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DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 10

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DSPL 9 SENCo Surgeries Pilot

Further to my recent email asking for feedback around the development of half termly SENCo surgeries facilitated by myself and Mandy Brandon, I am pleased to let you know the final details of this pilot.

These sessions will take place at either 8-8.30am or 4-4.30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th March

Tuesday 16th April

Tuesday 11 June

Please use the links below to identify a slot you would like to attend and book on to:

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1142600>

There will be a total of 8 spaces available for each of the sessions to enable time for all questions and queries to be answered within the 1/2 hour session.

Brief and explanation around the session:

- This will be a safe space where you can ask anything in relation to SEND.
- Opportunity to ask for advice around current issues
- Not to be used to discuss historic issues with County
- For those children/students who are not known to county this will be done through an unnamed child basis
- For those children who have an open EHCNA names and details can be shared
- Mandy will share information that she is able to access
- If answers cannot be provided during the session, they will be noted down and either Mandy or myself will be in contact following the meeting

If there is any information that can be shared prior to your attendance please send it via schoolfx to gemmahall@dsplare9.org.uk

N.B: You are encouraged to attend the whole session to enable you to listen to other questions and receive information that you may need at a later date.

The surgeries will be reviewed at the end of the academic year to consider impact and next steps.



Non-attendance at DSPL 9/HFL termly SENCo forums

As you will be aware, DSPL 9 have now combined the termly SENCo forums with the HFL SEND briefings to allow local SENCos to access these important events at the same time. As a result of this DSPL 9 are fully funding the HFL SEND briefings which previously would have been funded through individual schools. With 50 places being available each term this is a significant amount of the DSPL 9 budget.

Due to this, the decision has been made by the DSPL 9 board that those SENCos who are a 'no show' on the day and do not provide a valid reason for non-attendance prior to the event will be charged £22 to cover the cost of their space.

With over 80 SENCos across DSPL 9 and 50 spaces available for these events it is important that if you are unable to attend that your ticket is released to enable another local SENCo to access the session.

DSPL 9 Reduced Timetable Information Sharing Session delivered by Silvia Hundal Wednesday 28th February from 1.30-2.30pm

Following the success of the EHCP session delivered by Mandy Brandon, DSPL 9 is pleased to offer you an opportunity to attend a session around Reduced Timetables with Silvia Hundal (Access Lead).

The intended outcomes for the session are as follows:

- By the end of session, 80% of the teachers/SENCOs in DSPL9, will demonstrate their understanding of the DfE guidance on the use of Reduced Timetables for children of school age by completing the RTTPortal with at least 90% accuracy.
- By the end of the term, the number of students who are on Reduced Timetable Tables will decrease by 20%, as a result of the implementation of the DfE guidance.
- By the end of the term, the parents of the students who are on Reduced Timetable Tables will report an increased satisfaction with the school's support and communication by providing their voice during the Assess, Plan, Do, Review process.

To ensure those attending the session get the most from it, please can I ask that any questions in relation to reduced timetables be send to me by **Friday 9th February** to allow time for these to be factored into the presentation.

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Data Protection and SEND Record Keeping

Further to conversations that took place during the recent coffee mornings, Louise Barrel has recommended that SENCos use the following link to guidance for SEND record keeping as the information on this website is regularly updated:

<http://www.dataprotectionschools.com/en/Data-Protection-Guidelines/Records-Retention/>

Dates for
your
diary.....

DSPL 9 LHNF panel dates and deadlines

There have been a number of queries recently around the deadlines and LHNF panel dates between now and the end of the academic year. Please see the table below:

Panel Date	Deadline for applications
Thursday 21 st March 2024	Tuesday 5 th March by 5pm
Thursday 9 th May 2024	Tuesday 23 rd April by 5pm
Thursday 13 th June 2024	Tuesday 21 st May by 5pm
Thursday 4 th July 2024	Tuesday 18 th June by 5pm

New to Role SENCo Group

The 5th session for new SENCos will be taking place on Tuesday 27th February from 3.30-5pm. The focus of this session will be referrals and assessment.

If you are a new SENCo and would like to attend please contact admin@dsplarea9.org.uk.

The MT link for this session will be send closer to the time.



ADD-vance
The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust

ADHD Training

Following the feedback from SENCos the following courses from Add-Vance will be available in the spring term

Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour: Tuesday 13th February 9.30-11.30am
<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1089134>

Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences: Wednesday 13th March 1-3pm
<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1089149>

Please note that workshops Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviours and Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences assume previous knowledge of ADHD as gained from attending the Understanding ADHD workshop (or similar experience).

All sessions will be delivered virtually and the training is available to all staff members.

DSPL 9 EYs SENCo Forum

The spring term EYs SENCo forum will be taking place on Tuesday 12th March from 1-2pm via Teams.

As well as including a DSPL 9 update, the forum will be attended by Denise Filer (Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour Specialist: Early Years) who will be sharing information around self-regulation, sensory issues and communication. Denise has asked if those attending can bring some cases (no personal identifiers), so they can be explored during the session.

To access the event please click on the Teams link below:

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Don't Miss Out!

Spaces still available:

<https://www.hfleducation.org/events/2024-hfl-education-send-conference>

DSPL 9 SLCN Network Meeting Thursday 7th March 10-11.30am

Thank you to those SENCos who have already shared their ideas for the next SLCN network meeting. Please can we ask that those of you who haven't yet, find a few minutes to complete the google form:

<https://forms.gle/RPeKmD6XDBF6KET4A>

IMPOWER

Valuing SEND

VSEND Training and Refresher

Come and find out how the VSEND tool will empower your SEND practice, facilitate coproduction discussions and help you to meet need. Alternatively if you would like an opportunity to remind yourself about how to access and use the tool then this session is also for you.

In this training, you will find out:

- What the VSEND tool is
- First steps to get VSEND started in your setting
- How to use VSEND to support your pupils with SEND

Date: Wednesday 28th February 2024

Time: 9.30-11.30am

Venue: The Hub, Bournehall Primary School, Bournehall Ave, WD23 3AX

To book a space please click on the link: <https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1091693>

**DON'T
FORGET!**

Early Years and Primary Mental Health & Wellbeing Network Meeting

The spring term meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 27th February from 9.30-11am. All Mental health Leads are encouraged to attend and access a range of updates and information sharing from a wide variety of organisations. The agenda for this event will be released closer to the event.

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Last week the EMWiE team delivered the Schools Mark webinar; a brief introduction to the process, along with a short testimonial from The Hemel Hempstead School of their experience.

This session was recorded to enable primary and secondary setting to access the session as many schools have requested the Schools Mark documents but not gone any further. To access the recording please click on the link below:

[An introduction to the Emotional and Mental Wellbeing in Schools webinar - 22 January 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

A second Schools Mark webinar session will take place on **Monday 11th March at 3.30pm** – Schools should receive a link for this at some point this week.

Please note that the webinar is suitable for SEND settings to watch; but we have a separate document that they will use. This will be ready later in the Spring term.

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Gallery of Awesomeness

DSPL 9 would like to provide an opportunity through these newsletters to celebrate some of the work that is taking place across local school and settings to celebrate inclusivity and share good SEND practice across the local area.

This may be in the form of photographs, case studies or children's work/displays. If you have anything you would like to share across DSPL 9 please send it through to Gemma Hall at gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk to enable your example of awesomeness to be shared with local colleagues.

