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Newsletter



SEND Family Newsletter January 2025

A newsletter for the families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Telford and Wrekin.

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Welcome

Welcome to our SEND Family Newsletter!

Happy New Year to you all, and welcome to the Spring Term. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing the first signs of Spring, the winter is feeling very chilly at the moment.

We are delighted to bring you the latest updates for families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Telford and Wrekin. In this edition, you'll find:

- **SEND Updates:** Stay informed about the latest developments and initiatives for young people as they prepare for adulthood and leave their secondary schools. Read about the speech and language support programmes in some of our Telford schools for children in Year 1, Reception and in the pre-school year
- **Spotlight on Health:** Focus on our Speech and Language updates on the Healthier Together website, and we introduce you to Carrie, Designated Clinical Officer, who tells you about her role. Plus, information about the Epilepsy nurse specialists.
- **Parent Carer Support and Where to Go:** This section offers information about various support services available to parent carers, including local groups and helpful contacts.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful. Thank you for being a part of our community!

We would like to highlight our **Telford and Wrekin SEND Local Offer**, below, it is an information directory designed to help families of children and young people with SEND.

It provides clear, detailed, and up-to-date information about the support and services available in the local area. This includes education, health, and social care services, as well as other relevant resources.

Warm regards,

Laura Goodfellow

Interim Service Delivery Manager for SEND



SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer aims to bring together useful information across education, health and social care within one website. You can find information, advice and guidance and a range of local service providers who support children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**.

Find clear and accessible advice, information and support on...

- Leisure, fun and short break activities
- Specialist services including education health and care plans
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- How schools support special educational needs
- FAQ's for Parents, carers and families
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Health services
- Care services and so much more..

[Visit our Telford and Wrekin SEND Local Offer](#)

SEND NEWS

Post 16 update



Key dates for young people, their families and settings between now and 31st March 2025.

If your child or young person is in yr11 and considering placement for September 25, please read more on the **Key Dates** button below.

If you have a Year 12 or 13 student who is planning changing provision for September 2025, please make the PFA team aware so they are included in this process.

What about employment options?

Not every student wants to remain in education Post 16, but they may not be ready for full time employment or an apprenticeship. These young people and their Parent Carers might want to consider a **supported internship**.

For young people currently in Year 12+ there are some supported internship opportunities available for a January 2025 start.

If you want more information about **Supported Internships**, watch the video below.

Contact details Tel: 01952 388682

Email - Sendandinclusion@telford.gov.uk

[Key Dates](#)

[Watch the video here](#)

[Telford College Supported Internship Supported Internship Supported Internship recruitment update.](#)

Educational Psychology

Refreshed service delivery for 2024/5

We are pleased to announce an updated service delivery model for the Telford and Wrekin Educational Psychology Service (EPS) for the academic year 2024/5, for schools commissioning support from the EPS.

Our aim is to work even more closely with schools/settings to meet the diverse needs of our children and young people.

[Read more here](#)



The Value of Board Games

Playing board games is not only fun, but it supports the development of many skills that children need in school.

This article describes those benefits and provides examples of games that could be played at home or in school.

Angela Denton. (LSAT Team Lead)

[Read more here](#)

ELSEC Update

Early Language Support for Every Child.



The ELSEC project has been running for a term now.

We have been using 'Talk Boost' as an intervention in all of our ELSEC settings.

The ELSEC team are working with 8 schools and 6 nurseries in Telford to make sure every child has the best language support possible.

[Read More Here](#)



Healthier Together website

Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)



The Healthier Together website provides consistent, accurate and trustworthy healthcare advice for parent carers, young people and professionals. All the information on the site is checked by clinicians, and local organisations and involves parent carers in its content development.

Information about the support offer for Speech Language and Communication Needs is now on the Healthier Together website. The support webpage has been developed by the SLCN team, which includes a wide range of professionals delivering services. It has been coproduced with parent carers.

The new section accompanies other webpages which set out the Neurodiversity support offer.

[Healthier Together website - SLCN](#)

[Neurodiversity support](#)



Who am I?

Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) for SEND, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin ICB

Carrie James Integrated Care Board (ICB) SEND Team.

I am delighted to introduce myself as the interim Designated Clinical Officer for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), my colleague Jen is currently enjoying maternity leave.

What do I do?

The role as DCO is varied and includes working with commissioners and senior leadership teams with regards to meeting and assuring SEND health requirements, I work with colleagues to improve the Quality of Education, Health and Care Plans and to help ensure the health needs of Children and Young People are met.

[Read more here](#)

Health

Spotlight on

Paediatric Epilepsy Nurse Specialists

We like to spotlight specific roles of colleagues that you or your children and young people might meet, in this edition we focus on the Paediatric Epilepsy Nurse Specialists.

If you would like to see a Spotlight on a particular role, then please let us know via the Local Offer inbox, localoffer@telfor.gov.uk and we will endeavour to include that in a future edition of this newsletter.

[Read more here](#)

Parent Carer Support



Tourette's Action – local group for Telford & Wrekin

We offer peer support session for families living with
Tourette's and/or Tics in Telford.

We are a friendly and welcoming group for families of children and young people living with Tourette's, offering mutual support, understanding and friendship.

Group Co-ordinator: Lisa Wilson

Please contact Lisa for details of next local group/meet up date.

tourettes.action.telford@outlook.com

[Read More Here](#)

Challenges at Home sessions



Challenges at Home sessions are support sessions for families with a child/young person awaiting neurodiverse diagnosis (waiting well)

Who are we?

We offer "Challenges at home" sessions for families who have a child on a Neurodiversity (Autism, ADHD, etc) assessment pathway or are undergoing diagnosis.

What do we Offer?

Open to 0-18 years from mainstream and special schools. For families to discuss home/life concerns and seek information and advice from Principal 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

When? 16 January, 13 February, 13 March

9.30-11.30am Thursday mornings

Where? PODS Hub, Telford, TF2 9TU

For more information Contact Jayne@podstelford.org

[Book your space here](#)



SENDIASS Update

Who are we and what do we do?

We're here for you . . .

If you're a parent/carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability.

If you're a young person with special educational needs or a disability 16-25.

If you have an issue or concern in the areas of education, health or social care.

If you live in Telford and Wrekin.

If you think your child has or may have a special educational need.

[See our service leaflet here](#)

[SENDIASS Website](#)

Telford Children's Autism Hub

Our Children's Autism Hub is open to all children and young people aged 0-18 years and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism.

To access our Children's Autism Hub you must be a resident of Telford & Wrekin.

For our latest Newsletter and updates, where we showcase what we do and highlight exciting upcoming events and activities, please go to our website.

Contact Details

Email - childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk

Telephone - 01952 262062

[Visit our website here](#)



The poster features the Telford & Wrekin Cooperative Council logo and tagline 'Protect, care and invest to create a better borough' in the top left. The SEND Local Offer logo is in the top right. The main title 'Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)' is in large purple font. Below it, text describes the offer and provides the website 'www.telfordsend.org.uk'. A cartoon character with a beard and a yellow shirt gives a thumbs up. A list of services is presented in two columns, with a signpost icon between them.

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Discover all you need to know about education, health and care services in Telford & Wrekin.
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Find clear and accessible SEN advice, information and support on:

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- Specialist services
- Personal Budgets
- Travel Assistance
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