

## SEND bulletin 16 September

Dear SEN and inclusion leaders

I am delighted to share the first Autumn issue of the ELP SEN Bulletin. I hope this format of sharing key information with you will support your work in ensuring our children and young people with additional needs receive the best possible provision and experience.

I am looking forward to working with you all this year to share good practice and further improve the quality of inclusive practice in our schools.

Madhu Bhachu  
Quality and Partnership Lead SEN and Inclusion

### **Covid vaccination for children (12-15 years)**

Information regarding Covid vaccination for children aged 12-15 years with additional needs. These have been issued from Ealing's Family Information Service and include useful information about vaccination for young people as well as a consent form.

### **AET materials for schools/settings supporting ASD children, law and exclusions**

New resources from AET to support on exclusions and understand the law.

### **Services and support for parents**

Please share this leaflet with families who have children on SEN support – the leaflet provides information on the key services and support available to them.

### **Survey for parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities**

We need the views of your families! Please help the School Partnerships & Enrichment Team develop a new SEND award for schools:

- Share the survey with parents and carers: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SENDparentandcarer](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SENDparentandcarer)
- Here is a paper copy if needed
- Use this covering text when sending the survey to parents and carers.

The responses will be anonymous and the results will help us to ensure the award is shaped by the experiences of Ealing families.

### **Get involved with SEND FSPA**

The new SEND FSPA is being piloted by a small group of schools during this academic year. If your school is interested in joining the programme or you want information about what's involved, please contact Libby Giarraputo by email at [LGiarraputo@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:LGiarraputo@ealing.gov.uk)

### **Contact - Ealing's support group for parents**

Contact is a support groups for parents/carers of children with SEND and autism. Please share Contact's flyer with families.

### **Saturday youth group**

Term time Saturday youth group now available for 14-18 years old, who have an EHCP and/or SEND.

New members are welcome! The next session will be on the 18 September. If you are interested in enrolling contact Aleks to book your place at [aleksandra.rogozinska@ealingmencap.org.uk](mailto:aleksandra.rogozinska@ealingmencap.org.uk) or 020 8566 957

### **Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Project**

After a successful pilot project, Ealing's educational psychology service are launching the ELSA project. The 6-day training course starts in the Autumn term.

This project runs in over 68 local authorities. It is a recognised evidence-based approach to supporting low level SEMH needs in school, in many cases preventing difficulties from escalating. It is unique in that not only does it offer comprehensive training, but also ongoing supervision and support from an educational psychologist, ensuring that ELSA continues to develop their skills and remains current in their practise.

By training up a TA, who is already on staff, and understands the school context, to become an ELSA and deliver interventions, the evidence shows that pupils receiving intervention:

- have increased learning success and engagement
- feel supported by being listened to and having 'special time'
- develop greater self-awareness and coping strategies
- can build more positive relationships with peers and others
- learn to talk about their difficulties.

For more information contact Philippa Le Roux before 1 November 2021 - [PLeRoux@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:PLeRoux@ealing.gov.uk)

### **Mindfulness taster session**

A free mindfulness taster session to introduce you to what mindfulness is and how it can be of benefit in a school setting.

- Date: 21 September
- Time: 4 - 5.30 pm, free to Ealing Maintained schools, hosted remotely.
- Book now

## **AET - making sense of autism in schools programme**

This session will give you a better understanding and awareness of autism and the way it affects pupils in school.

- Date: 28 September
- Time: 4 - 5.30 pm, free to Ealing maintained schools
- [Book now](#)

## **ELP primary school lead SENCOs**

We are happy to announce that we successfully recruited 6 ELP lead SENCOs for the following primary schools:

- St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School
- St Raphaels Catholic Primary School
- West Acton Primary School
- East Acton Primary School
- Beaconsfield Primary School
- Lady Margaret Primary School

Their passion and dedication to inclusion impressed the panel and we know that they will make a big difference in supporting ELP's vision and ethos in ensuring no school is left behind and no learner is left behind.

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