

SENCO Newsletter

Specialist Teaching &
Learning Service
Folkestone and Hythe



Locality Model for SEN Inclusion



KCC are proposing to establish a Locality Model for Special Educational Needs (SEN) Inclusion in Kent, which would help drive necessary countywide improvements to mainstream inclusion and education, for children and young people aged 5 to 16 years old with SEN.

The proposed Model, would mean SEN support and services being accessed and delivered in a new way, making better use of local education and SEN expertise. The ambition is that children and young people's needs are identified accurately and assessed in a timely and effective way, so they receive the right support.

Full details of the proposals and the consultation document are found below as well as a chance for your feedback!

[Locality Model for Special Educational Needs Inclusion | Let's talk Kent](#)

Term 3 – LIFT Dates for your Diary

Primary / Secondary :

- LIFT Group 1—11 Jan 2024 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 2—18 Jan 2024 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 3—15 Jan 2024 The Beacon 9.30am
- LIFT Group 4—22 Jan 2024 MS Teams 8.30am
- LIFT Group 5—25 Jan 2024 MS Teams 1pm
- LIFT Group 6—29 Jan 2024 MS Teams 8.30am
- LIFT Group 7—01 Feb 2024 MS Teams 1pm
- SENCO Forum—30 Jan 2024 The Beacon 8.30am

Early Years Settings :

- EYS LIFT 1— 16 Jan 2024 The Beacon 1pm
- EYS LIFT 2— 23 Jan 2024 MS Teams 1pm
- EYS LIFT 3— 30 Jan 2024 The Beacon 1pm
- SENCO Forum— 09 Jan 2024 The Beacon 1pm

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!

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

Training—Term 3

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE TRAINING 2023 -24

Autism and Girls

Presented by Morag Hards/Claire Garrett STLS

Tuesday 09th January 2024

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 will provide an understanding of Autism and the differences between the male and female presentation.
- We will consider the impact of these characteristics on diagnosis and the risk factors that are experienced in daily life for girls with ASC.
- Strategies to support girls in education from Early Years to Secondary will be introduced with time given for discussion and supportive conversations
- Delegates will have an increased awareness of:
- Prevalence of girls and ASC– history and research overview
- Co-morbidity with other conditions
- How can girls with ASC present differently to boys?
- How can we best support girls with ASC? Key strategies
- A range of materials/resources which are girls and ASC specific (including puberty)



Folkestone & Hythe SMILE Training
Booking Form



STLS AREA TRAINING 2023 -24

Literacy Difficulties Including Dyslexia

Presented by STLS C&L Teachers

Mon 8th Jan, Mon 15th Jan, Mon 26th Feb

09:30 – 12.30 Whitfield Aspen School – CT16 3LJ

£90 per person for all 3 sessions

Who is this training for?

Educational Staff, SENCos and Other Professionals.

What will you learn?

- To be able to identify dyslexia and presenting difficulties.
- To increase understanding of the Kent Dyslexia Policy and new Dyslexia guidance.
- To be able to increase awareness of difficulties in the classroom and barriers to learning literacy difficulties present.
- To be able to access resources and practical strategies to support literacy difficulties and promote inclusion.

Participants must attend all three sessions and ,with support, will be expected to carry out an action research project for their setting between sessions 2 and 3 and deliver a 10 minute presentation in the final session.

The presenters are Specialist Teachers for Cognition and Learning in Dover, Ashford, Folkestone and Hythe. Between them they have many years experience of classroom teaching in primary and secondary schools, as well as experience as SENCOs, Inclusion Managers and Leaders.

To find out more or book a place, please contact:

Sophie Hammond: aspensmile@whitfield.kent.sch.uk



STLS CLINIC DATES TERM 3



Contact the lead teacher directly to book a clinic slot...

SEMH Clinic —09th January 2024 —Andrew.Young@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk Rebecca.Rose@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk

C&I Clinic — 23rd January 2024 — Morag.Hards@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk Claire.Garrett@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk

C&L Clinic— 24th January 2024 — Julie.Pout@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk

25th January 2024





Folkestone & Hythe Specialist Teaching and Learning Service

Mental Health and Suicide Awareness

Target Audience: Upper Key Stage 2 / Secondary

Cost: £40 per person

This training considers the changes in pupil's thoughts, feelings and behaviours, relating those to a range of scenarios.

It will look at a needs assessment indicator to give guidance of the level of need and then will show how to create a safety plan.

A very strong feature of this training is sharing and signposting delegates to a range of resources which are easy for young people to access.

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

9.00am – 1pm

The Beacon Folkestone
Park Farm Road
Folkestone
Kent CT19 5DN

To book a space, please complete the booking form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7Q19PP7r9X>

Folkestone & Hythe SMILE Training
Booking Form



PDA Supporters Group Kent

Who are we?

The PDA Supporters Group Kent was set up for all parents, carers & supporters of children & young people diagnosed & undiagnosed with pathological demand avoidance.

What do we offer?

The opportunity to join an online community that understands, provides a listening ear, helps problem solve, shares local contacts & resources in a non-judgemental space.

Access to regular cuppa and chat meets and specialist speakers events.

www.facebook.com/groups/pdasupportersgroupkent



TUESDAYS
19:00 - 20:00

JUNIOR PARA **BADMINTON**

AGES 8 - 16 YEARS | PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

MEMBER: £4.70 **NON MEMBER: £7.50**

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL | L.UPHILL@KINGSRECREATION.CO.UK



Keep thriving through winter — a guide for young people

Exploring the difficulties young people face and tips to manage them.

Please share with the young people that you are working with....

[Keep thriving through winter - a Sway for young people](#)

Supporting autistic young people to manage their periods

Autistic young people often need more time to understand and prepare for changes and this is especially important when dealing with the physical and emotional changes that come with menstruation.

By helping autistic young people to understand how to manage their periods, you are giving them the skills they need to be independent and resilient.

Find the guide here:



[Supporting autistic young people to manage their periods](#)

Mental health lead resource hub— for a whole school approach

A resource hub created in partnership with and funded by the Department of Education, with new resources added regularly.

[Mental health lead resource hub : Mentally Healthy Schools](#)



STLS PD Core Training Offer 2023 – 24

DEVELOPMENTAL CO-ORDINATION DISORDER – Webinar

Audience: SENDCOs and Class Teachers (primary and secondary)

WHEN:

Tuesday 6th February 2024 9.30 – 11.30

Monday 10th June 2024 1.30 – 3.30

This training session is for primary and secondary schools where a CYP has been identified as having both gross motor and fine motor co-ordination difficulties but does not necessarily have a diagnosis. There may also be other difficulties associated with their needs, eg specific learning difficulties (dyslexia/dyscalculia), personal organisation difficulties, visual-spatial difficulties as well as practical tasks.

- Early identification and interventions
- 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

Please email pdteam@kent.gov.uk to reserve a place with the following details:

- **Name and email address of delegate**
 - **School/setting address**
 - **Invoicing email address**

Please visit our website for all information regarding PD and Complex Medical Needs:
<https://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs/specialist-teaching-and-learning-services-stls/physical-disability-and-complex-medical-needs>



Coffee Mornings

We will be holding coffee mornings at each of the following 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 Street,
Folkestone

Aspen SMILIE
Centre, Whitfield
Dover

Wednesday 3rd January

Wednesday 10th January

Wednesday 17th January

Wednesday 24th January

Wednesday 31st January

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 27th March

All sessions are from 10am to 12 noon.

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we can accommodate your needs.

Email - familysupport@includesus2.org.uk

If you are not a member of Includes Us 2, please go to our website or join here

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

Membership is free.

Please note

Ashford - We are able to provide hot drinks.

Folkestone - We cannot provide hot drinks.

Dover - We are able to provide hot drinks.