

WELCOME TO OUR

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

HI, HOW ARE YOU?

LEARN Update

As a new academic year begins, we're delighted to reconnect with you and continue building on our strong partnerships. The autumn term brings fresh energy and opportunity, and we're looking forward to working alongside schools, professionals and partners to make a real impact for children and young people with SEND. In this edition, you'll find upcoming CPD and network opportunities, key sector updates, and a range of resources we've gathered to support your work this term.



What we do

Continuing Professional Development

We provide LEARN centre-based programmes, delivering Continuing Professional Development throughout the year based on the national, regional and local picture. Delegate places can be booked as a whole school or as an individual. If there isn't a date available to suit you, please get in touch as we will endeavour to meet your needs.

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School to School Support

LEARN has a track record in providing intense support to schools, through both a bespoke school-based offer and a suite of school enhancement courses to support on-going school improvement. Our collaborative, professional approach ensures that we work as a team to support you in raising standards and developing expertise within your team.

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Bespoke Support

LEARN SEND Hub can deliver bespoke support to your setting to enhance and complement your professional development requirements. This support can be delivered in staff meetings, twilights or working alongside staff on a 1:1 basis. A LEARN Practitioner will meet with you to discuss your requirements and will design and deliver a bespoke package.

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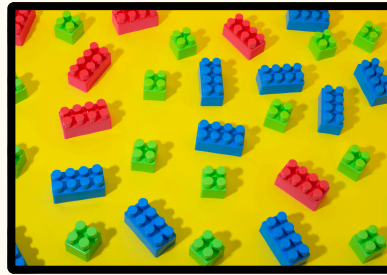
Upcoming Training

DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



07/10/25

SEND Network Meeting @ LEARN - Autumn



16/10/25

Lego Therapy: Using Lego play to support social skills



23/10/25

SEND Network Meeting @ L.E.A.D. - Autumn



23/10/25

Team Teach Level One



05/11/25

ELKAN 5-11S Speech & Language Support



06/11/25

Introduction to the SEND Journey in Action



07/11/2025

Specialist School Leadership Meeting



07/11/25

Cracking the Code: Developing Confident Communicators



11/11/25

Middy Supervisors De-escalation & Behaviour Management



20/11/25

Sensory Approaches: Understanding and Meeting Student Needs



10/12/25 & 11/12/25

Mental Health First Aid



12/12/25

Emotion Coaching

NEW Courses for this year



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Introduction to the SEND Journey in Action

6th November 2025 or 30th
April 2026

A must for new or experienced SENCOs!
This hands-on session covers everything
from SEND registers and provision mapping
to early identification and EHCP evidence.
Walk away with the tools and confidence to
streamline your SEND systems and boost
pupil outcomes. Running twice in 2025/26.

Sensory Approaches: Understanding and Meeting Student Needs

20th November 2025

New for 2025/26! This one-day course will equip
you with practical strategies to support pupils with
sensory processing needs. Learn how to use
sensory circuits, trolleys, rooms, and breaks to
promote self-regulation and boost engagement.
Leave with the confidence and tools to embed
sensory approaches that truly make a difference.
Book now and build a more inclusive, pupil-
focused environment!



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Education in a Time of Change



As the season changes, so too does the landscape of education. All eyes are on the forthcoming Education White Paper and what it will mean for local authorities, multi-academy trusts, schools, pupils, and parents. It is a time of uncertainty, but also one of opportunity: a chance to come together, share expertise, and explore new ways of working in collaboration.

Alongside this, we see Ofsted's evolving focus, with inclusion taking a higher profile than ever. This reinforces the vital importance of ensuring that every pupil is able to thrive. The months ahead may bring questions, but through shared commitment, creativity, and partnership we can shape the answers and find the solutions.



Emily Walker - Director, LEARN SEND Hub

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE – AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU.

New Training: Autism Awareness and Inclusion

Whole School SEND has launched new DfE-funded 'Train the Trainer' packages to support schools and settings in delivering high-quality autism awareness training.

Aimed at leaders, SENCOs, and inclusion teams, the packages provide everything needed to run evidence-based, quality-assured sessions with staff. They are designed to be flexible, relevant to individual settings, and sustainable as part of ongoing CPD.

Each package includes a recorded webinar, ready-made training slides with speaker notes and activities, plus a step-by-step video guide to help you deliver the sessions with confidence. Versions are available for Primary, Secondary, and FE.

The training is free to access thanks to DfE funding. To help demonstrate its impact, schools are asked to complete a short pre-training survey and collect attendance information afterwards.

You can find out more and access the packages via the [**Whole School SEND website**](#).



Canva Education

Spotlight on Free Tools: Canva for Education

We recently explored Canva for Education with our colleagues at CIT, and it's a fantastic free resource for schools.

Canva is an online design platform that lets staff and students easily create presentations, worksheets, posters, videos, and more. It also offers collaboration tools, printing options, and access to the Canva Design School for tutorials and lesson ideas.

Key highlights:

- 100% free for all primary and secondary schools
- Used by over 70 million teachers and students worldwide
- 11 million designs created by UK educators this year alone

With over 1.5 billion designs made by the education community so far, Canva is helping bring creativity and collaboration into classrooms everywhere.

Visit [Canva for Education](#) to set up your free school account.

RISE Support for Inclusive Mainstream Education



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for Education

The Regional Improvement in Standards and Excellence (RISE) programme is designed to break the link between young people's backgrounds and their future success. It provides tools and training to help mainstream schools become more inclusive and better support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

- Universal SEND Services – Free, high-quality CPD, autism training, spotlight sessions and national events promoting a whole-school approach to inclusion.
- Inclusion in Practice – Sector-led research highlighting five principles of effective inclusive practice and real school case studies.
- Nuffield Early Learning Intervention (NELI) – Supports speech and language for Reception pupils; evidence shows up to 7 months' additional progress in oral language skills.
- Alternative Provision Specialist Taskforces (APST) – Multi-agency teams supporting vulnerable pupils and promoting reintegration into mainstream education.
- National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) – Flexible training for teachers and leaders, including the new mandatory NPQ for SENCOs.

Together, these initiatives aim to make mainstream education more inclusive and ensure every pupil can succeed.

Ofsted Changes Coming This November

What Schools Need to Know



From 10 November 2025, Ofsted will introduce a new inspection framework and a completely different style of reporting. These changes will affect all schools, colleges, and early years providers and **inclusion** will be a central focus.

Key changes at a glance:

- Report cards replace single-word grades – Instead of one overall judgment, schools will receive separate evaluations (e.g. leadership, inclusion, behaviour, curriculum).
- New grading scale - moving to five levels: Urgent Improvement, Needs Attention, Expected Standard, Strong Standard, Exceptional.
- Inclusion spotlight- inspectors will look more closely at how schools support SEND and disadvantaged pupils.
- Consistency in inspections - every inspection will be a full inspection, led by a full-time His Majesty's Inspector (HMI), with additional inspectors for balance.
- More transparency for parents and communities - a new online tool will share report card outcomes and allow comparisons with other schools.
- Monitoring for schools needing improvement - those graded "Needs Attention" will see more regular follow-up inspections.

What this means for schools

These changes bring both challenges and opportunities. With inclusion raised in profile, schools will need to be ready to show not just policies, but day-to-day practice that demonstrates how every pupil is supported to thrive. Evidence will need to be clear, and leadership teams will want to ensure consistency across staff and departments.

How LEARN SEND Hub can help

- Inclusion Reviews - Practical audits to highlight strengths and identify clear next steps.
- Training & CPD - Tailored sessions for all staff and leaders on inclusive teaching, behaviour, and leadership.
- Leadership Support - Coaching, mentoring, and networks for SENDCOs and senior leaders.
- Practical Resources - Model policies, curriculum audit tools, and ready-to-use, online CPD.
- Collaboration & Celebration - Regional forums, events, and showcases to share best practice and celebrate success.



These reforms are a chance to highlight the excellent work already happening in schools, while strengthening provision where it's needed most. At LEARN SEND Hub, we're here to help you navigate the changes with confidence.



Staying Ahead with Assistive and AI Technologies in SEND



At LEARN SEND Hub, we remain committed to staying at the forefront of emerging technologies that support learners with SEND and are being actively used in schools.

This term, we attended training at Google HQ to explore the latest in assistive technologies and their practical application in education. We also had the privilege of learning from Professor Rose Luckin, whose thoughtful approach — “Learn Fast, Act More Slowly” — offered valuable guidance on implementing AI in education safely and effectively.

You can learn more about Rose’s work with Educate Venture Research [here](#).



We’re excited to share these insights with our SENCo networks and will continue to update our adaptive teaching training materials to reflect the latest developments.

Adaptive Teacher Pathway

UPDATED AND ENHANCED FOR 2025/26 ACADEMIC YEAR

A 2-day Professional Learning Programme for Educators

Educators today are expected to meet the needs of all pupils, ensuring that every learner can access and engage with the curriculum effectively. Adaptive teaching is a powerful pedagogical approach that enables educators to respond to the varied abilities, prior knowledge, and learning styles within their classrooms. By continuously assessing progress and making thoughtful adjustments to teaching strategies, educators can foster a more inclusive and effective learning environment.

This course will provide you with a clear understanding of adaptive teaching, including its core principles and practical applications. You will gain valuable guidance on statutory requirements, ensuring compliance while maximising the impact of your teaching.

Designed for both new and experienced educators, this two-day professional learning programme will equip you with the knowledge, strategies, and confidence to implement adaptive teaching effectively. Through evidence-based approaches, you will explore practical ways to support pupils across the four broad areas of need, fostering a more inclusive learning environment.

The course will also introduce AI and assistive technology, providing insights into how digital tools can enhance classroom support and adaptation. With a blend of practical workshops, discussions, and hands-on activities, you will gain concrete strategies that can be immediately applied in your own classroom to improve learning outcomes for all pupils.

<p>Day 1: Foundations of Adaptive Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The context of adaptive teaching and the statutory guidance shaping inclusive practice. Understanding what adaptive teaching is – and what it is not. Core principles of high-quality teaching to support all learners. Practical strategies for adaptive teaching, tailored to the four broad areas of need. 	<p>Day 2: Assessment, Collaboration, and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of assessment in ensuring timely and meaningful adaptations. How teachers and TA's can collaborate to effectively adapt the curriculum. Effective communication strategies for working with colleagues, parents, and carers. Exploring AI and assistive technology: How digital tools can support adaptive teaching and meet diverse learning needs. Further practical strategies aligned with the four broad areas of need.
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“ If you’re interested in commissioning this training for your school, please don’t hesitate to get in touch. ”

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TA - SEND Specific Modular Pathway

Looking to boost your skills and confidence in supporting pupils with SEND? Our TA - SEND Specific Modular Pathway is designed just for you.

- Bite-sized learning: One-hour webinars – flexible and easy to fit into your schedule.
- Practical & impactful: Equip yourself with strategies to support SEND pupils effectively.
- Accessible anytime: Watch on-demand via the LEARN website.
- For all TAs: Perfect for those working in mainstream primary and secondary settings.

NEW PLATFORM FOR 2025-26

Managing Behaviour Pathway

Our Managing Behaviour Pathway is a flexible, modular toolkit designed for all school staff looking to better understand and manage behaviour in the classroom.

Delivered by our experienced in-house SEND professionals, these pre-recorded webinars are 2 hours long but designed to be completed in 30-minute sessions, making them easy to fit into busy schedules.

Access practical strategies and expert guidance at your own pace - available now on the LEARN website.

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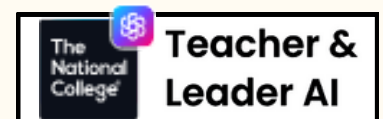
Useful Articles / Resources



Revealed: 5 Key Findings from
Ofsted Teacher Training Review



Identifying and supporting
the needs of children with
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