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Telford & Wrekin Local Offer **Newsletter**



SEND SENCO Newsletter

March 2025

A newsletter for SENCO's who support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Telford and Wrekin.

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Welcome

Welcome to our SEND SENCO Newsletter!

With the arrival of spring sunshine, we are delighted to welcome you to our latest newsletter updates. Click [here](#) to take you to the Local Offer SENCO Network meeting space. Here you will be able to access the PowerPoint slides from the latest meetings and online workshops and also find information about upcoming network meetings.

On **20th March** we are planning a **Neurodiversity** focused Network event at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby school, 4-5:30pm please do join us.

At the beginning of March, we sent out our [SEND Family Newsletter](#) please can you help us to share this information by sharing this with your SEND families via a link in your school newsletters or with a link from your school website. In our next edition we are planning a Parent Carer offer focus to share information from our Parent Carer groups that offer support and guidance to SEND families.

In this edition, you'll find:

- **SEND Updates:** Read about the latest Local Offer updates to help you access the Local offer more easily, SIS Team activities (sensory impairment service) and post 16 celebrations.
- **Spotlight on Health:** We introduce you to our BEEU Service Manager for the Neurodevelopmental Pathway, who shares insights about her role and provides links to useful information and support.
- **In our Parent Carer Zone:** Exciting news to share, that **Telford Autism Hub** have extended their services to support families at the **pre diagnosis** stage and **Shropshire Down's Syndrome Group** are excited to announce their Singing Hands event for Makaton to Music.

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

Warm regards,

Laura Goodfellow

Interim Service Delivery Manager for SEND



New on the SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer provides comprehensive information in a single location about the services and support available across education, health, and social care.

Following feedback from our parent carer groups, the Local Offer has undergone some exciting updates.

These include the addition of a "[New to SEND](#)" section and an updated [Glossary of Terms](#). We hope these enhancements will help users navigate the many acronyms used in SEND and guide them to discover relevant resources within the Local Offer or onwards to relevant external websites.

Our "[New to SEND](#)" page has been thoughtfully created for those who have recently discovered that they or their child has been diagnosed with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), or for anyone who feels unsure of where to start.

We value your feedback and would love to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to get in touch with us via our [feedback form](#).

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SENCo Space

Upcoming SEND Awareness Days:

Share Your Stories and Celebrations!

Dear SENCos,

As we approach several important SEND awareness days, we invite you to join us in celebrating and raising awareness within our community. These days provide a wonderful opportunity to highlight the incredible work being done to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, in our settings.

Upcoming SEND Awareness Days:

- **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** - March 17th 2025
- **World Down Syndrome Day** - March 21, 2025
- **World Autism Awareness Day** - April 2, 2025
- **Deaf Awareness Week** - May 5-11, 2025
- **Learning Disabilities Week** - June 17-23, 2025

We encourage you to share your stories and experiences of how you celebrated these days, in your setting. Whether it's a special event, a creative project, or a heart warming moment, we would love to hear about it.

Your contributions will help inspire others and demonstrate the positive impact of raising awareness for SEND. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

Please send your stories and pictures (if possible) to localoffer@telford.gov.uk

ISF

Procedures for ISF Funding for Year 6 Pupils Transitioning to Secondary School in September

The following outlines the procedures for ISF funding for Year 6 pupils during the summer term:

Year 6 pupils currently receiving ISF funding: If funding is scheduled for review during the summer term and you feel it would benefit the pupil for it to continue, to support transition, please complete the review form and submit it to panel. If the continuation of funding is approved, it will remain in place until the end of December of year 7.

If the review date is after the summer term, their funding will automatically continue until the end of December.

Year 6 pupils being referred for the first time, during the summer term, for transition support: To have funding requests considered by the panel, during the summer term of year 6, all new applications must be made in coordination with the secondary school. Both the primary and secondary schools are required to present together at the panel meeting.

If funding is approved, it will be provided until the end of December, of year 7. Secondary schools seeking continuation of funding beyond December, must submit the review paperwork to the panel in January, when we will run a Year 7 review panel. Presentation at this panel is not required.

Talk for Work Training Opportunity

Free training and resources will be offered to all secondary schools to enable them to implement the Talk for Work programme.

- The Talk for Work programme is an intervention created by Speech and Language UK for pupils aged 14 to 18.
- It focuses upon developing the language skills needed in the work place for pupils with SLCN.

The training will take place on Thursday 3rd July, 2025 - 9am to 3.30pm.

Venue tbc

[Read more here](#)



West Midlands
SEND and AP
Change Programme

Secondary Inclusion Research

Through the West Midlands SEND / AP change programme we have spoken to secondary schools about inclusion, and the enablers and challenges that they face.

In November and December Abi Martin, Secondary Inclusion Specialist visited, Telford and Wrekin mainstream secondary schools.

The focus was enablers and challenges within our secondary mainstream with regards to SEND and Inclusion. Discussions were held with Head Teachers, Inclusion leads and SENCOs.

[Read more about our findings](#)

SEND NEWS

Post 16 update

Telford College End of Year Music Gig

Level 2 Music learners (including those with EHCP's) open the Telford College end of year Music gig at the Rechabite Hall in Wellington.

L2 BTEC Music Students opened the end of year gig at the Rechabite Hall in Wellington with a fantastic set performed in front of over two-hundred and fifty friends, family, and tutors present. Lead singer Keiran Hoath was supported by bandmates Marshall Randal and Aster Hanlon on keyboard in what proved to be a fantastic end to their first term achievements at Telford College.



[Read more here](#)

Sensory Impairment Service

Following the hugely Taiko Drumming Workshop at The Hive, we were very excited to be offered the opportunity of a Samba Drumming workshop at Shrewsbury Flax mill Maltings.

The day consisted of a guided tour for students and their families of the exhibition which tells the history of this incredible building, the first multi floored, iron-framed building in the world, the grandparent of all skyscrapers!



Please take a look at our newsletters here: [SEND News - SEND - Local offer](#)



Neurodevelopmental Pathway

Spotlight for BEEU Service Manager,

**Introducing Amy Morris, BeeU Service Manager for the
Neurodevelopmental Pathway.**

Service Website:

[BeeU :: Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust](#)



**Shropshire, Telford
and Wrekin**

[Read more here](#)

[Neurodiversity support](#)

[Healthier Together - What is Neurodiversity](#)

Short Breaks update

News, Updates and Activities for Children with Disabilities and their Families in Telford

COMING SOON iCan2 Youth Club

Children's Services are commissioning a new youth club for ICAN2 members aged 11-17. This gives even more opportunities for young people to engage with their friends, in interesting activities for this age group. We are excited to see how this develops, as we work with our young people to design this new youth club offer.

[See our most recent newsletter updates here](#)

Parent Carer

Support groups





Telford Children's Autism Hub

We are thrilled to announce that we have received extra funding, allowing the Hub to extend its services.

We are now able to provide valuable information, advice, and support to families who are at the pre-diagnosis stage and are on the pathway awaiting an Autism assessment.

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 or are on the pre-diagnosis pathway for Autism. To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

For more information, please go to our website : [About Children's Autism Hub | Telford Autism Hub](#)

[Read more on our pre-diagnosis offer](#)

[SEND Newsletter Information - Feb/Mar](#)



**Shropshire
Down's Syndrome
Support Group**

Singing Hands

Show

Singing Hands are coming to Shropshire to perform a show as a fundraiser for Shropshire Down's Syndrome Support Group

This is a fabulous opportunity to see Singing Hands, who perform Makaton signing to music. They are joining us live for so much fun practicing Makaton signing in an extremely welcoming & inclusive environment.

Singing Hands have an enthusiastic approach to help develop communication potential through music, songs, games & activities. "We focus on learning language in a way that it is motivating, engaging and most of all, fun!"

All ages are welcome.

Demand for tickets is expected to be extremely high as it's not often they come up to Shropshire, so don't delay in getting your tickets. Please could you share with parent carers and if possible also print off & display the attached flyer, to help get the word out!

When: Wednesday

30.4.25

6pm

School (TF10 7EA)

attending

tickets as they won't occupy a seat)

Time: 5pm -

Where: Newport CE Junior

Cost: £15 per person

(babes in arms don't need

[Book tickets here](#)



Tourette's Action. 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](#)



SENDIASS

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](#)



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Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Discover all you need to know about education, health and care services in Telford & Wrekin.

www.telfordsend.org.uk

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