



# Southampton SENCo Hub Newsletter

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## SOUTHAMPTON SENCo CONFERENCE

This will take place on Wednesday 24th June 2020 at Highpoint and will be our fifth annual conference.

The theme this year is "**Developing Distributed Leadership for SEND.**"

This year we are offering FREE places to SEND Link Governors.

Just some of the speakers include:

**Nicholas Whittaker HMI**, Specialist Adviser for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, OFSTED – Working with your SEND Governor

**Steve Smith and Lou Peston**, HISP Research School – Key recommendations from the EEF Special Educational Needs guidance report published on 27th March 2020

**Rob Webster**, UCL Institute of Education – Latest research on how to help primary and secondary schools make best use of TAs.

## Research into Secondary provision for SEND

Southampton Advisory Outreach Service conducted a piece of research into secondary provision for SEND across Southampton over a twelve month period. The findings are now available on the SIP website.

**"This short piece of action research seeks to identify the strengths of secondary school provision for students with SEND, in order to provide a city wide overview in which good practice and expertise can be shared. It also considers the particular barriers faced by secondary schools and examines how schools are working to overcome these barriers. The research suggests that despite the challenges of reduced funding, some schools are developing innovative ways to maximise resources and provide flexible pathways of provision for pupils with SEND..."**

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## SENCo Resource Portal

There are now a growing number of free materials available to Southampton SENCos on the Resource Portal, accessible from the Southampton Inclusion Partnership website.

These include:

- SENCo Annual Management Planner
- Assess Plan Do Review proforma
- Graduated Approach Tool
- High Quality Inclusive Teaching checklist

Please contact Lisa in the office if you have not signed up yet to access these resources.



## Has your school had a SEND Review?

A number of schools within the city have now commissioned reviews of their SEND Provision. This is a collaborative piece of work with qualified SEND Reviewers who work with you to identify strengths and area for improvement. External validation of a school's internal self evaluation processes can help school leaders to provide robust evidence for driving improvement. Please get in touch with the SIP Office if you would like to explore this further.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPORT THIS YEAR

The remaining two training sessions will take place at Springwell School, Community Room.

They have been commissioned by the Local Authority, free of charge to schools and open to SENCos, Senior Leaders and SEND Governors

Measuring progress of pupils with SEND - Wed  
29th January 9:30-12:30

Pupil and parent voice - Thursday 27th Feb 9:30-  
12:30

Please book your free place by visiting the SIP website at [www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses](http://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses)

Secondary schools are also able to access pupil surgeries. Please get in touch with the SAOS Team to book.

## FREE PRIMARY TRAINING for SENCos, Senior Leaders and SEND Governors

The final session will take place at Testlands Hub, Green Lane on

Wednesday 12th February 2020 9:30-12:30

Measuring the progress of pupils with SEND

Listening to the voice of parents and pupils with SEND

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## SAOS Telephone Consultation

Due to a number of requests for telephone advice over the last term, SAOS will continue to offer telephone consultation for SENCos on Tuesday afternoons between 1 and 3pm. One of our Outreach Special Support Assistants will be available to discuss previous, current and future cases.

## Inclusive Education

### Consultation documents out shortly

Last year SCC and partners launched a strategy to build inclusive capacity in schools, colleges and settings.

So far we have developed:

- An inclusion charter
- An inclusive adult education Audit
- Ordinarily Available Provision Guidance

These are currently in draft and will be coming out for consultation shortly. Please take time to look at these documents which will be used to drive forward our inclusive practice.

For further information contact Pippa Cook, SEND Strategic Review Manager at [Pippa.cook@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Pippa.cook@southampton.gov.uk) or 02380 832073

## SENCo Hub Meetings

### Spring Term -

### Wednesday 18th March 2-4pm Cantell School

Speakers include:

- Emma Clewer - Simon Says.Child Bereavement Charity – a short information session about the work of the charity in supporting bereaved children, young people and their families and how schools can support pupils who have been bereaved.
- Stuart Bonney – Exclusions: Guidance and good practice for SEND – looking at the proposed outcomes of The Timpson Report and how to work within this guidance and the CoP.
- Claire Bailey - How Bitterne CE Primary are using Nature to support children for whom the traditional Nurture Group Environment was not effective.
- Tammy Marks - Yr 6/7 Transition .



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## Teaching School Hubs

The six pilot Teaching School Hubs have recently been announced: <http://bit.ly/35CaJX9> .

There is not a hub in our area (South East South London SESL) although Amanda Parry, as Regional Lead will be kept informed of developments through the TSC. All Teaching Schools will be kept updated via a regional newsletter and information will continue to be shared via this newsletter. Whilst these six hubs remain part of the Test and Learn pilot and we learn from this model, there is no change to the way teaching schools in SESL operate and funding has been committed to existing Teaching Schools until at least April 2021.

## Engagement Model

You will be aware that as from September 2020, P Levels will no longer be used to assess pupils working at levels 1-4.

The Engagement Model will become statutory from September 2020 which uses a very different assessment approach to P-scales. Five areas of engagement (exploration, realisation, anticipation, participation and initiation) will be used as an assessment tool in conjunction with schools' internal assessment processes.

The information received is that the DfE is not currently expecting data to be submitted but the names of pupils involved in the Engagement Model will be required. Ofsted are involved in writing the guidance and will form part of the Quality of Education judgement.

Training will take place in the Spring term to ensure there are lead trainers across each region with the full programme of training being rolled out across the region during the summer term. This training will be free and the expectation is that at least one representative from all primary and special schools should attend.

Southampton Inclusion Partnership are attending the Train the Trainer event on March 20th after which further details will be shared.

## **Primary PGCE with a SEND specialism**

*Do you know a colleague who would be interested in a career in teaching, with a SEND specialism?*

*Our successful Primary PGCE course prepares students for a teaching position in both mainstream and special schools.*

*Check out our website for further information.*

*<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/teacher-training/>*

