

SENCO Newsletter

Specialist Teaching &
Learning Service
Folkestone and Hythe



Hello! Welcome back to the start of another school year! We hope you have managed to enjoy the break and are feeling refreshed and recharged for term 1! We are looking forward to being back out across the district to support your amazing work! *Russell & the STLS Team*

 **Anna Freud**
Mentally Healthy Schools



Dealing with change and transitions toolkit
Resources for younger and older pupils all about
dealing with change and transitions:

[Download the toolkit now](#)

Term 1 – LIFT Dates for your Diary

Primary / Secondary :

- LIFT Group 1–14 Sept 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 2–21 Sept 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 3–18 Sept 2023 MS Teams 9.30am
- LIFT Group 4–25 Sept 2023 MS Teams 8.30am
- LIFT Group 5–28 Sept 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 6–09 Oct 2023 MS Teams 8.30am
- LIFT Group 7–05 Oct 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- SENCO Forum–10 Oct 2023 The Beacon 8.30am

Early Years Settings :

- EYS LIFT 1– 19 Sept 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- EYS LIFT 2– 03 Oct 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- EYS LIFT 3– 10 Oct 2022 MS Teams 1pm
- SENCO Forum– 12 Sept 2023 The Beacon 1pm

New Youth Forum for young people with SEND

A new SEND youth forum has been set up for young people with SEND, where they can enjoy social time with others in similar situations, make friendships, play games and take part in fun activities.

The new forum, called OCYPC MAGIC (which stands for 'Our Children's and Young People's Council') is designed especially for young people who have special educational needs and disabilities aged 11 – 18 and are in care, adopted and those who have a Social Worker. Meetings will take place during the school holidays, or on Saturday mornings.



During meetings young people will be able to share their views and be listened to in a safe and friendly environment, as well as contribute to making changes to the way services are designed and delivered for young people. Topics will include things that affect them at school, in their education and around their wellbeing. Young people can take part in a way that suits them either by attending the main meetings, in smaller groups or on an individual basis.

If you know a young person that would be interested, please contact: VSK.Participation@kent.gov.uk

Training—Term 1

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE TRAINING 2023 -24

Makaton Taster

Presented by Annette Sibbons – Local Makaton Tutor

Wednesday 20th September 2023

09.30 – 12.00pm The Beacon Folkestone – CT19 5DN
£40 per person

Who is this training for?

Educational Staff, SENCos and Other Professionals.

What will you learn?

The Makaton Taster is designed to raise awareness of Makaton and to help people understand what Makaton is, who uses it and how they can learn it. It is not the full training although there will be a number of signs to learn.

This session will empower people and highlight the importance of Makaton in the school / setting community.



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE TRAINING 2023 -24

Early Years Making Sense of Autism

Presented by Amber Mallet & Lisa Ellis—EYS STLS

Saturday 23rd September 2023

10.00 – 12.00pm The Beacon Folkestone – CT19 5DN



Who is this training for?

This is a **FREE** awareness raising module for anyone working in your setting. This includes teaching and support staff, office and ancillary staff, caterers, caretakers, and governors. The expectation is that most of these people will attend.

To book your setting a place, please fill out the AET booking form or scanning the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7g2cGqMebx>



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE TRAINING 2023 -24

Demand Avoidant Profiles = PDA

Presented by Claire Garrett & Morag Hards – STLS

Wednesday 04th October 2023

08.30 – 12.00pm The Beacon Folkestone – CT19 5DN
£40 per person

Who is this training for?

Educational Staff, SENCos and Other Professionals.

What will you learn?

This course looks at Pathological Demand Avoidance in detail.

Focussing on presentation, impact in the classroom and practical strategies that can be implemented to support our students in coping in our educational settings, where demands are considerable and continuous.

Time will be given to discuss successes and difficulties, both for the pupils and the supporting adults.

- To understand the key characteristics of the demand avoidance profile
 - To recognise how a child with PDA presents
- To feel confident to use strategies and resources to support pupils with a demand avoidance profile.
 - To understand the co-morbid link between Autism and demand avoidance profiles.







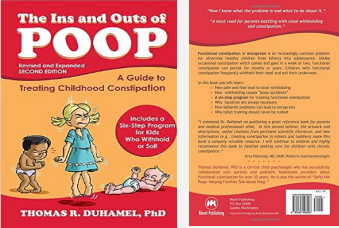



For a copy of our full training brochure, please visit our website or contact:
stephanie.crane@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk

Training courses (excluding AET) can be booked using the following link/QR code:
<https://forms.office.com/e/7Q19PP7r9X>

Folkestone & Hythe SMILE Training
Booking Form



Useful Websites, Links and Resources –Term 1

 	<p>Young People SENDSafe Toolkit 2019 MEDIA.pdf (ecloud.co.uk) Toolkit for helping teach young people with SEND about fire safety and how to be safe. Helpful links for parents as well as resources and activities for teachers who work with SEN pupils.</p>
<p>UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD</p>  <p>S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H</p>	<p>Solihull-courses-leaflet.pdf (kelsi.org.uk) Free online parenting courses. Available in 15 to 20 minute chunks and including courses starting at pregnancy up to a child's 19th birthday. There is a course designed specifically for Understanding Additional Needs.</p>
 <p>CENTRE FOR AUTISM MIDDLETOWN</p> <p>TEENAGE RESOURCE</p>	<p>Boundaries: Public, Private, Personal Space - Teenage Resource (middletownautism.com) Many young people with autism experience difficulties with understanding the need for appropriate social boundaries. This resource teaches teens with autism about personal boundaries and may help them avoid embarrassing situations.</p>
	<p>The Ins and Outs of Poop: A Guide to Treating Childhood Constipation: Amazon.co.uk: DuHamel PhD, Thomas R, Brockschmidt, Kevin: 9780985496906: Books a book focusing on new reception starters, giving an insight into the psychological and physical impacts of constipation/withholding and how to support the child and parents.</p>
	<p>Kooth: July 2023 Newsletter Supporting the Mental Health of Children and Young People in your school community. Latest newsletter.</p>
 <p>Anna Freud building the mental wellbeing of the next generation</p>	<p>https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/moving-up-the-transition-to-secondary-school-animation-teacher-toolkit/ This toolkit is aimed at pupils who have recently started secondary school or will be preparing to go later this year (Year 6) The resource was developed in collaboration with young people, teachers and mental health experts.</p>
	<p>https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/resources/helping-a-young-person-manage-anger/ A guide offering information and advice for youth workers on how to support a young person struggling with anger or displaying aggressive behaviour.</p>



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updates!



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Outdoor Learning @ Beacon Wood & Beyond! Lyminge Forest last
adventure of this school year Term 6 2023

This was the most special day for some of our adventurers as they move
from their primary schools on to secondary.

[Go to this Sway](#)

Latest updates from STLS Andy Young about the
great work and amazing adventures at Beacon
Wood and beyond in term 6!



SEND / JCQ Conference

The King's School warmly invites you to our annual SEND Conference

Friday 13th October 2023

9:30 start, 15:30 finish
Birley's Pavilion, Birley's Playing Fields, Canterbury CT2 7QP

Conference Speakers:

Nick Lait
Head of Examination Services / Chair of Special
Requirements Committee, JCQ

Update on JCQ requirements including general
question time and one-to-ones

Robin Launder
Founder of Behaviour Buddy, speaker at Research
Ed. PIXL, NEU / NASUWT, universities and schools

Motivation Matters: evidence-based strategies
for SENDcos for increasing pupil motivation in
the classroom

Supporting Progress: an ideal session for
SENDcos to help in their management and
support for their pupils, with a focus on the
classroom

This conference is provided free of charge.
Parking is available on site and lunch and refreshments are included.
We look forward to seeing you there.

The King's School SEND
Conference, to book a place
or for more details, use the
form link below:

[Confirmation of attendance -
King's SEND Conference
13th October 2023](#)



SENCo Networking Group



Term 1: **26th September 2023**

Term 2: **09th November 2023**

Term 3: **11th January 2024**

Term 4: **05th March 2024**

Term 5: **30th April 2024** ★

Term 6: **13th June 2024**

All sessions 09.30 – 11.30am



**The Beacon,
Park Farm Road,
Folkestone, CT19 5DN**

Join us for an informal meet,
chat and coffee for all
SENcos. ★

Chat with some of the STLS
team, catch up with
colleagues and share any
questions, concerns or hints
and tips...

No agenda, no need to book,
just come along for a coffee
and a friendly face!



*"It is the perfect place to
get support, feel reassured
and remember that we are
only human. I love these
sessions and the people
there..."*

*"Very valuable for
networking and
discussing latest
updates..."*

*"Really useful for
wellbeing, morale
and time to share
worries, it is fabulous
– a real asset to my
role as SENCO..."*