



Telford & Wrekin
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Telford & Wrekin Local Offer **Newsletter**



SEND Newsletter

February 2024

**Discover all the current news and information
about Special Educational Needs and Disability in
Telford & Wrekin**

SENCo Network Meetings

SENCo Network Meetings are an opportunity to find out the latest information from SEND 0-25, to network and to provide and receive support from other professionals.

They are an opportunity for SENCo's, senior and middle leaders from primary, secondary and specialist maintained schools to share collaborative working, best practice, policy changes and good news stories of how we all can make a difference to Children & Young People living in Telford & Wrekin.

The next SENCo network meeting will be on **Thursday 21 March 4pm - 5.30pm at HLC Secondary School. Parking is limited therefore please arrive in plenty of time, park considerately and try to car share wherever possible.**

There is also an additional SALT Information meeting this month to find out more about local Speech and language Therapy services:

SALT information session for SENCOS (not Early Years) 28 February 2024
4pm - 5pm The link to join the meeting will be e-mailed out to all SENCOS ahead of the meeting. If you have not received it by Friday 22nd February, please e-mail the SEND and Inclusion inbox ahead of the meeting - requests for the link just before the meeting are unlikely to be picked up so please request it in plenty of time if needed.

EHCP and ISF Updates

Updates to ISF for Phase transition (Children in Y6 and in Y2 in an infant school)

- All children in Y6 (or Y2 in an infant school) and already in receipt of ISF funding will have their funding automatically extended until 31st December 2024. This funding will automatically transfer to their new school from September 2024. You will receive a letter informing you of this in March.
- If you have children in Y2 (infant schools only) or Y6 who currently have ISF funding which is due to end between now and December you do not need to submit any review paperwork, the funding will automatically be extended.
- The last panel you can attend to request **new** funding for pupils in Y6 (or Y2 in an infant school) is the **March** This is to ensure that their new school can be informed about the funding as soon as school places have been confirmed and have sufficient time to plan ahead to meet their needs.
- The ISF panel will therefore not accept applications for new funding for pupils in Y6 (or Y2 at an infant school) after March.

Notification of EHCPs and children in receipt of ISF funding.

Schools will be e-mailed directly regarding children moving to them under phase transition in September 2024 who have an EHCP or who are in receipt of ISF funding.

- Children with an EHCP - lists will be sent w/b 26th
- Children in receipt of ISF funding – lists will be sent w/b 18th

New Secondary ISF Panel

From the summer term, there will be a separate, dedicated ISF panel for Secondary applications. Further information will be coming out to schools shortly. In the meantime, please submit your ISF requests as normal.

Updated Paperwork

- A simplified version of the ISF application paperwork has been produced and will be available on the Local Offer shortly. We will continue to accept applications on the old paperwork until the end of this academic year.
- Parts of the EHCNA paperwork have been updated. Please ensure you use the latest version (February 2024) for your submissions.

FREE Early Years SEND Reviewer Training

Please see the flyer linked below for details on how to access this free training on 22 February.

SEND Reviewer Training Flyer

SEND and AP Change Programme

Dear colleagues,

We are writing to let you know of the launch of the SEND and AP Change Programme and to invite you to get involved.

We all share a passion for improving the lives of children and young people with SEND and this programme aims to do just that.

The two-year SEND and AP Change Programme will focus on early intervention, to prevent children and young people's needs from becoming complex.

Our council is the lead of the programme in West Midlands, working with Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire. Nationally, all local authorities will pilot the programme with DfE, sharing practices and learning from each other.

Some of the upcoming areas of work that we will be focusing on are:

- Local Area Inclusion Plan
- EHCP Standardisation
- Advisory Tailored Lists
- Early Language and Support for Every Child (ELSEC) -locally we are planning to enhance the use of Talk Boost and provide some additional universal support for selected mainstream primary schools and early years settings, we anticipate that the ELSEC programme will be rolled out in 30 mainstream primary schools and early years settings across Telford & Wrekin.

Your education setting has a vital role to play in the programme's development, to ensure borough children and young people with special needs and in alternative provision can access the right support at the right time.

Thanks to those who have agreed to join the schools and early years setting focus group on 21 February, this session will help shape our plans for ELSEC.

Over the coming weeks, members of your staff will be able to join several workshops to learn more about the programme and to share their input.

You can find out more about the programme [here](#).

We will be in touch again with the schedule of the workshops and with further updates.

Thank you for your support.

Short Breaks Newsletter

Please see the Short Breaks newsletter here:

[Short Breaks Newsletter](#)

Collaborate Newsletter

This month's edition of [Collaborate is a Children and Young People's Special](#) - please take a look to find out about updates on the CYP Mental Health Transformation Plan, Keyworker service for CYP with Learning Disability and / or Autism who are on the Dynamic Support Register along with other initiatives supporting Mental Health, and updates from the SLCN and Neurodiversity Workstreams.

Collaborate is an Integrated Care System Stakeholder Bulletin - to subscribe click [here](#)

Updates from PODS

Challenges at Home Family Support session (for families on Neurodiversity/Autism assessment pathways):

Open to 0-18 years from mainstream and special schools.

For families to discuss home/life concerns and seek information and advice from Educational Psychologist team around emotional, behaviour, social, anxieties, routines, etc.

We use these sessions to support families to find solutions together and share experiences and offer mutual support in a safe and supportive place.

IN PERSON AT PODS HUB:

Tourette's Action Telford Group - 20th February.

The link to the event is here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS/t-yampgag>

29 February (9.30am -12pm) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS/e-ggybxj>

14 March (9.30am - 12pm) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS/e-ggybxj>

ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS:

14 March (6pm - 7.30pm) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS/t-Invmmrg>

PODS Parent Carer Forum's New Leaflet

We have updated our PODS Parent Carer Forum leaflet. Please share with families and parent carers in our community. The role of the forum is to gather and share the views and experiences of families, to ultimately improve outcomes for local families who have a child with a disability or additional need. We welcome any feedback about local services - across Education, Health, Social Care and wider services which are then shared in reporting to key strategic teams, Directors and Service Managers.

The Parent Carer Forum, has been running for the last 15 years. It is made up of a team of Volunteer Parent Reps, who are out and about within the community and share the experiences of families at monthly Reps/Forum Meetings and go on to attend strategic meetings, boards as part of their role.

For further discussion or to find out more please get in touch with Jayne Stevens, Strategic Co-ordinator (lead of the Parent Carer Forum). Thank you. jayne@podstelford.org / 0777 534 2092

Updates from IASS

Telford and Wrekin SENDIASS Surveys – links below

[Parent/Carer Survey 2024](#)

[SENCO Survey](#)

[Early Years Survey](#)

[IASS Newsletter](#)

Training and CPD

 				
<h1>Dates for your diary</h1>				
What?	Who For?	When?	Where?	Cost?
AET Leaders Network	By Invitation Only <small>Invitations coming soon</small>	Thursday 18th April 2024 3:30pm - 5pm	The Mercure Hotel Telford	FREE
Leading Good Autism Practice	All schools who do not have an AET trained Autism Lead	Friday 28th June 2024 All Day (lunch included)	The Mercure Hotel Telford	FREE
Autism Leads Conference	All Autism Leads and SENCOs	Friday 12th July 2024 All Day (lunch included)	The Mercure Hotel Telford	FREE for named Autism Leads <small>Additional places tbc</small>

LSAT 212 Governors' Responsibilities for SEND Thursday, May 16, 2024 5pm to 7pm

LSAT 514 AET Making Sense of Autism – an Introduction to Autism for Governors Wednesday, June 12, 2024 6pm to 7.30pm

Please see the Telford and Wrekin [CPD booklet](#) for further details and to book

TeachMeet Events

Do you know about the TeachMeet Events? These are **free** online events covering a range of topics.

One of interest coming up soon is 'Transition to Secondary School with Autistic Girls Network'.

29 February, 7-8pm.

To register and to find out about other TeachMeet events, please click [HERE](#).

Children's Autism Hub

Activities This Term

Wednesday 14 February 10.00am – 12.30pm [Autism Champion training](#)

Monday 19 February 9.15am – 10.45am [Early Years SEND Support & Play](#) at Dobbies Garden Centre, Donnington

Monday 19 February 11.15am – 12.15pm – [Coffee & Chat](#)

Tuesday 20 February 4.00pm – 5.00pm – [Primary Family Fun Session](#)

Monday 26 February 11.15am – 12.15pm – [Coffee & Chat](#)

Monday 4 March 11.15am -12.15pm [Coffee & Chat](#)

Monday 4 March 9.15am – 10.45am [Early Years SEND Support & Play](#)

Thursday 7 March 4.30pm – 6pm – [DUGOUT/Youth Group Session](#)

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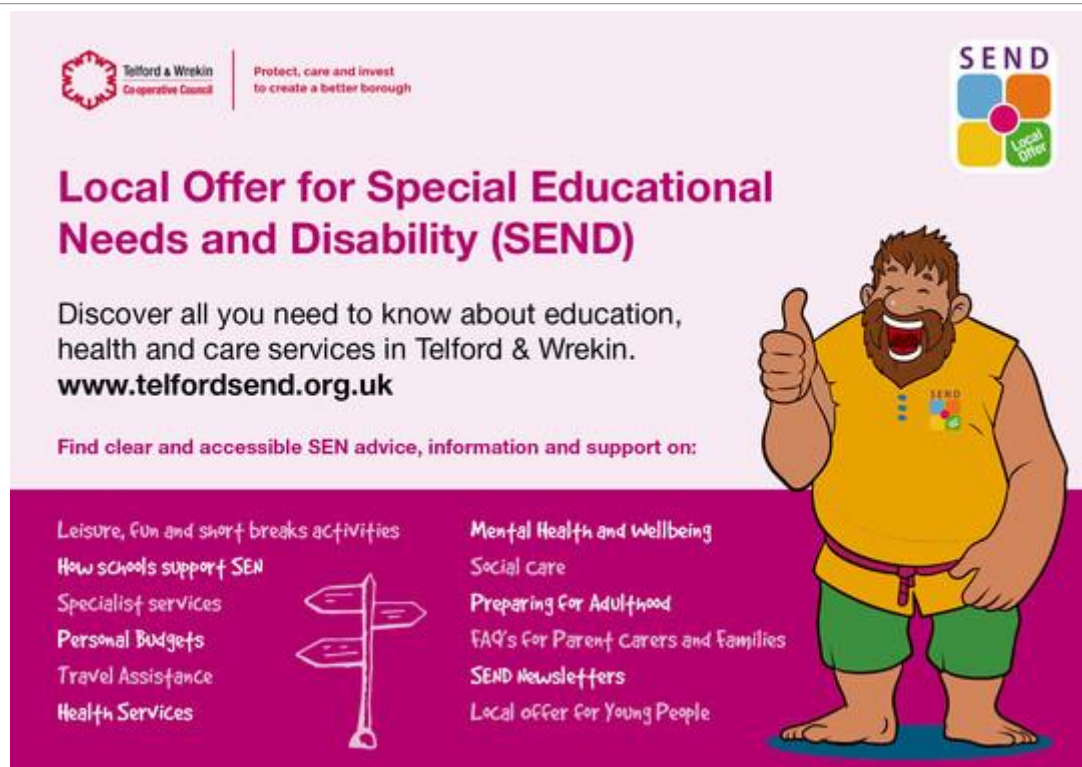
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All our activities are held at our Hazeldine House office unless otherwise stated.

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The poster features the Telford & Wrekin Cooperative Council logo and the slogan 'Protect, care and invest to create a better borough' in the top left. The SEND logo, consisting of four colored squares (blue, orange, yellow, green) with a central pink circle, is in the top right. The main title 'Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)' is in large purple font. Below it, the text 'Discover all you need to know about education, health and care services in Telford & Wrekin. www.telfordsend.org.uk' is displayed. A cartoon character with a beard, wearing a yellow tank top and green shorts, gives a thumbs up. A list of services is provided, with a signpost icon pointing to the right. The background is a light purple gradient.

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Find clear and accessible SEN advice, information and support on:

- Leisure, fun and short breaks activities
- How schools support SEN
- Specialist services
- Personal Budgets
- Travel Assistance
- Health Services
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Social care
- Preparing for Adulthood
- FAQ's for Parent Carers and Families
- SEND Newsletters
- Local offer for Young People

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