

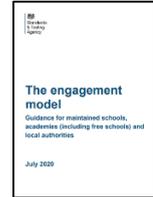
National Updates

SEND Review

On 17th Sept Gavin Williamson announced that the SEND Review has been delayed until next year. This means that any revisions to the Code of Practice will also be delayed. The Review is now planned for release in early 2021.

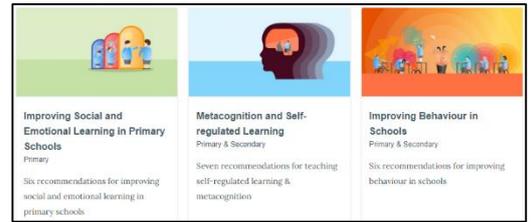
Engagement Model

2020/21 will be a transitional year for the assessment of pupils working below the standard of national curriculum assessments. The Engagement model replaces P Scales 1-4 and assessment arrangements apply to maintained schools and academies.



Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)

The EEF has released a suite of new [guidance reports](#) to support Social and Emotional learning, Metacognition and Behaviour.



NASEN

Nasen has announced free membership from January 2021, which will replace the current tiered model. This is to ensure the organisation's expertise in SEND is available to every school and setting across the UK.

Hertfordshire Updates

Local High Needs Funding Panels (LHNF)

Information has been sent out to all settings about the new LHNF panels which replace ENF clusters. The application form, banding tool and guidance are all now available, along with dates for the monthly panels. There is an expectation that SENCOs will attend at least one panel in the year to ensure representation from all phases. SENCOs should return the panel availability form to DSPL7 as soon as possible. The first panel is due to be held on November 12th from 9.30-12.00.

The training session in July which many people struggled to access is available on YouTube [here](#). A second session is planned for October 2nd from 4.00-5.00pm – the flier with the link has been sent out to schools this week.

Advisory Service Advice Lines

A SEND Telephone Advice Line flier has been produced with the key phone numbers for the EP Service, Specialist Advisory teams, the Attendance team, SENDIASS and Kids Hub. This should have been sent into schools through contact EPs, and is also available on the DSPL7 website.



Occupational Therapy Training for Parents

Two online training sessions have been made available for parents this term. Follow the links below for fliers and information: [Understanding your child's sensory processing](#) [Supporting your child's sensory Self-Regulation Development](#)



Local Updates

DSPL7

Forthcoming training

- Tuesday 13th October Su Hurren (StADac SEN team) EHCP workshop
- Tuesday 20th October (online) Gemma Handelsman SEMH Assessments

KS3 Mentor

DSPL7 has employed a male mentor, Mike Rose, to support young people in Y7-9. Mike has a full day in St Albans and half a day in Harpenden each week and can provide 1:1 and small group support. Referral forms have been sent out to schools and should be returned to Elaine.bridle@dspl7.org.uk



Strategic Plan summary

A summary of DSPL7's plans for this academic year has been sent to all Heads in the area, outlining our plans and projects for 2020-21. Should you require any further information or detail about our plans, please contact the DSPL7 team.



Behaviour Solution Clusters

The Links Academy is providing solution clusters for any staff member to come and discuss the behaviour needs of an individual, group or whole class. A 30min session can be booked by emailing Fiona Haynes – fhaynes@linksacademy.herts.sch.uk
Dates for the afternoon clusters can be found below:

October 7 th	November 4 th	December 9 th
January 13 th	February 2 nd	March 10 th
April 14 th	May 7 th	June 9 th
July 7 th		

Creative Education Online Training

DSPL7 has bought into Creative Education's Organisational Membership, allowing one login for every school in the area. This will provide access to over 50 online training courses and webinars – <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/e-learning/>. To register your setting, please email the DSPL7 admin account admin@dspl7.org.uk with a primary user email address.



CERTSEY Level 3 Qualification for EY SENCOs in PVI settings

DSPL7 is funding the online CERTSEY qualification with the Eastern Partnership. <https://easternpartnership.co.uk/training/level-3-award-for-sencos-in-early-years/>
Contact the DSPL7 admin team for more information about obtaining funding.

EY Resources Library

DSPL7 has funded a number of sensory resources and 4 WellComm toolkits for EY settings, which can be borrowed to support children with sensory needs. Contact the EY advisory teachers, Jane Keech and Julie Carroll for further details.

DSPL7 SEND resources and Assessment Tools libraries

Our resources libraries have been extended over the past few months and there are a number of new items available for schools to borrow. See our website for details of how to access the resources.