

SENCO Newsletter



Specialist Teaching &
Learning Service
Folkestone and Hythe



SENCO Wellbeing Coffee Morning Term 2
22nd November 2022 9.30—11am
The Beacon Folkestone



Join us for an informal meet, chat and coffee for all SENCOs. Chat with some of our STLS team, catch up with SENCO colleagues and share any questions or updates. No agenda, just a drink and a friendly face!

Term 2 —Dates for your Diary

Primary / Secondary :

- **LIFT Group 1**—10 NOV 2022 MS Teams 1pm
- **LIFT Group 2**—17 NOV 2022 MS Teams 1pm
- **LIFT Group 3**—14 NOV 2022 MS Teams 9.30am
- **LIFT Group 4**—21 NOV 2022 MS Teams 8.30am
- **LIFT Group 5**— 24 NOV 2022 MS Teams 1pm
- **LIFT Group 6**—28 NOV 2022 MS Teams 8.30am
- **LIFT Group 7**—01 DEC 2022 MS Teams 1pm
- **SENCO Forum**— 29 NOV 2022 Marsh Academy

Early Years Settings :

- **EYS LIFT 1**— 15 NOV 2022 Zoom 1pm
- **EYS LIFT 2**— 22 NOV 2022 The Beacon 1pm
- **EYS LIFT 3**— 06 DEC 2022 Zoom 1pm
- **SENCO Forum**—08 NOV 2022 The Beacon 1pm

Beacon Wood & Beyond!

Following on from the SENCO Forum last term and the outdoor learning presentation delivered by STLS Andy Young, we are happy to share the link to the new outdoor learning blog..

<https://sway.office.com/IruSA7VGM2fDvYEt?ref=Link>



★ **LIFT Paperwork Reminder** — Please ensure that all referral paperwork is sent in **at least a week before** the meeting date complete with signed consent in order to be added to the agenda. Referrals sent out of timescales will be added to the next available meeting. Thank you. Any questions please contact the STLS administrator. ★

Training—Term 2



STLS PD Core Training Offer 2022-23

DETERIORATING NEUROMUSCULAR CONDITIONS (Secondary years)

– Webinar

24 November 2022, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Audience: SENDCos and Class Teachers and TAs (primary)

This training session is for primary schools where a student has been identified as having a deteriorating neuromuscular condition. Conditions might include:

- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)
- Limb girdle dystrophy
- Beckers dystrophy
- Charcot Marie Tooth
- Freidriech's Ataxia

Contact:

stlspd@valence.kent.sch.uk to
book.

- Early identification and interventions (YR-Y2)
- Recognising other associated difficulties, eg ADHD, ASD
- Practical strategies for managing fine motor tasks including handwriting and note-taking
- Inclusion in PE for CYP with co-ordination difficulties
- Managing homework
- Planning for inclusion in PE
- Personal organisation (including dressing, time management and orientation)
- Visual perception
- Adjustments for examinations
- Self-esteem and emotional wellbeing
- **NB we will not be giving strategies around specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia and dyscalculia**

Cost: £37

All bookings are on-line: via STLS Valence website www.stlsvalence.com

PD training calendar (link to booking)

[Deteriorating Neuromuscular Conditions - Webinar for Secondary Years - Teaching & Learning Service \(stlsvalence.com\)](#)

Contact: stlspd@valence.kent.sch.uk

SMILE TRAINING

Makaton Taster

Presented by Annette Sibbons—

Makaton Specialist & STLS Intervention Worker

Contact:

stephanie.crane@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk
to book.

Venue: The Beacon, Park Farm Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5DN

Date: 15h November 2022

Time: 09.00 – 12.00

Cost: £15.00 per person



The Makaton Taster session is designed to raise awareness and to help people understand what Makaton is, who uses it and how they can learn it. It is not the full course, 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.

Topic— Gender Identity / LGBTQ+



Mermaids — <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk/parents/> includes a helpline, web chats, parents forums, residential weekends, resources and useful videos.



The Be You Project (Kent) - <https://thebeyouproject.co.uk/> support available to local schools and online events and forums for pupils.



Gendered Intelligence— <http://genderedintelligence.co.uk/support/families> increase understanding of gender diversity. Booklets and resources to download for schools, young people and parents.



Gender Identity Development Service— <https://gids.nhs.uk/about-us/> Guidance for Professionals, Parents and young people. Resources and CPD Events, referrals to a specialised clinic.



Gender Identity Research & Education Society— <https://gids.nhs.uk> a directory of support groups for trans and gender diverse individuals across the UK.



NELFT Talks— <https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/nelft-talks/what-are-pronouns-why-do-they-matter-3922/> Explanations of pronoun use.

The Genderbread Person

The Genderbread Person— <https://www.genderbread.org/> a teaching tool and free online resources for understanding gender identity and expression.



Stonewall— Charity supporting the LGBTQ Community. Providing resources, roles models and support for schools including ideas for an inclusive curriculum. <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

Supporting Gender Variant Children and Trans Young People Training

https://cpdschools.theeducationpeople.org/courses/bookings/c_detail.asp?cid=28721&a=1&b=2&c=1&d=20&frompage=event_by_subject.asp

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Parent Support Groups



Includes Us 2 My Time Groups

For parents & carers of children with a disability or any additional needs living in Ashford, Dover, Folkestone and Hythe

Our "My Time" Groups provide a relaxed and informal space for parents & carers to get together and access support. Speakers are regularly invited to these sessions to provide information and advice about specialist services. Please email familysupport@includesus2.org.uk to book a free space at our face to face meetings



November Meetings

Wednesday 9th – Zoom 10am-12pm

Wednesday 16th – Ashford St. Mary's C of E Primary School, Western Avenue TN23 1ND 10am-12pm

Wednesday 23rd – Zoom 10am-12pm

December Meetings

Wednesday 7th – Zoom 10am-12pm

Monday 12th – Folkestone The Beacon school Park Farm Road, CT19 5DN 10am-12pm

To log into the Zoom meetings, please use the following Zoom access code;

Meeting ID: 965 565 7908

Passcode: 8KxrrE

One to one appointments can be provided at designated times. For further information please call Nicola (term time) on 07525 589321 or email familysupport@includesus2.org.uk



SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

For parents and carers of children / young people on the autism spectrum.

Come along for a coffee and a chat, whether you have a child with a diagnosis, are waiting for a diagnosis or if you would like to learn more about autistic spectrum condition.

Monday 14th November 2022

**Speaker: Claire Metais -
Speech and Language Therapist**

10.00-12.00

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

Future dates: Monday 5th December 2022,
Monday 6th February 2023, Monday 6th March 2023

Any questions? Please contact hello.sasg@outlook.com
or visit our Facebook page.



**FOR ALL SUPPORTERS
OF PDA CHILDREN &
YOUNG PEOPLE**

Cuppa & Chat Event

**Maidstone Family
Church
94 Boxley Road
Maidstone
ME14 2BQ**

**£1 entry
Refreshments available**

**SPEAK WITH OTHER
SUPPORTERS WHO
UNDERSTAND, IN A
SAFE
NON-JUDGEMENTAL
SPACE**

Dates for Diary -
Thursday 13th October
Thursday 10th November
Thursday 8th December
10:30am-12:30pm

www.facebook.com/groups/pdasupportersgroupkent

