

SENCO Newsletter

Specialist Teaching &
Learning Service
Folkestone and Hythe



Term 2 – LIFT Dates for your Diary

Primary / Secondary :

- LIFT Group 1—09 Nov 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 2—16 Nov 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- LIFT Group 3—13 Nov 2023 MS Teams 9.30am
- LIFT Group 4—20 Nov 2023 MS Teams 8.30am
- LIFT Group 5—23 Nov 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 6—04 Dec 2023 MS Teams 8.30am
- LIFT Group 7—30 Nov 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- SENCO Forum—28 Nov 2023 The Beacon 8.30am

Early Years Settings :

- EYS LIFT 1— 14 Nov 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- EYS LIFT 2— 28 Nov 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- EYS LIFT 3— 05 Dec 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- SENCO Forum— 07 Nov 2023 The Beacon 1pm



East Kent Hospitals University **NHS**

NHS Foundation Trust

Occupational Therapy Service

Sensory Circuits



Training will cover:

- Sensory difficulties
- Precautions
- Risk assessment
- Aims
- Benefits
- How to do run sessions

Location: The Rainbow Centre, Ashford

Length: 1 hour training session 9.30-10.30

Available Dates:

~~28th September full~~
~~12th October full~~
~~16th November full~~
~~14th December full~~
18th January
22nd February
21st March
23rd April
21st May
2nd July

Cost: Free

Led by Stella Parkinson OT and Sara Cave - STLS

To book: Please contact sara.cave@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk with requested date of attendance

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

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!



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

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



"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..."



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

Training—Term 2

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE TRAINING 2023 -24

Good Autism Practice—Schools

Presented by Morag Hards/Claire Garrett STLS & KEPS

Tuesday 07th November 2023

09.30 – 12.30pm The Beacon Folkestone – CT19 5DN
£40 per person



Autism
Education
Trust

Schools



Who is this training for?

This is a module for practitioners who work directly with autistic children in schools, and it provides guidance on processes and tools that can help practitioners to implement good autism practice.

What will you learn?

Develop your knowledge and understanding of good autism practice

- Reflect on and improve your practice in working with autistic pupils
- Understand strategies and approaches you can draw upon for autistic pupils you work with
- Reflect on the kind of information you need to collect for creating a person-centered education plan
- Consider how to involve the autistic pupils and their family in setting learning goals

To book a place, please fill out the official AET booking form by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/g9ctcpbVdW>



Good Autism Practice Booking
Form Folkestone & Hythe



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE TRAINING 2023 -24

Youth Mental Health First Aid (2 Part)

Presented by Ellie Garrett The Beacon

Thurs 30th Nov & Fri 1st Dec 2023

09:00 – 16.30 The Beacon Folkestone – CT19 5DN
£100 per person

Who is this training for?

Educational Staff, SENCos and Other Professionals.

What will you learn?

This two-day Mental Health First Aid course provides a more in depth understanding of specific mental health issues and is delivered in four manageable chunks:

What is mental health?

Depression and anxiety

Suicide and psychosis

Self-harm and eating disorders.



It focuses on the issues faced by young people today, such as cyber bullying and substance misuse and teachers how to promote protective factors and good parenting.

Youth Mental Health First Aiders will have:

- An in depth understanding of young people's mental health and factors that affect wellbeing.
- Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues.
- Confidence to reassure and support a young person in distress.
- Enhanced interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening.
- Knowledge to help a young person recover their health by guiding them to further support.
- Ability to support a young person with a long-term mental health issue or disability to thrive.
- Tools to look after your own mental wellbeing.
- Learning takes place across 4 manageable sessions. Through a mix of group activities presentations and discussions, each session is built around a Youth Mental Health First Aid action plan.



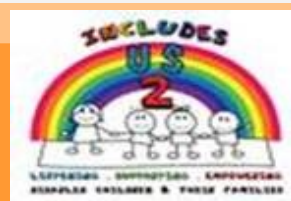
To book a place, please contact
Gemma Geddes:

Gemma.Geddes@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk

- Countywide SENCO Forum - Secondary (am) on 6 December 2023
<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/training-and-events/countywide-senco-forum-secondary-61223-am/>
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<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/training-and-events/countywide-senco-forum-secondary-61223-pm/>
- Countywide SENCO Forum - Primary (am) on 7 December 2023
<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/training-and-events/countywide-senco-forum-primary-am/>
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Parent Support Groups

familysupport@includesus2.org.uk



Coffee Mornings

We will be holding coffee mornings at each of the local Children's Centres. A time and place for parents of children with Special Needs and Disabilities to come together and share the joys and challenges of parenting a child with additional needs.



Rainbow Centre, Great Chart Bypass, Ashford	The Village, Denmark St, Folkestone	Aspen SMILE Centre, Whitfield, Dover
27th September	4th October	11th October
1st November	8th November	15th November
22nd November	29th November	6th December

All sessions are from 10am to 12 noon and there is no need to book, just come along.

If you're not a member of Includes Us 2, please go to our website and contact us.

www.includesus2.org.uk

Membership is free.

Please note, we are able to provide coffee facilities at The Rainbow Centre, Ashford.

However, please bring your own drink to our other locations.

We will provide biscuits at all of our meetings.

Zoom Support Groups

For parents & carers of children and young people with a disability or additional need (no diagnosis needed) living in Ashford, Dover, Folkestone and Hythe

Our Zoom support 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.



Evenings 7-9pm	Mornings 10-12pm
Tuesday 26th September	Monday 2nd October
Monday 16th October	Monday 7th November
Tuesday 21st November	Tuesday 4th December

If you're not a member of Includes Us 2, please fill in a membership form here.

Becoming a member will keep you informed of all of our support groups and events and you will also receive a zoom link to join before the meetings.

[Membership Application Form \(jotform.com\)](#)

Membership is free.

Useful Websites, Links and Resources –Term 2



<https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>

A tool for finding the best support, advice and information on young people's mental health, all in one place. From pre school to young adults.



<https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/i-thrive/>

A new mental health support tool for young people which helps them find emotional wellbeing and mental health support they need when facing difficult situations. The goal is for every young person in Kent to thrive, but if they do need extra help, they know where to go to find the right support.



Family Fund
Helping disabled children

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/am-i-eligible/>

Grants available for families on a low income who are raising a child or young person with a long-term disability, condition or life-limiting illness.



SEND ROADSHOWS

The SEND Information Hub Advice & Guidance roadshows are coming to Romney Marsh and Herne Bay next term.

Families can pop along to the roadshows to find out about the wealth of support available.

Friday 17 November 2023 in Folkestone & Hythe District at Lighthouse On The Marsh Centre
Friday 8 December 2023 in Canterbury District at Herne Bay Poppy Children's Centre

Speakers include: KENT PACT, The SEND Information Hub Team, Information Advice and Support Kent, Healthcare navigators.



How do I book a place?

it's free to book a place at our roadshows. Just email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk to register your place and receive more information about the roadshow you want to attend.



The King's School warmly invites you to our

EAL Conference 2023

Friday 24th November

focusing on support for multilingual learners across the curriculum
with a full conference programme:

CLIL (Content and Language-Integrated Learning)

CLIL is a dual-focused teaching and learning approach in which a community's primary language (English) and an additional language are used for promoting both content mastery and language acquisition. CLIL provides a genuine and immediate need to learn and use (for what the students is) a new language. Two hour session and workshop.

The Bell Foundation (evidence-informed EAL expertise)

Two hour-long presentations focusing on designing and delivering effective classroom strategies in an EAL context, and embedding effective provision for refugee and asylum-seeking children.

Conference Speakers:

CLIL:

Peeter Mehisto (UCL, IoE,
award-winning author)

CLIL123: a talk and workshop exploring the

essentials of CLIL with classroom examples and
supported by research. Includes general question time

The Bell Foundation:

Glynis Lloyd

Designing and delivering effective classroom

strategies for multilingual children who are learning
English

The Bell 
Foundation

**Embedding effective provision for refugee and
asylum-seeking children** who are new to English

This conference is provided free of charge.

Parking is available on site and lunch and refreshments are included.

9:30 start, 15:30 finish

Birley's Pavilion, Birley's Playing Fields, Canterbury CT2 7QP

Suitable for Primary and Secondary colleagues, to book a place click here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RJzVw53qZB> or contact ejs@kings-school.co.uk



Talking Walk ins

Folkestone & Hythe

Concerned about your pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills?

Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions where you can speak to a speech and language therapist

Just turn up – no need to book!

For residents living in Folkestone & Hythe with pre-school-aged children

Children's Centre	Day/session
Caterpillars Children's Centre, Chart Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4PN Tel: 03000 42 11 67	1st Tues of month, Time: 9.30-11.45
Folkestone Early Years Children's Centre, Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1QF Tel: 03000 42 11 67	2nd Weds of month, Time: 9.30-11.45
The Village Children's Centre Denmark Street, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 6EQ Tel: 03000 42 11 67	3rd Mon of month, Time: 9.30-11.45
New Romney Children's Centre, Craythorne Lane, New Romney, Kent, TN28 8BL Tel: 03000 42 11 67	4th Weds of month, Time: 9.30-11.45

Talking Walk-ins provide you with advice or ideas to try at home. We may signpost you to other support or invite you to a follow-up with the speech and language therapy service.

Talking Walk-ins do not run on Bank Holidays or between Christmas and New Year.
Check the Folkestone & Hythe Children's Centres Facebook page for updates.



SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

RANT AND RAVE DROP IN MORNINGS

For parents, carers and family of children on the autistic spectrum.
Come along for a coffee and a chat, whether you have a child with a diagnosis,
awaiting a diagnosis or looking for information

No speaker, no agenda,
just time to chat, celebrate the wins and vent about
the challenges with people who get it.

Every other Tuesday (term time only)
12th September, 26th September,
10th October, 31st October, 14th November,
28th November, 12th December
Anytime between 10.00am-12.00pm

Beacon Plus Community Cafe,
Our Lady of Help of Christians Catholic Church,
41a Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1EF

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





SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

For parents and carers of school-aged children 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 6th November 2023
Heather Godfrey - Imago Short Breaks
Kent Young Carers**

10.00am-12.00pm

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

Future dates: Monday 4th December 2023,
Monday 8th January 2024, Monday 5th February 2024

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