

National Updates

Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)

Further to their guidance report on ‘Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools’ published in March this year ([read the full report](#)) the EEF is asking for education professionals to complete a 3-5 minute survey about current practice with regards to support for pupils with SEND. The survey hopes to capture an up to date picture of what support looks like in schools, particularly post-lockdown.

[Take part in the survey.](#)

Hertfordshire Updates

Wellbeing for Education Return - Government Funded Training

The ‘Wellbeing for Education Return’ training forms part of the government’s national project designed to support schools and colleges on responding to the wellbeing and mental health needs of CYP, staff and parents as a result of coronavirus. It is delivered through 2 webinars, which should be attended in order and by the same member of staff. It is government funded and is free to attend. Further details can be found here -

http://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/hwb/wellbeing_for_education/index.shtml

Webinar 1		Webinar 2	
19 October 2020	10-12:30	12 November 2020	10-12:00
20 October 2020	10-12:30	12 November 2020	16:00-18:00
21 October 2020	10-12:30	13 November 2020	10-12:30
21 October 2020	16:00-18:30	16 November 2020	10-12:30
22 October 2020	10-12:30	16 November 2020	16:00-18:00
22 October 2020	16:00-18:30	17 November 2020	10-12:00
30 November 2020	10-12:00	30 November 2020	14:00-16:00
3 December 2020	10-12:30	3 December 2020	14:00-16:00

Webinars can be booked through Herts for Learning in the usual way.

Just Talk Campaign

[Just Talk](#) is the Hertfordshire multi-agency mental health campaign designed collaboratively with young people. Just Talk week begins on November 16th. Schools can access the [Just Talk toolkit](#) and/or the new [five ways to wellbeing toolkit](#), which contain a range of ideas for working with young people to improve their mental health. More details can be found at www.justtalkherts.org and pupils can be encouraged to follow the campaign on Twitter and Instagram @JustTalkHerts.



Monitoring attendance of CYP with EHCPs or on SEN Support

The DfE expects local authorities to closely monitor the attendance of CYP who have EHCPs or are on SEN support. A school monitoring report proforma has been sent out to all schools, and it should be returned weekly to highlight pupils whose attendance is rated Red or Amber. DSPL7 staff may then follow this up with a phonecall to discuss the support in place, and where necessary, ISL staff will follow up with a phonecall to the home. Please email admin@dspl7.org.uk if you need another copy of the proforma. Schools who have not yet made any returns will be contacted next half term.

Local Updates

Local High Needs Funding Panels (LHNF)

The first DSPL7 LHNF panel will be held virtually on the morning of November 12th. Schools wishing to make an application should send it through SchoolsFX to dspl7lhnfpanel@dspl7.org.uk by October 22nd, with the summary page of the banding tool.

The number of applications is already high, but funding is extremely limited. Please ensure that the application meets one of the 5 criteria and that the needs are definitely at Band 3 or above.

DSPL7

Forthcoming training:

- Thursday 11th November Elaine Bridle New to Role SENCos
- Tuesday 24th November (online) Louise Barrell HfL Briefing

AET training

A remote session has been arranged for new staff who have not previously accessed the Making Sense of Autism training (previously known as Tier 1). There is a maximum of 7 delegates per setting. Schools who have more than 7 members of staff requiring training should contact Charlotte Osborne, the AET co-ordinator, to arrange a separate session.



<p>Hertfordshire support for Pupils and Young People on the autism spectrum Schools programme Autism Education Trust (AET)</p> <p><small>Our Hertfordshire aim is to enable increased understanding and awareness of autism leading to a positive whole school ethos and good practice which actively supports our children and young people with autism</small></p>	
Course title:	Making sense of autism – raising awareness (DSPL 7)
Suitable for:-	We are using these sessions for new starters within schools. We ask if you have more than 7 members of staff requiring training you contact us to arrange a socially distanced training delivered within your own setting.
Focus of training:-	To develop understanding and awareness of autism and how it impacts on children and young people in our schools
When	Wednesday, 25th November 2020 3.30pm – 5pm
Where	Virtually using Microsoft Teams
Aims of the training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give staff a better understanding and awareness of autism and the way it affects pupils and students in school • Offer a whole school session so that all staff have the same basic training • Time to reflect for those with previous knowledge and experience
Booking a place	E-mail Training-AET@Hertfordshire.gov.uk Please include number of staff that will be attending and their names and their email addresses. Further details will be provided on confirmation of your date
<small>You may like to look at the AET website www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk for more detail about the work of the AET and available resources</small>	

Creative Education Online Training

If you registered your setting for a Creative Education account, you should have received your login and password details. It is not too late to register – just email admin@dspl7.org.uk with details of the preferred email contact.

Upcoming training is focussed on ‘Supporting primary pupils experiencing mental health issues’, ‘Spot and support ADHD, training for teaching assistants and ‘Dyslexia – 5 ideas that really work’.

Feedback from training this half term

EHCP workshop with Su Hurren – 25 SENCos attended the 2 socially distanced workshops on October 13th. Detailed notes from her sessions have been sent out to all settings.

SEMH training with EP Gemma Handelsman – 24 SENCos and MH leads joined this training session with Gemma on October 20th, which explored how to support the SEMH needs of CYP in schools. Gemma’s training slides will also be shared with all schools in case you were unable to join the session.

Happy half term and I hope you all have a well-earned break.