



# Norfolk County Council

## Latest Information, Advice, Useful Links and Service Updates

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This weekly briefing is intended as a resource to keep you up to date with the latest information and advice.

### Covid-19 Trusted sources of information

The most recent **verified data on cases in the UK and Norfolk** is available from Public Health England [here](#) and the Norfolk Insights website [here](#).

Everyone has a key role in promoting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) and [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) as trusted sources of information to the public. It is important to ensure people go to the right sources of information and keep up to date with how to look after themselves.

**Keep up to date:** We have [a dedicated webpage for coronavirus updates](#) in Norfolk and impact on Norfolk County Council services. This is updated regularly so please do re-visit this page.

**Service updates:** The most up to date information on council services can be found at [Norfolk County Council services disruptions](#). The council will continue to monitor its services and, if regulations and circumstances change, it will review its current plans.

### Latest national announcements

#### Councils secure funding for new weight management services

Councils will receive [£30 million of new funding](#) to help adults achieve a healthier weight and improve wellbeing.

The money will be used to expand services for adults living with obesity and will include 12 week services with dietary advice and physical activity guidance.

### Covid-19

#### Vaccinations

Millions of people vulnerable to Covid-19 [may be offered a booster vaccination from September](#) to ensure the protection they have from the first and second doses is maintained ahead of the winter.

This follows interim advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

It is also estimated that vaccines [have prevented 7.2 million infections and 27,000 deaths](#).

## Social Care

### Wellbeing Packs

Norfolk's carers are encouraged to [apply for the latest new round of wellbeing packs](#), following the initial success with the first round of packs.

Two thousand additional Wellbeing Packs are being made available for unpaid carers, free of charge, after the first round of packs were taken up enthusiastically across Norfolk.

The packs include some Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to support recipients in their role as a carer, but also includes a items for the carer to enjoy, including chocolate and other items. Carers can apply for a pack [here](#).

## Education and Settings

### Schools

For the week 21st to 25th June 2021 all schools were open and attendance was as follows:-

- 95% in primary schools, the same as the week before and compared to 91% nationally.
- 85% in secondary schools, compared to 86% last week and 82% nationally. These figures have been adjusted for Y11-13 not expected to attend.
- 87% in state-funded special schools, compared to 88% last week and 83% nationally. These figures have been adjusted for Y11-13 not expected to attend

### Post 16's

Summer 2021 Year 11 Transition Challenge Phase 1 completed covering period from start of summer term until official School Leaving Date 1 - 25th June 2021. Google analytics data is being gathered to identify impact.

September Guarantee offers are broadly in line with expectations for this time of year: 78% for year 11 and 25% for Year 13.

TITAN Team have set up a Teams channel to be used to support self-reflective team teaching with weekly resources.

### Early Years

This week we have seen a slight increase in numbers. The open settings have increased from 670 to 675 and the children attending increased from 14,786 to 14,954.

### Free School Meals

Parents of hundreds of children likely to be eligible for means-tested free school meals are being urged to register for the scheme before 21 July.

Signing up as soon as possible will help Norfolk's schools secure £5 million in vital additional funding from the Government to support the county's most disadvantaged children.

Every family who registers before the end of the Summer term will receive an Edenred food voucher worth £10 for each eligible child which will be arranged by their new school.

Schools receive a Pupil Premium grant for every child registered for means-tested free school meals, but only if the child has been signed up before the start of the new academic year. It is believed that up to 2,500 children in Norfolk may be eligible. More information and the link to apply can be found [here](#).

## Business and Economy

### Offshore Energy Sector

Today sees the first step in a major project to boost the region's offshore energy sector as demolition work begins on South Denes Road to facilitate the [creation of a new £18 million Operations and Maintenance \(O&M\) Campus for Great Yarmouth](#).

The partnership project, being delivered by Norfolk County Council, with support from Great Yarmouth Borough Council, the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Port Authority (Peel Ports) seeks to capitalise on the well-established offshore renewables sector off the east coast and the Enterprise Zone that covers sites in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

## Transport and Environment

### Norwich Western Link

The contractor to carry out designing and building the Norwich Western Link has been [announced as Ferrovial Construction](#).

The company will begin work immediately alongside the council's existing project team to further develop the design of the Norwich Western Link. The work will feed into the public consultation scheduled for Autumn, before the planning application for the project is submitted in early 2022.