

99% of pupils receive a preferred primary on National Offer Day

This year 99.22% of children were offered a place at one of their parents' three preferred schools and 95.6% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Suffolk County Council received 7144 applications from parents indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2022.

Families who applied online are able to log on to the Admissions Portal to see the school their child has been offered. They will also receive an email with details of the school place offered.

Letters have been sent to parents who made a paper application by second class post today.

Violence Against Women and Girls funding announced

On April 4th, Suffolk County Council announced £350,000 of funding to support the ambitions set out in the Suffolk Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022.

This fund has been provided by Suffolk County Council to support the work of the strategy in preventing violence, supporting victims, pursuing perpetrators and strengthening the system. Organisations will be able to apply for this funding to support initiatives that are synonymous with the objectives of the strategy and aim to stop violence against women and girls.

Fire service delivers much-needed equipment to Ukraine

It was announced on April 19th that Staff from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service embarked on a 1,000 mile journey to transport vital firefighting kit to help their counterparts in Ukraine. The deployment team, consisting of six volunteers, will drive across Europe to deliver Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's donation of two fully operational fire engines and accompanying equipment, which forms part of the wider National Fire Chiefs Council and Fire Aid initiative. Team members Graham Abrey, Jason Anderson, Jake Booth, Paul Buck, Matt Hassey and Sean Ryan set off from Ipswich East Fire Station this morning after being waved off by well-wishers.

Their journey will see them travel to Kent to join the national convoy of vehicles departing for Ukraine. From there, they will head to Poland, where they will hand over the vehicles and kit to the Polish Fire Service, who will distribute the items to the Ukrainian fire stations most in need.

Suffolk County Council to freeze post-16 travel costs to schools and colleges

It was announced on April 28th that Suffolk County Council is to freeze charges for travel for over 16s to schools and colleges from September.

The council's Cabinet agreed fares should remain at 2021/22 levels for another 12 months to help families faced with soaring living costs. The decision means costs for the 2022/23 academic year will remain at £930 per year for mainstream transport and £750 for SEND pupils.