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Telford & Wrekin Local Offer 



Newsletter



SEND Newsletter

January 2022

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

Welcome from the Service Delivery Manager

It has been a fast and furious start to the New Year and I know you have all been very busy, however thank you to those who I visited at the end of last term and planning to see this term!

During my visits it is clear that you are all doing your best to support children and young people with SEND in your school and it's been great to explore how you are meeting the needs of children and young people how we can support you with challenges in the future...

Your Views Matter

EHCNA and Annual Review Feedback Forms

We are updating our Feedback Forms for EHC Needs Assessments and Annual Reviews – please see the new ways that Feedback can be provided by parents and carers.

Education Health and Care Needs Assessments

A new feedback form has been created and will be sent out as a word document with any final plans to parents and families or feedback can be provided online using the link below.

[EHCNA Feedback Form](#)

Annual Review Feedback

A short feedback form is available to complete at the end of each Annual Review.

[Annual Review Feedback Form](#)

Post 16 Review

We would like to capture the views of secondary school, post 16 providers and families and young people about their Post 16 provision in Telford & Wrekin.

Please can we request that all Post 16 Providers, Secondary Schools and Special Schools complete our short questionnaire. The survey covers topics such as curriculum, transition and communication with parents, schools and the local authority.

There is also the opportunity to share additional comments. We will use your feedback to inform the development of Post 16 education provision in Telford.

[Post 16 Providers – Post 16 Provision](#)

[Secondary Schools – Post 16 Provision](#)

Please can we politely request that Post 16 providers share the links below with families and young people.

[Parent Carer and Family Survey - Post 16 Provision](#)

[Young Persons Survey – Post 16](#)

We would really welcome your feedback so that we can continue to develop and improve our service.

Shout Out for SEND

Young Persons Forum

Shout Out for SEND (SOS) is a group of 11-25 year olds who meet every month to ensure they have the chance to have their voice heard and to influence the decisions in Telford & Wrekin SEND and the Information Advice and Support Service (IASS service).

Over the autumn term the group will be writing to school councils and Post 16 settings to see how they can work together with the forum. The group would like to actively encourage young people to share their views and feedback to influence decisions both for themselves and other young people in Telford.

Shout Out for SEND on Facebook:

You can find out more about the group by joining the [SOS Facebook page](#).

We understand that not all young people are able to join the group but we would still like to hear their views on services and share ideas, so we, in partnership with IASS, have created a closed Facebook site for the SOS group.

Search for [Shout Out for SEND on Facebook](#) and request to 'Join Group' (young people will need to be over the age of 13 to access this Facebook Group). Please can we request that this information is shared with any students who may be interested.

[SOS Group - SEND Local Offer](#)

Co-production Charter

Telford & Wrekin SEND Working Together Charter

In Telford & Wrekin we believe that co-production means working together as equal partners from the start. With this in mind PODS Parent Carer Forum, the Local Authority and Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin CCG have developed a new co-production charter called: Telford & Wrekin SEND – Working Together Charter.

[Find out more](#)

SEND Local Offer

Annual Report 2021

Available to download is the SEND Annual Report for 2021, find out how the SEND Local Offer has been used over the past year and see what developments have been completed and the exciting improvements that are coming soon!

[Download: SEND Local Offer Annual Report](#)

Local Offer
for Special Educational Needs and Disability

Discover everything you need to know about education, health and care services in your local area for children and young people with SEND 0-25yrs at...

www.telfordsend.org.uk



Children's Autism Hub



**Telford and Wrekin
Children's Autism Hub
0 to 18 years**



Empowering Children To Be The Best Versions Of Themselves

Hub for children with autism and their families launches in Telford

Telford's Children's Autism Hub provides information, advice and guidance to families whose child has been diagnosed with autism. The service is funded by Telford and Wrekin Council and Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group.

[Find out more](#)

Telford & Wrekin Children's Autism Hub 0-18

The hub provides peer support for families, activities for children and young people and their families, training workshops and opportunities for children and young people diagnosed with autism to aspire, develop and have access to community centred support.

Upcoming Events:

- The Telford Children's Hub launch – 8 March 2022

[Find out more](#)

North Midlands Autism in Schools

Project Newsletter

The project newsletter is now available to download.

[Find out more](#)

Updates & Guidance

Thinking of requesting an EHC assessment?

If you are thinking of requesting a new EHC needs assessment we are asking that all educational settings first discuss these with your allocated SEND officer before starting an

application. They will work with you to discuss how best to get SEND support and provision in place for children and young people.

Thank you for your support.

SEND Officer and Locality Contact Details

Accessibility Reminders

The Council is required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility strategy in which it promotes better access for disabled pupils at school.

All schools should have due regard to this Accessibility Strategy and use it to inform their Accessibility Plan that shows how, over time, access to education for disabled pupils will be improved. Schools must publish their Accessibility Plan with links to their SEN Information report on the Local Offer.

Schools are also required to pre-emptively consider accessibility of their site in relation to parents, contractors and other site visitors under their public sector Equality Duty of reasonable adjustment

SEND Local Offer – Accessibility Strategy

Message from Shropcom – Advice Line

Please can we remind all schools and educational settings to use the Advice Line for Shropcom prior to making a referral to OT (Occupational Therapy) or SALT (Speech and Language Therapy). The advice line provides a triage service for referrals, including answering enquiries during your call.

Children’s Occupational Therapy

Advice Line

Tel: 01743 450800

E-mail: shropcom.OT4kids@nhs.net

Children’s Speech and Language Therapy

Early Years

Early Years Inclusion Panel

The Early Years Inclusion Funding Panel is a meeting of Local Authority and Health Professionals including Advisory Teachers, Speech and Language Therapists and Portage Home Visitors who have expertise in special educational needs within the Early Years. It has been developed for all Early Years settings in Telford and Wrekin in order for them to access additional funding to support children who attend their settings with special educational needs.

[Local Offer: Early Years Inclusion Panel](#)

Early Years and Childcare Training

Information about Early Years and Childcare Training and SENCo Network Meeting Dates are available.

To find out more about these courses or to book your place, please take a look at the Talking Training webpage for more information.

- New SENCo Training
- AET - GAP
- SENCo Two Year Update
- PVI SENCo Network Meeting

[Telford & Wrekin – Talking Training](#)

Schools

Making the Most of Your LSAT Sessions

As discussed at the last SENCo network meeting, the LSAT team encouraged you to discuss different ways of using your sessions. Sessions can be used to build staff confidence and expertise and support more of your children with SEND.

[Read more](#)

Inclusive School Forum (ISF)

The Inclusive School Forum is a school led forum within Telford and Wrekin that provides support and challenge to mainstream schools regarding the provision and practice they deliver for children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). It aims to provide an opportunity to network and deliver peer to peer guidance. The focus is, through sharing best practice, to develop an inclusive education system within Telford and Wrekin whereby children with increasingly complex needs achieve and succeed within mainstream schools.

[Find out more](#)

Emotional Health & Wellbeing Panel

The Emotional Health and Wellbeing Panel (EHWP) aims to support schools and young people, by providing advice to schools, to signpost services and to ensure the students with the appropriate level of need are referred to BeeU. This should mean that the young people get the help they need in a timelier manner and that with only the appropriate cases being referred on to BeeU, we should start to reduce the waiting list.

New dates have been released for the EHW Panel, please take a look via the link below.

[Find out more](#)

Preparing for Adulthood

SEND Local Offer - Preparing for Adulthood

The Preparing for Adulthood section has been updated on the Local Offer with a new look and additional information, please take a look.

[Preparing for Adulthood](#)



Telford 16-19 Website Post 16 Prospectus

The Telford 16 - 19 prospectus has information on the post 16 offer in Telford & Wrekin including almost 300 A - levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships across six schools and colleges, making Telford an inspirational hub for learning, opportunity and achievement.

[Telford 16-19 Website](#)

For more information please contact Future Focus by email: Future.focus@telford.gov.uk or, by phone: 01952 388988.

For young people with an EHC Plan, please take a look at the [guidance for young people applying for post 16 education \(with an EHCP\)](#).

SEND Training Courses

February - March 2022

Don't forget to book your place on the upcoming SEND Training Courses taking place in March 2022.

- Teaching Children with SEND: Meeting the Needs. Session 4: Supporting Memory Across the Curriculum
- Governors' Responsibilities for SEND
- Developing the Role of Teaching Assistants in Supporting SEND

All of the training courses provided by the SEND teams can be found in the CPD Booklet on the Telford Education Services website. Please use the CPD Course Booking Form to secure your place.

[Find out more](#)

SENCo Network Meeting Thursday 3 February 2022

Invitations have been sent for the SENCo Network Meeting on Thursday 3 February 2022. If you didn't receive an invitation to the meeting, are new to your role or would like to

be added to the invite list, please contact us with your name, position and school by email at: SENDandInclusion@telford.gov.uk.

PODS Parent Carer Forum

PODS Referral Form

PODS have recently amended their referral process, professionals are now welcome to fill out the referral form to make the process easier. However, you are more than welcome to also contact them to discuss individual cases.

Download: [PODS Referral Form](#)

Contact Details:

Phone: 01952 458047

Email: support@podstelford.org

[PODS Website](#)

Autism Support Sessions with Educational Psychologist

Autism Support Sessions with Educational Psychologist are open for parents of children with diagnosis or awaiting assessment.

[Find out more](#)

Educational Resources

A collection of organisations and resources to support children and young people.

Bedazzle

Bedazzle is a Youth Development Charity, that offers support to schools, families and youth organisations in supporting their young people to fulfil their amazing potential. They offer training and accreditation for staff and students in lifeskills, wellbeing and Mental Health and pride ourselves on offering completely bespoke services to each organisation, based on the specific needs of your young people.

[Bedazzle Website](#)

Reachout ASC

Reachout ASC work with schools as specialist teachers, supporting staff and autistic pupils to build individual educational programmes. They have useful downloadable resources available including subjects like Mental Wellbeing, Social Stories and Visuals.

[Reachout ASC – Downloadable Resources](#)

Talk Boost

For children aged 3-4 with delayed language, Early Talk Boost is a targeted intervention for children with delayed language helping to boost their language skills to narrow the gap between them and their peers.

[Early Talk Boost](#)

For children aged 4-7 Talk Boost KS1 is a targeted intervention for children with delayed language, including children in Reception classes. The programme is delivered in primary schools by classroom teachers and teaching assistants and provides a structured programme that boost children's progress in language and communication.

[Talk Boost KS1](#)

Numicon

Numicon is a primary school maths programme that offers teachers a wealth of resources that can be used across EYFS, KS1, KS2 and bridging the gap to KS3. Based on a concrete-pictorial-abstract approach, Numicon encourages children to explore maths using structured imagery and apparatus in order to understand and explain mathematical concepts.

[Oxford University Press - Numicon](#)

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[Educational Resources](#)

Parents Carers & Families

SEND Parent Carer & Family Newsletter

The Newsletter for Parent Carer & Families is published regularly, please can we request that you encourage your families to sign up to receive their personal copy of the Newsletter.

[SEND Local Offer: Parent Carer & Family News](#)

Parent Carers and Families can sign up to receive the email bulletin direct to their Inbox using the link below:

[Sign up to the SEND Parent & Family Carer News](#)

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