



# Southampton SENCo Hub Newsletter

Summer Term 2021,

Dear SENCos,

Welcome to the Summer edition of the SENCo newsletter. There is a lot going on as always and we are particularly looking forward to the SENCo Conference on 23rd June, entitled: "**Every Leader a Leader of SEND.**" Please don't forget to bring your SEND Governor along, free of charge! Speakers include Chris Pollitt (HMI), Rob Webster (UCL) and a very welcome late edition, Malcolm Reeve from Nasen.

Everyone at SIP and SAOS wish you a very happy end to the summer term.

Best wishes,

Clare Belli



## Engagement Model Training

Just over 100 delegates have attended **Engagement Model training** provided by SIP.

Spread over 3 sessions, the training has enabled delegates to understand what the Engagement Model is, which pupils will be assessed using it and how it can be implemented within their setting.

Delegates have learnt how the Engagement Model links to the 4 areas of need in the SEND Code of Practice and how to use the plan, do review cycle linked to the model.

## Engagement Model Training (cont)

The training also provided opportunities for delegates to make links between the Engagement Model and the curriculum and develop confidence in using the model to inform teaching and learning, including learning about the power of observation.

During the final session delegates learnt about reporting progress and accountability linked to the model and had the opportunity to discuss any queries.

The training has empowered delegates to be able to disseminate information to a wider audience and implement the model in a way that suits their settings.

Feedback from evaluations include:

***"Really useful and informative sessions. Great handouts, good opportunities to discuss scenarios. Thank you!"***

***"Rachel and Tammy were so knowledgeable and gave us time to reflect on how the engagement model would work in our own schools. The resources that we received to accompany the training have been really useful. Thank you!"***

If you missed the *Engagement Model training* this time round, we are running again in the Autumn term starting on Thursday 23rd September, please see the website for more details.

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>

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## Whole School SEND and Nasen

The Whole School SEND Consortium, hosted by Nasen, continues to deliver the Department for SEND Schools' Workforce Support Contract.

CPD will remain on line in order to extend reach and will include themes such as early identification, SEN Support, transition, preparation for adulthood and leadership of SEND.

An exciting development for this year is the offer for education professionals to join professional development groups in each region.

Clare Belli continues in her role as Whole School SEND Lead for the South east and south London and will keep schools posted on developments.

## Initial Teacher Training

The eagerly awaited resource to support initial teacher training has been released this term, along with the '**Teacher Handbook: SEND, embedding inclusive practice.**'

The scale of this resource is extensive and continues to grow, providing a much needed resource for teachers and mentors.

To access this resource go to:

<https://ittr.sendgateway.org.uk/>

## SENCo Hub Meetings

Dates for next year as follows:

**Autumn Term -**

**Thursday 4 Nov 2021 2-4pm,**

**Spring Term -**

**Thursday 10 March 2-4pm**

**Annual SENCo Conference**

**Wednesday 22 June 2022**

The key group, professionals from both primary and secondary schools, the Education Psychology Service and Local Authority, will continue to plan SENCo Hub network meetings and the annual SENCo Conference.

If you would like to be a part of this group, please get in touch with Clare Belli. We will be meeting virtually on Tuesday 6th July, 1-2:30 to plan for 21-22.

## SEND Workshops—Springwell School

We are delighted to announce that we are planning to re-open for SEND Workshops at Springwell School in the Autumn Term.

These are a great opportunity to observe classes in a special School setting and discuss strategies for managing behaviour and meeting the needs of children with learning difficulties.

For dates and times please take a look at the website at

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## Early Years SEND webinars

Southampton Advisory Outreach Service in partnership with Springwell School and the Early Years Advisory Team have planned a series of twilight webinars on supporting pupils with SEND, running across the summer term.

12.05.21 **Creating a SEND friendly classroom environment.**

19.05.21 **Learning to Learn**

9.06.21 **Communication strategies**

16.06.21 **Facilitating engagement through music**

23.06.21 **Getting Started – developing sensory exploration and engagement**

30.06.21 **Chillwell and self-regulation**

7.07.21 **Schema**

*These sessions are recommended to all managers, teachers and support staff expected to be working in Early Years in September 21.*

*These are being delivered free of charge in response to the increasing numbers of pupils with special educational needs expected in mainstream settings from September 21.*

The sessions can be booked via the SIP website at

[www.southamptoninclusion.net](http://www.southamptoninclusion.net)



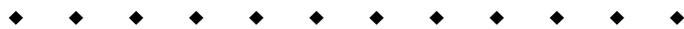
## Service Level Agreement for SEND

The Service Level Agreement for SENCo Support & Development provides greater flexibility and fantastic value for money. The package of support will enable schools to strengthen their inclusive practice and improve provision and outcomes for pupils with SEND.

Included:

- One admission to the SIP SENCo Conference
- Two half day SEND Seminars led by Julie Wharton
- One space on a SEND workshop
- 10% Discount on SIP core courses for SENCo only.

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



## SEND Module with HISP Research School

A number of Southampton schools have signed up for the SEND Module training being offered by HISP Research School this term.

The 6-week module is being led by Clare Belli, **Southampton Inclusion Partnership** and Lou Peaston, **HISP Research School**, Thornden.

If you missed this opportunity and would like to register your interest for next year, please contact Emma Langley, Research and Teaching School Manager, HISP MAT at:

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