







Interim Director of Education & Skills Appointed



We're pleased to let you know that we have been successful in recruiting an interim Director of Education and Skills. Stephen Holden will be stepping into this role from 3 January 2024.

Having previously been a headteacher in Bury and more recently an Executive Headteacher, Stephen comes with over 20 years experience and a fantastic knowledge of Bury Council and it's schools. We are delighted to welcome him to the team.

Stephen will be taking over from Isobel Booler, Director of Education and Skills, who left us at the end of 2023 to become Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion in the new Westmorland and Furness Council







On the 5th February 2024 until 16th February 2024 there will be a SEND Practice Learning Event in Bury. This event is an opportunity to learn about each SEND practice's offer by attending an online learning session or face to face drop-in. A timetable of various learning sessions is available for parent carers, young people, and professionals to sign up to. A more detailed timetable of what is on offer can be found on the Local Offer at: www.theburydirectory.co.uk/sendpractice-learning-event-2024



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www.sendlocalofferbury.com

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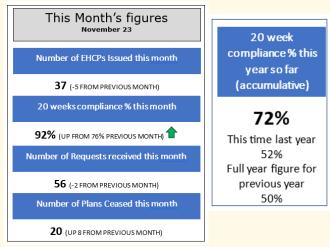
Update from our SEND and Inclusion Services

Hello,



I have been reflecting on the past year and thinking about all the areas that we have made progress on with the help of our Strategic Partners BURY2GETHER Parent Carer Forum. Some of the improvements made are more significant than others, however, we will begin to feel the impact of all the changes in 2024. BURY2GETHER have continued to provide us with positive challenge and support us in shaping the SEND offer in Bury. Thankyou to all their parent carer representatives.

It is great that in 2023 we increased the number of staff in the Education Health Care Team and all of whom are permanent staff, which brings a much needed stability in the team. With the increased members of staff within the team, we have been able to allocate every school with a named officer, creating a team of officers leading on new EHCP Assessments and a team to focus on Annual Reviews. We are already seeing the positive impact on this with our compliance rate for new assessments being completed within the 20-week timescale at 82% with the annual average being 72%.



Through the increase in staff, we have been able to alter the coverage of our phone and email system so that we can improve our response times to calls and in 2024 you should really start to feel the difference in this area.

2023 saw some great collaborative working on the revision of the Local Offer and in 2024 the new look Local Offer pages will be launched. Moving away from the old one that was just links to information pages. What is exciting is that the young people at Bury College are offering their support to help services and organisations to add to their local offer pages to include videos etc.

The Graduated Approach has been collaboratively developed and launched in 2023. We are now rolling out training across all schools and settings to ensure that it is being used to support children and young people with additional needs across Bury. This is supported by the new Multi-Agency Inclusion Panel which looks at how best to support children with SEND on an individual basis.

Linked to the Graduated Approach we have developed the SEND Outreach team that will become operational in 2024. This is a new team which will support schools in supporting children and young people at SEND Support. What is exciting is that within that team we will have a Speech and Language and Occupational Therapist who will all be working over school holidays to support affective transitions.

In December 2023, we were pleased to announce the launch of Bury's Disability Register. This has been fully co-produced with BURY2GETHER to enable us to improve our communication with parent carers and young people on all information around SEND.

2023 saw our second Annual SEND Information Event and we are looking forward to our next event in October 2024. We also held our first SEND Practice fortnight which we will repeating in February 2024 to support shared learning across the SEND partnership.

In 2023 saw us having an independent chair of the SEND Strategic Partnership Board which sees the board being more powerful in calling us all to account for the work we are doing.

We have been working with the Council for Disabled children and now have an agreed shared outcome framework. This will help us all to work together on a SEND agenda and measure the impact we are having.

2024 will see the opening of the New Special School in Bury as well as the expansion of the number of Resource Provision placements.

I understand that if not supported, Transition into Adulthood can be a difficult time. We have been working in 2023 in developing our 14 - 25 years' service and while we have not completed this work, we do now have a Transitions Board with a monthly Transition Assurance meeting that ensures effective case allocation with adults, which allows joint work to take place. 2024 will see the arrival of Transition Officers to increase capacity in this area.

We have set up our Dynamic Support Risk register so that it is on a multi-agency basis so we can better support young people with complex needs and at risk of hospital admission.

Over the last year, the main thing that comes most to mind is all the amazing parents and young people I have had the pleasure of meeting and worked with. Sometimes those meetings have been because things have not gone as well as they should or could have but the generosity of those parents to share their lived experience has been invaluable in supporting the development of services going forward as we seek to improve the SEND offer in Bury. To all those parents and young people, I would like to say thank you.

Wishing you all the best for 2024,

Michael Kemp Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion Services



Greater Manchester

CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES You said...We are doing...

SEND PARENT CARER ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN SESSION

Find out what progress has been made in Children's Health Services for SEND. It is an opportunity for you to listen and have your say what works and what doesn't work for you and your child.

Friday 19th January 2024 at 10.00am until 11.00am The Rose room, ADAB, Mosses Centre, Edward Street, Bury, BL9 ORZ

SEND.Localoffer@bury.gov.uk

Update from our Children's Health Services

Hi all, like last year I want to start this year with reflecting on 2023.

Over the last year we have continued to support children and young people mental health system by bolstering the offer across all areas of the iThrive Model. We expanded our myHappymind programme and secured increased investment in CAMHs, this has seen CAMHS recruiting to a range of new posts.



We developed of a MH campaign and launched our coproduced materials and campaign across Bury and in our schools. Bolstered our evidenced based interventions for pre and post diagnosis. PACT and Riding the Rapids- BURY was the only Local Authority to be referenced twice as best practice in the GM autism standards. Firstly, for our Post diagnostic evidence-based interventions and secondly for our Sensory provision.

We looked at the impact of our mental health system, including service user satisfaction and fed back to partners. We are working hard as a system to reduce the time children have to wait; we know we still have a long way to go, but overall waiting times are reducing. We have looked at things that can support and offer guidance whilst people are waiting, and we engaged with a range of parents on these resources.

We have launched our targeted speech and language offer in schools which is receiving great feedback.

We have delivered a range of engagement and co-production sessions with parents and young people about the Hub and wider system, these have been well received.

We recruited to our Community Paediatric Sleep Practitioner and Epilepsy Specialist Nurse posts.

There is now a new Changing Place facility in the Paediatric Physiotherapy Department.

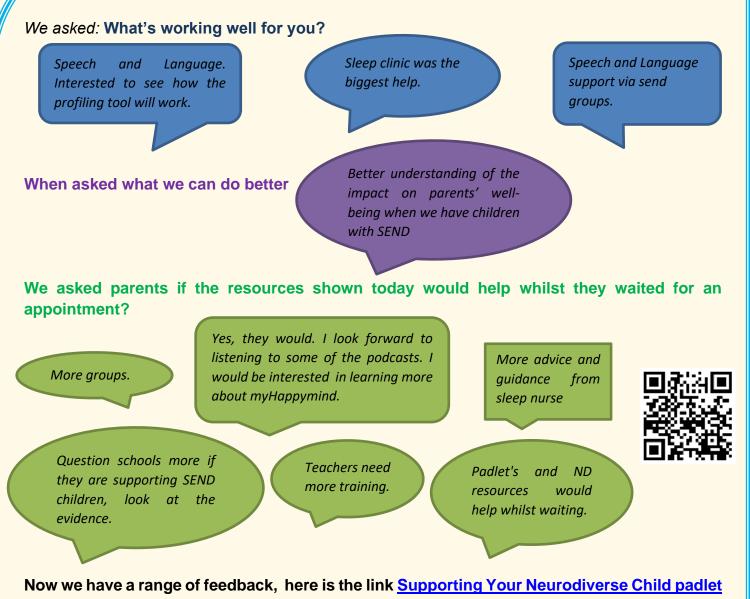
A sensory room officially opened in the Children's Outpatient Department and Child Development Centre

Jiraffe trikes have been instrumental in supporting Physiotherapy of children and young people at Millwood Primary Special School





In our engagement sessions parents fed back that they found the session informative.



WOW 2023 was a busy year!

Looking ahead to 2024.

JANUARY 2024 – mHm expansion and Teens launch. Parent/Carer engagement at the Mosses Centre, Bury.

FEBRUARY 2024 - Cando Pilot launched to help children with selective mutism 40 families as part. Parent/Carer engagement session at the Jewel Centre, Sedgley Park, Prestwich.

MARCH 2024– SEND Bury Youth Service engagement session

APRIL 2024 – Children and young people Early MH support Hub launch. Parent/Carer engagement session with BURY2GETHER



Vision and Hearing Impairment/Deaf



Education Service



On Monday 18th December, our secondary aged visually impaired and hearing impaired/deaf students took to the **ice rink at Cathedral Gardens in Manchester**. We left on the Metro from Whitefield with eight anxious and shy learners, to return with a group of cheerful and positive young people, confident in the knowledge that they had made new friends and happy memories.

From watching Kalebh zoom around the ice rink almost taking each of us out and sharing with us helpful tips on how to "run on the ice", to Amina doing a final lap and being the last one standing on the rink. Jess and Issy cruising and looking cool, then swapping numbers on the tram home already discussing ideas for the next trip in the Spring.

Zain being so brave to try something new and scary. Persevering through his sheer fear with a smile on his face; to Holly meeting someone with cochlear implants and giving her the comfort that she will have speech, be able to still do everyday tasks and hide them under her lovely long hair, if she wants to. Whilst Finley was pulling out all the poses in front of the Christmas tree, both he and Tyler made the best of bonds, on and off the ice.

As for the staff who came with us, thank you all so much for your time, patience, and jolly smiles whilst you tried to keep yourselves and others standing and laughing. Other staff found the best spots to take photos, held all the bags and reminded us to breathe! Your smiling faces each time we passed you kept us going despite us all having numb toes and burning thighs!

We are delighted by the success of yet another event for our fabulous young people! We have some fabulous ideas for future trips, but if you know of anyone or an activity that you think would be perfect for our young people to have a go at, please get in touch with the Vision and Hearing Impairment/Deaf Education Service.

In other areas of the caseload, our pre-school group for children with VI/HI kicked off the winter holidays with a party at Boomerang Multi-Sensory Play Centre; and our HI Unit at Elton Primary School held a wonderful Parent/Child Christmas craft afternoon.

We wish all of our families and service users a happy and healthy holiday, and look forward to more celebration of our fabulous young people in 2024!

Lesley Woods Manager, Vision & Hearing/Deaf Education Service L.A.Woods@bury.gov.uk Alice Brennan Teacher of the Deaf A.Brennan@bury.gov.uk

Vision and Hearing Impairment/Deaf



Education Service



The Unit at Elton Primary School for our hearing impaired/deaf children held their first Parent / Carer Christmas Craft Afternoon on Monday 18th December. Parents and children made some fantastic Christmas decorations and bookmarks together, and iced and decorated Christmas cookies. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet and chat to one another and for new parents of children who are coming to the Unit in September to get to know staff and parents. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed working with their families.





Staff at the Unit who organised the afternoon were delighted to see our children and families coming together and supporting each other. It was a very successful afternoon, and we hope it is the start of many more afternoons to come.

Kirsten Dunkley- Advisory Teacher of the Deaf- Hearing/Deaf Education Service

School & College Transport Team

The policy for travel arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disability was last reviewed in 2015.

The Council have committed to reviewing the existing policy to ensure it meets statutory requirements as set out by the Department for Education (DfE). Updated guidance was published by the DfE in June 2023, the policy review will ensure this is reflected in the new policy.

Throughout January a series of engagement meetings will be held with BURY2GETHER and other parents/carer groups to co-produce a revised policy. A minimum 28 working day consultation will be held in February/March during the school time with key stakeholders including, children/students and their families, school/college staff and professionals who support children and young people with SEN.

Following the consultation, the proposed policy will be presented to the Council's cabinet members for final approval. It is expected that a revised policy will be implemented by May 2024.

Further details will be communicated to parents following the engagement meetings.

Our School and College Travel Assistance webpage holds information regarding the service and the current SEND travel policy; <u>www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-college-travel-assistance</u>



School and College Transport Policy Review – Parent Carer co-production sessions

7.00-8.00pm



Online- Click here to join the meeting

Tuesday 30th January 2024

Graduated Approach Toolkit (GAT)

Spring Term CPD events for schools and service practitioners

The Graduated Approach Toolkit is an on-line resource to help schools deliver the Graduated Approach. Any school or service-based practitioner who would like to find out more is welcome to attend.

GAT familiarisation sessions

These 30-minute sessions offer a virtual walkthrough of the Toolkit. They are repeats of the autumn term sessions and are for any practitioner wishing to understand how to navigate the Toolkit and explore its contents.

Dates are as follows:

 Tuesday 9th January 	8am – 8:30am
Click here to join the meeting	
 Wednesday 10th January 	12pm – 12:30pm
Click here to join the meeting	
 Thursday 11th January 	4pm – 4:30pm
Click here to join the meeting	
 Tuesday 6th February 	8am – 8:30am
Click here to join the meeting	
 Wednesday 7th February 	12pm – 12:30 pm
Click here to join the meeting	
 Thursday 8th February 	4pm – 4:30pm
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GAT Practice sessions

These 30-minute phase specific sessions will provide an opportunity to practice using the Toolkit through a pupil-based scenario. The sessions are for any practitioner who would like to give the Toolkit a go in practice but is not sure where to start.

Primary

8am Wednesday 17th January 12pm Friday 26th January 4pm Monday 29th January 8am Thursday 29th February 12pm Monday 4th March 4pm Wednesday 13th March

Secondary

8am Thursday 1st February 12pm Friday 9th February 4pm Thursday 15th February 8am Thursday 7th March 12pm Monday 26th February 4pm Tuesday 12th March Click here to join the meeting Click here to join the meeting

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There is no requirement to book – just turn up to the sessions that suit you best.



Review of the Local Offer

Happy New Year! The review of the Local Offer was first suggested back in January 2023, so it is a year since those early conversations began. There has been such a lot of support for the review from Bury's stakeholders and as we move into 2024, this seems like a good opportunity to shout out to those who have given freely of their time and energy to help.

Sincere thanks to the parent/carer groups who have supported the review. Your participation in events and the honest and open feedback you have given has been invaluable. Some parent/carers have stepped right out of their comfort zone to provide extra information for other parents through the Local Offer...you know who you are...take a bow!

Sincere thanks to those services across Health, Social Care, Education and the third sector who have diligently updated their service information on the current Local Offer ready for migration. Your intent to get the right information to our families at the right time is admirable. Thank you so much for amending service information to accommodate our parent/carer and children and young people's feedback.

Thank you also to those schools and school governors supporting the review.

And finally, sincere thanks to all the children and young people who have supported the review, and the organisations who have helped them to do this, all of you giving up your time to share experiences and to describe how the provision that is available in Bury can shape the future of all our children and young people. You are what this is all about, so special thanks come your way.

Work continues with the development of the revised Local Offer. The new website is designed, and we are busy populating it with new content ready to launch in the spring term.

We are looking forward to our continued partnership working and thank you everyone for the support I know will continue to flow!

Cath Atherden Send.localoffer@bury.gov.uk



Bury's Children's Disability Register

Bury Council is required to have a register of children and young people with a disability to communicate with parents/carers effectively. It will also be used to assist service planning to meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities and their families.'

Children and young people's names are added to the register at their parent's request and the information held on the register will be confidential and stored on our secure database.

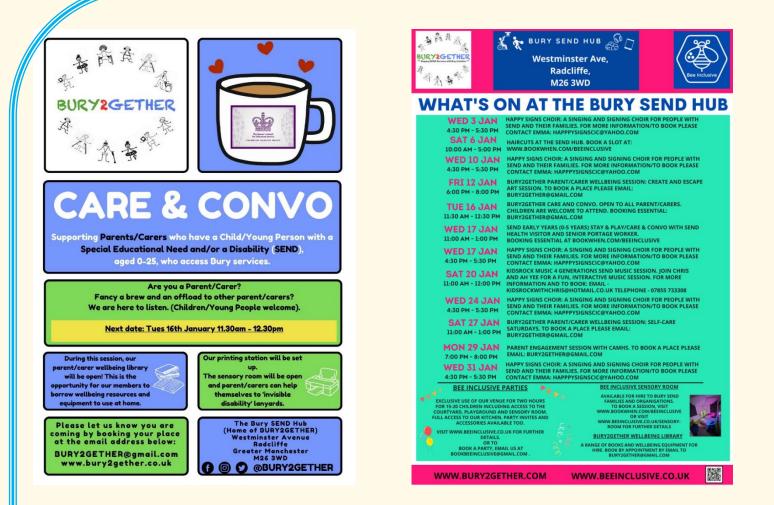
The Disability Register form can be downloaded or completed online by visiting the Bury Council website at:

www.bury.gov.uk 里喻

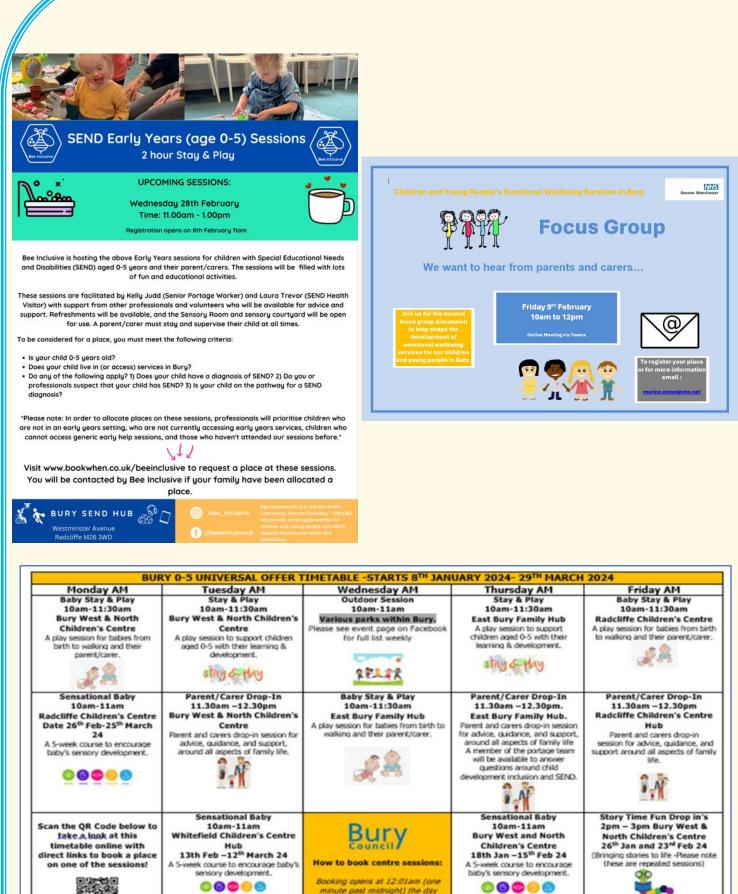
or scan the QR code.



Alternatively you can pickup a copy of the form at the Bury SEND Hub in Radcliffe.



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January 2	15	16 PEEL PARK WALK - 11AM Call 0300 303 0207 or email jacqui.byron@burycarershub to book RADCLIFFE DROP IN UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 10.30AM - 12PM	17 WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING (as above)	18 ART GROUP (as above)	19
7	22 WHITEFIELD DROP-IN (as above)	23	24 WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING (as above)	25 ART GROUP (as above) PRESTWICH DROP IN (as above)	26 RAMSBOTTOM DROP IN OWEN'S RESTAURANT 10AM - 11.30AM
	29	30 RADCLIFFE DROP IN (as above)	31 WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING (as above)	Bury	Carcis
WEEKLY ONLINE links on FB			REIKI 2PM - 3PM YOGA FLOW 6.15 - 7.30PM	YOGA NIDRA 7pm (Guided meditation)	HUB



minute past midnight) the day before. Please email ccvirtual.sessions@bury.gov.uk When booking please include name of session & venue. Attendee's names, child's age postcode & telephone number!

Sensational Baby

10am -11am

East Bury Family Hub 12th Jan- 9th Feb 24

A 5-week course to encourage baby's sensory development.

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Outdoor sessions/Drop in's: No

Bury SEND Local Offer newsletter

Drop in advice and guidance

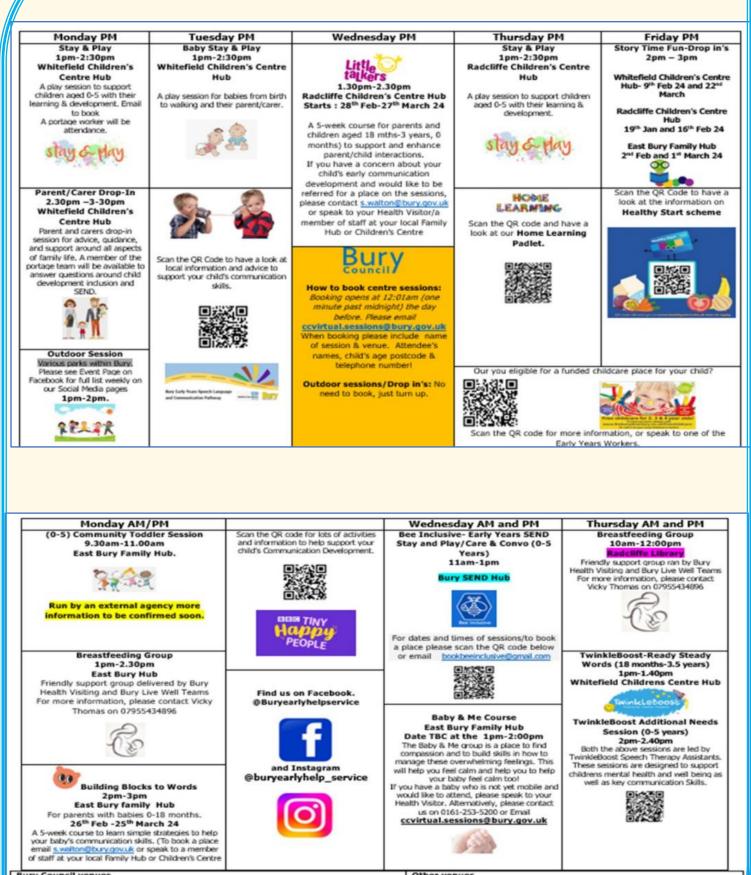
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Starting 16th January 24

9.30am-10.30am

(fortnightly) Term time only

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	Bury Council venues	Other venues
	East Bury Family Hub-25 Dorset Drive, Bury, BL9 90N	Outdoor Sessions, Various Park across Bury,
4	Whitefield Children's Centre-Ribble Drive, Whitefield Manchester. M45 8TD	Radkliffe Library, Stand Lane Radkliffe, Manchester M26 13A
	Radcliffe Children's Centre-Coronation Road, Radcliffe Manchester. M26 3RD	Chesham Fold Community Centre, 95 Chesham Fold Road, Bury, 8L9 612
	Bury West and North Children's Centre-Brandlesholme Road, Bury. BL8 1AX	Bury SEND Hub Westminister Drive, Raddiffe M26 3WD

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1-4) Sarah Lord, Lead of Mathematics Elms Bank	Thursday 15 th February 2024	consider restorative practices and relationship focussed practices to further support a positive learning experience for the young person.	
This course will enable delegates to develop effective teaching strategies to support the learning of KS4 GGSE content. Through effective quegationoidag, teaching structures, curriculum design and progression plans attendees, will be equipped with the strategies needed to support tow attaining students. <u>Furthermore</u> the course will support the delegate in delivering effective Mathematical concepts to engage the most disengaged learner! Lets make Maths fum		Suitable for: teachers, SENCOs, teaching assistants, HLTAs Part 1 Trauma informed practice - Understanding attachment and the adverse childhood <u>experiences</u> Alison Morrell, Dawn Lowe Elms Bank School How do we consider the impact of adverse childhood experiences and childhood trauma in the classroom? How does childhood trauma impact upon the structure of the brain and what is the impact upon the learning?	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Differentiating GCSE English for low attaining students (Grade 1-4) Jo Pagliuca, Lead of English Elms Bank This course will serve to equip teachers with a range of teaching and learning strategies to assist in their teaching of GCSE English. This course aims to ensure that learners that are predicted grade 1-4 are engaged with subject content through effective <u>questionoria</u> grade arming activities. Effective differentiation activities will work to assist your planning and curriculum design to support all learners.	Thursday 1 [#] February 2024	Suitable for: teachers, SENCOs, teaching assistants, HLTAs Part 2 Trauma informed practice - Understanding and working with attachment to support trauma informed <u>practice</u> Alison Morrell, Dawn Lowe Elms Bank School What are the effective strategies to use within a trauma informed classroom? How are you going to support learmers that have experienced trauma to build their estlestees and breakdown the barriers to learning?	Thursday 25 th January 2024
Suitable for: KS4 Teachers/Subject Leaders of English Dyslexia friendly learning – a multisensory approach Harriet Lyno, Specialist Teacher, Eims Bank School	Thursday 29 th February 2024	Suitable for: teaching assistants, HLTAs Effective behaviour de-escalation Alison Morrell, Deputy Headteacher, Elms Bank School and Dawn Lowe, Advanced Behaviour Practitioner. Elms Bank School	Thursday 8 th February
This course will enable delegates to take away some practical strategies to use within the classroom to support learners to engage in their learning and breakdown potential barriers. There will be a focus on phonological awareness, memory training and the importance of using the senses to engage learners with dyslexia and to support them with retention. Suitable for: teachers, SENCOs, teaching assistants, HLTAs		Examine the theory and practical strategies behind escalating behaviour and what to do if you are faced with a young person in crisis. It can feel a lonely place being involved with a young person who is in crisis, join this session to understand the physiological reasons behind ours and their reactions and how to counteract this successfully.	2024
Dyslexia Support for Secondary Schools	Thursday 14 th March 2024	Suitable for: teachers, SENCOs, teaching assistants, HLTAs An introduction to Signalang. – Part two	Thursday 18 th January
Harriet Lyno, Specialist Teacher, Elms Bank School This course will enable delegates to help develop strategies to support secondary school learners in a multisensory learning style. This course will give secondary teachers an insight into how best to support learners struggling with literacy acquisition. <u>Suitable for: secondary teachers, SENCOs, teaching assistants and HLTAs</u> What does <u>outstanding</u> SEMH provision look like? Lucy Kildunne, SEMH Teacher and Wellbeing Lead, Elms Bank School How do you ensure the 6 principles of nurture are embedded within your curriculum and classroom practice? In attending this course, delegates will develop a understanding of success based curriculum to engage the most disengaged of students. Through developing knowledge of effective teaching and learning strategies you will be equipped to support and nurture		Anita Manfredi, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant, Elms Bank School This course will build upon the learning made in the first session, recap the use of the <u>hands</u> shapes, position and direction. Recapping basic signs and reflecting upon how the basic signs have been used within the workplace. This session will move towards considering specific curriculum content and appropriate signs and symbols that can be used to support this. <u>Furthermore</u> the course will look at classroom songs, including the signs to use such as hello and goodbye songs to support transition and engagement. Lots of hands on opportunity to develop our practices.	2024
students on their positive educational journey. This course will draw upon		<u> </u>	I

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