

WELCOME TO OUR

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



HI, HOW ARE YOU?

LEARN Update

Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating summer break! As we gear up for an exciting year ahead, we're thrilled to reconnect with our valued teaching assistants, teachers, and school leaders. At LEARN SEND Hub, we've been hard at work planning a range of new resources, training sessions, and support opportunities designed to empower you in your role. From tailored CPD programs to leadership development initiatives, we have an exciting lineup to help you foster inclusive environments and make meaningful impacts in your schools. Let's make this year the best yet!

Meet Lennie the Pencil!

Lennie is the newest member of the LEARN SEND Hub team, and he's about to embark on an incredible journey! This academic year, Lennie will be travelling around both CIT schools and the many other schools that we support through the LEARN SEND Hub.

Throughout the year, Lennie will be meeting students and staff, highlighting the amazing SEND training we offer, and sharing best practices for inclusion in education.

Stay tuned for updates on Lennie's adventures as he inspires and connects learners across the network!





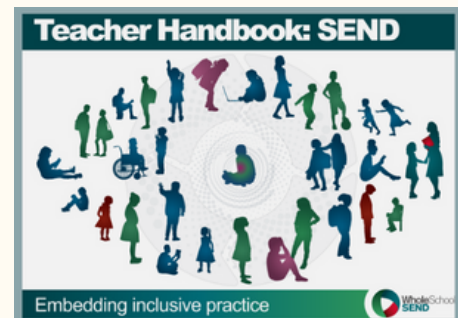
Whole School SEND

Whole School SEND is a consortium of charities, schools, and organizations committed to helping children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to reach their full potential. Hosted by nasen, Whole School SEND leads the Universal SEND Services in partnership with the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) and the Autism Education Trust (AET).

Our director, Emily Walker is the Regional Lead for the East Midlands, South Yorkshire, and Humber (EMSYH). They are passionate about supporting all provision across the region to be ambitious, inspirational, and inclusive by design. Working closely with Local Authorities (LAs), Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs), Opportunity Areas, Teaching School Hubs, and both mainstream and specialist settings, they ensure the effective sharing of knowledge and expertise across the system.

Make sure you check out their **free online SEND CPD units** - 19 units exploring some of the most commonly observed barriers to learning regardless of age, label or area of need.

They also have the Teacher Handbook: SEND, which is a free handbook, developed by Whole school SEND as a resource for teachers to use over time as they embed inclusive practice in their classrooms. It has been written for both primary, secondary and specialist colleagues: teaching assistants, teachers, senior leaders and headteachers. The handbook includes whole-school and whole-class approaches as well as subject-specific and condition-specific guidance.



LSP - Lincolnshire SEND Project



Over the past year, we have been working with 30 schools from across Lincolnshire, as part of the LSP.

The purpose of this project was to improve outcomes for pupils with SEND in mainstream settings.

As well as Enhancement Pathways, including Elklan and Meeting Complex Needs in the EYFS, we completed SEND reviews in each school, to offer a framework and set of strategies for the evaluation of SEND provision.

The schools also took part in our SEND Leadership - A Tiered Approach Training, to cover all from Leaders, SENCOs, Middle Leaders, Teachers and TAs. The feedback from all of the schools involved has been brilliant, and we can see a clear improvement in their provision for SEND.

Upcoming Training

TRAINING DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



4/10/24

Team Teach - Level 1



8/10/24

Paediatric First Aid



8/10/24

SEND Network meeting
@ L.E.A.D



9/10/24

Every Leader is a Leader
of SEND



14/10/24

SEND Moderation:
Engagement Model/CLDD-
Setting expectations



starts 15/10/24

ELKLAN - Speech and
Language Support for 5-11s



17/10/24

Every Teacher is a Teacher
of SEND



7-8/11/24

Team Teach-Level 2



7/11/24

SEND Moderation: English



13/11/24

Midday Supervisors De-
escalation and Behaviour
Management



14/11/24

Tier 2: SENCOs SEND
Leadership - A Tiered
Approach



21/11/24

Lego Therapy : Using Lego
play to nurture well-being

Our Deputy Director, Sarah Robertson is the SEND Work Group Lead for the East Midlands East Maths Hub, which is one of 40 designated hubs and is led by The Minster School, Southwell. The Maths Hub programme is supported by the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and funded by the DfE.

Maths Hubs bring together mathematics education professionals in a collaborative national network, to develop and spread excellent practice, for the benefit of all pupils and students. East Midlands East Maths Hub covers all Local Authority Districts in Lincolnshire – West Lindsey, East Lindsey, South Holland, Boston, North Kesteven, South Kesteven and Lincoln as well as Nottinghamshire – Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood, Bassetlaw, Gedling and Rushcliffe.

This year Sarah will be working with schools in the Teaching for Mastery Sustaining phase, who having chosen to focus on the teaching of mastery through a SEND lens. Sarah is also leading a SEND Research and Innovation Work Group for the Maths Hub.

Book of the Newsletter!

This newsletter's chosen book is *The Teacher's Guide to SEN* by Natalie Packer. It outlines what all teachers need to know about SEN and provides a range of practical tips and ideas that can be applied in the classroom.

One of the key messages of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice, first introduced in 2014, is that every teacher is responsible and accountable for every pupil in their class, including those with SEN. So what does this mean in practice for you as a class or subject teacher? Essentially, it requires you to understand every individual's needs, have a range of relevant knowledge and skills and have the confidence to try out some new approaches.

This book is your essential guide to meeting these requirements.



SEND Discussion on BBC 5 Live

Catch our director, Emily Walker, representing Whole School SEND in a powerful panel discussion on BBC 5 Live. Emily took part in looking at the challenges that mainstream schools face in delivering adequate SEND provision, exploring who holds the responsibility to ensure that no child is left behind. Tune in from 1:38:20 to 1:53:30 for valuable insights on this critical issue in education.



CIT - Inclusion Fiesta

Last week, we were thrilled to take part in a trust-wide event, the CIT Inclusion Fiesta! Celebrating 10 years of the trust, it was the first time all staff, Trustees, and Local School Board members—over 850 of us—came together under one roof. We kicked off the day with a lively welcome from a mariachi band, setting the perfect tone for the celebration.

The day was filled with inspiring talks from guest speakers like Jaz Ampaw-Farr and Baasit Siddiqui, assembly bangers from James Partridge, as well as plenty of opportunities to network and connect over a delicious lunch. It was a fantastic way to remind us all of the important role each of us plays in championing our CIT children. YOU make a difference!

Follow us!



We have recently launched a new business page on LinkedIn, please make sure that you follow us for all the latest news!



Our X page also shares lots of great information.

Work with us today

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WORKING WITH US?

Whether it's to complete a SEND Review in your setting, deliver whole school training from TA's to heads, or something more bespoke, get in touch!

LET'S CHAT!

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