



Good news for Norfolk following the joint area SEND revisit by OFSTED

As many of you will be aware, last November OFSTED visited Norfolk to review the progress which had been made since their previous visit in May 2020, when some weaknesses had been identified.

Inspectors spoke with children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), parents and carers, and local authority and National Health Service (NHS) officers. Inspectors looked at a range of information about the performance of the area in addressing the three significant weaknesses identified at the initial inspection, including a selection of education, health and care (EHC) plans, the area's improvement plans and SEND strategy and self-evaluation.

In their conclusions the inspectors recognised the work which had been carried out locally, including the partnership work involved in improving communication and co-production with families. I am

pleased to let you know that, as a result, they concluded Norfolk no longer has any areas of significant weakness in its support and services for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). There are, of course, always improvements to be made so we won't be resting on our laurels!

As always, if you would like to contact either of us, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Kind Regards, Delyth and Kate

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Complimentary cinema ticket

Did you know that if your child is 5 years or older and registered as sight impaired or severely sight impaired, you can apply for a CEA card? The CEA card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas which allows the cardholder to get one complimentary cinema ticket so that one person accompanying them will get in free!

You can apply for a card online or by post and will need to provide proof of eligibility, a photo and payment of £6. The card will then be issued, which will contain:

- Photo and name of cardholder
- Expiry date
- Unique card number – to allow validation when pre-booking tickets
- Location notch - a tactile clue to help identify and line the card up
- Reflective holofoil CEA emblem
- A braille label can also be requested

Please click on the link below for more information about the scheme, frequently asked questions and to apply.

<https://www.ceacard.co.uk/>

You can also apply if you are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or Personal Independence Payment.



The poster for SENDfest 2023 features a purple and white color scheme. At the top left is the 'SENDfest' logo with a stylized figure above it. To the right is a QR code. Below the logo, the text reads 'SENDfest 2023'. Key details include:

- Date** – Saturday 17th June 2023
- Location** – Easton College
- Timings** – 10:00am until 3:00pm

 A central text block states: 'SENDfest will bring together children and young people, and their families. A full day Festival style event featuring multisport activities, musical workshops, vocational opportunities and keynote speakers'.

 On the right side, there is a list of activities: Tennis, Singing, Community Sports Foundation, World Music, Preparation for Adult Life, DJ-ing, Disco, Track and Play, Football Fun Factory, Beatboxing, Wheelchair Basketball, and Plus loads more...

 The bottom of the poster includes logos for Norfolk Music HUB, Norfolk County Council, Easton College, and a 'SIGN UP HERE' button. The background features images of people at an event and musical instruments like a trumpet and piano keys.

SENDfest 2023

A date for your diary!

Date: 17th June 2023

Location: Easton College, Bawburgh Road, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DU.

Time: 10am till 3pm

SENDfest is an event for young people under the age of 25. It includes multisport activities, musical workshops, vocational opportunities, PFAL workshops and keynote speakers for families, children and young people with complex needs.

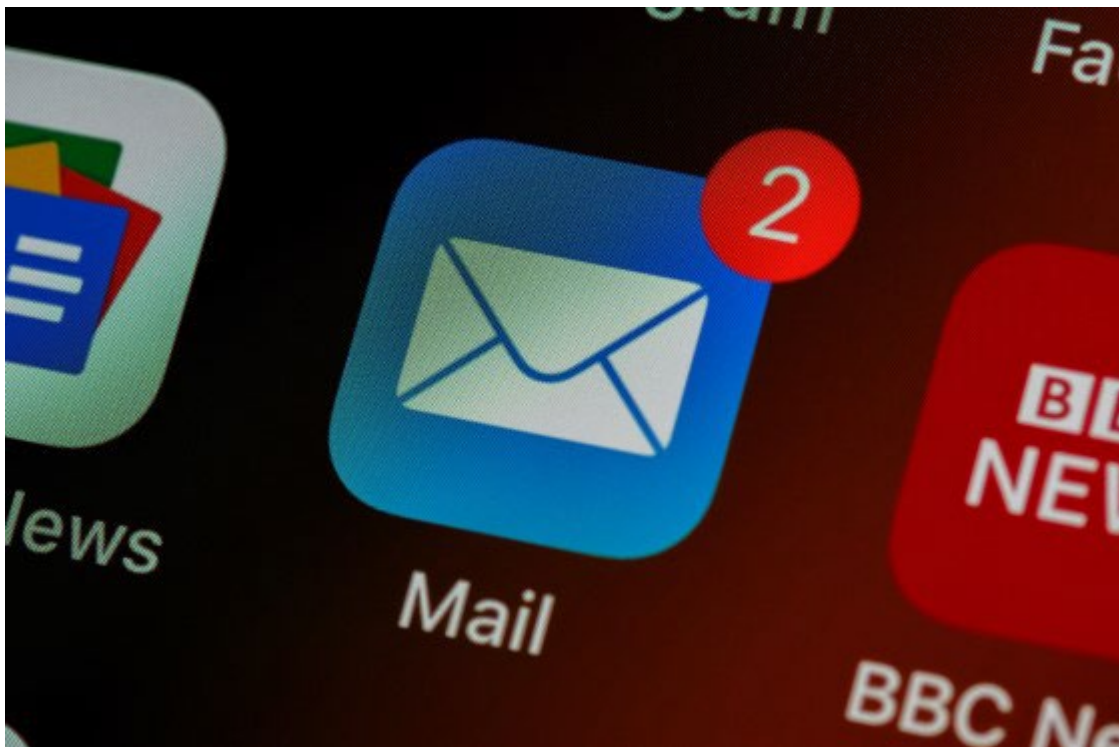
There will be a 'Proms in the Park' event over lunchtime with a live orchestra and a surprise guest on the main stage within the garden area of Easton College, which will provide a centre point for the day.

Food will be available to purchase from stalls on-site or feel free to bring your own picnic. Sing along with the stars during this inclusive performance celebration!

For more detailed information and to book a place at SENDfest, please click on the link below:

[SENDfest 2023 Norfolk Music Hub](#)

The contact email for any queries is: sendfest@norfolk.gov.uk



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