

Yox Valley Partnership



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been made aware of the following information in the Suffolk Headlines which I thought would be useful to share with you.

Government Emergency Response Testing

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Next Tuesday, (25th May) the government is going to be testing how easy it is to send emergency messages and information to people using phone technology. This is important as it tests how quickly people can be contacted with information if there is ever an emergency in your area. The test message will appear as a notification on your smartphone screen.

There are two tests happening this year and the first test is taking place right here in Suffolk.

If you live in and around the Leiston, Aldeburgh and Saxmundham areas, you may well receive a message next Tuesday between 1pm – 2pm.

Around 10,000 phones are expected to receive the notification message so you may get one, or your friends or family may get one. The message will be the same for everyone. Based on the make and model of your phone you may not receive a message at all.

Whether you get a message pop up or not, the most important thing is please don't worry. Receiving the message on your phone is exactly what should happen, there is not an emergency taking place. If you don't get the message that's fine too. That's all part of testing the equipment and technology.

The message you see pop up on your screen will say: **The UK Government is testing Emergency Alerts in East Suffolk. Alerts tell you what to do if there's a life-threatening event nearby.**

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There will also be a phone number provided and a link to the Government's website to click on if you want to learn more about how emergency alerts work.

When the notification message comes up on screen you need to acknowledge that you've seen it. And that's it! If you want to, you can take a short survey or if you don't want to, you can clear the message and carry on with your day.

Between now and Tuesday 25th, the government is sending out more information on the test on Twitter and Facebook, in local newspapers and on the radio/TV so don't be surprised if you hear more about it.

Regards



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