9 Headteacher Workshop: 11 November

Content	Audience	Purpose
We are pleased to confirm that we will be running a Headteacher workshop for our buy-back schools and academies. • Date: Wednesday 11 November 2026 • Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm - refreshments will be served from 8:45am • Location: Middlewich Community Church, Brooks Lane, Middlewich, CW10 0JG • Cost: £35.00 Places are available to book through ChESS. The places are limited to one delegate per school.	Buy Back Schools and Academies	For information & Action

Contact: Katie Dean: deanhadden@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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2.10 Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for Professionals: 06 & 13 November

Content	Audience	Purpose
This course is accredited and participants will be qualified as a Youth Mental Health First Aider for 3 years. • Friday 06 and Friday 13 November 2026 • 9:00am – 5:00pm for both days • At Just Drop In, Brook St, Macclesfield Places have been subsidised with participants only being required to contribute £60 towards resources. Please email hello@justdropin.co.uk with any enquiries or to book a place. Link: YHMFA for Professionals	Professionals	For Information & Action

Contact: Abby Hanaghan: abby.hanaghan@justdropin.co.uk

 01625 665079

2.11 The National Education Union (NEU) CPD: Autumn Term

Content	Audience	Purpose
The National Education Union (NEU) is offering a programme of free, nationally delivered Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for NEU members during the Autumn term 2026 (September - December). The programme includes a wide range of online courses and webinars, many of which are recorded and available to access after the live session. Areas covered include: • Behaviour, wellbeing and school culture • SEND, inclusion and neurodiversity • Leadership and coaching • Curriculum, assessment and pedagogy (including creative approaches) • Equality, diversity and anti-racism • Specific CPD for early career teachers, leaders and support staff This CPD is provided at no cost to schools and may support staff professional development priorities. Schools are asked to share the following link with members. Please contact sarah.vaughan@neu.org.uk for further details. Link: NEUCPD https://actionnetwork.org/user_files/user_files/000/147/577/original/neucpdautumnterm2026.pdf	Schools	For Information & Action, CPD

Contact: Sarah Vaughan: Sarah.Vaughan@neu.org.uk

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3. Traded Service Information

3.1 REMINDER: Cheshire East School Services 2026/27

Content	Audience	Purpose
Please ensure that any remaining purchases for 2026-27 contracts and services are completed as soon as possible. Teacher Assessment Moderation and National Test Monitoring Service (TAMNT) will be available to purchase shortly, and this will be communicated to schools via the School Bulletin. Please use the link below for guidance on making your purchases and if you need any further advice, please contact: chesshub@cheshireeast.gov.uk Link: User Guides for purchases and accessing resources	Schools - Trust CEOs, Headteachers, Trust CFOs, School Business Managers and Chairs of Governing Boards	For Information & Action

Contact: ChessHub@cheshireeast.gov.uk

4. General Information

4.1 Water Safety

Content	Audience	Purpose
As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting safety and raising awareness, attached is a Water Safety Poster that can be displayed and shared across partnership settings. The poster highlights key water safety messages and aims to support staff, service users, families, and members of the public in recognising potential risks around water and understanding how to stay safe. We would be grateful if you could circulate and display the poster within your organisations and any relevant community or partnership venues. By working together, we can help increase awareness and encourage safe behaviours around water. Link: Summer Water Safety	All	For Information & Action

Contact: Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership: CESCP@cheshireeast.gov.uk

4.2 Annual Wilder Cheshire Awards

Content	Audience	Purpose
Nominations are now open for the Wilder Cheshire Awards 2026, celebrating the people, projects, organisations and businesses helping nature recover across Cheshire. The awards recognise those making a real difference today while inspiring even more action for nature in the future. This year's categories are: • Young Wildlife Champion • Wilder School • Community Action for Nature • Food, Farming & Resilience • Landscape Stewardship • Business for Nature • Delivering More Places for Nature • Species Recovery • Connecting People with Nature • Outstanding Contribution to Nature Entries close on 13 September 2026. A Partner Activation Toolkit containing posters, graphics, social media assets, newsletter content and more is available to help spread the word: https://cheshirelnp.co.uk/awards-download-assets/ Enter the Wilder Cheshire Awards: www.wildercheshireawards.co.uk Link: Wilder Cheshire Awards Launch	All	For Information & Action

Contact: Elis Smits: elis.smits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

4.3 Free Support for Parents

Content	Audience	Purpose
Free courses for any parents living in the North of Cheshire East (Macclesfield, Knutsford, Wilmslow and Poynton) to build knowledge and confidence to support their child's mental health. Link: https://www.justdropin.co.uk/contact-us/info-for-parents/ Youth Mental Health First Aid Course Poster Understanding the Pressures Boys are Navigating Today Poster	Parents of young people aged 8-18yrs old	For Information

Contact: Jenny Spencer: jenny.spencer@justdropin.co.uk

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4.4 Visyon's parent and carer workshops

Content	Audience	Purpose
Visyon are offering workshops for parents and carers across Cheshire East, covering a range of topics including Self-harm awareness and Supporting a Child with the Online World. Link: https://www.visyon.org.uk/parentworkshops	Parents and carers across Cheshire East	Information & Support for parents and carers

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