

# NE Lincs SENCo Newsletter

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Welcome to the second Autumn 2022 edition of our NE Lincs SENCo Newsletter. Many thanks to all who attended the Autumn Term SENCo Forum in October. It was great to see you all face to face. Click [HERE](#) to see the photos from the event and read some of the feedback.

It's another busy half term with a number of projects ongoing including NE Lincs SEMH Free School Bid and Littlecoates Specialist Primary SEMH setting which is in development.

Take a look below at what's just out or coming up... and don't forget all the info is available on the [NE Lincs SEND Local Offer](#).

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## **Requests for Statutory Assessments – update re EP Assessments**

As demand for statutory assessments continue to rise, the Local Authority continue to seek solutions to how the 20-week assessment process can be effectively managed. If you have had an Educational Psychology assessment completed either by a Local Authority Educational Psychologist, or through another agency, we would be happy to consider this assessment alongside, observation and discussions with parents/carers and the education setting by one of our Local Authority EPs. Our Principal Educational Psychologist will be quality assuring any recent assessment submitted as part of the evidence bundle at when the initial request is received. To be a recent and relevant report it must have been completed within the last 6-8 months and align to the discussions had with stakeholders and the observation of the learner. Please be advised that where there is any discrepancy between the written report and the observation or discussion, an assessment as part of the statutory process will still be required by a Local Authority Educational Psychologist. The Local Authority are aware that some children's needs can change significantly over a 6-8 month period and a fresh assessment would therefore still be required.

## **Events and Training**

Please see link to the Training and Events Calendar here - [NELC SEND Local Offer | Autism and Exclusions \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#) to see all the training and events on offer, this is updated regularly so do bookmark this page and keep checking back for new additions!

Recently added are dates for Makaton Courses and our AET Training Offer for the full academic year. More information can be found on the link above, however if you require any further details, please email [sendtraining@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:sendtraining@nelincs.gov.uk).

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## Take a look at our NEW FREE [NE Lincs Social, Emotional and Mental Health Graduated Response Toolkit \(5 to 16 Years\)](#)

“All children and young people are entitled to an education that is appropriate to their needs, promotes high standards and the fulfilment of potential. This toolkit has been designed to support schools and settings by providing a systematic approach when supporting Children and Young People, who are experiencing emerging or sustained SEMH difficulties. It provides a range of supportive actions, strategies and resources to meet need and support the **Assess, Plan, Do, Review** process in schools.”

Produced by Claire Gordon (NE Lincs Specialist Teacher for SEMH), the document provides information on:



- The Assess/Plan/Do/Review steps of the Graduated Response – both from whole school/setting perspective and an individual child/young person perspective.
- Guidance to schools and settings about effectively evidencing the operation of the Graduated Response.
- A range of High-Quality Teaching, targeted and specialist interventions that schools and settings can use to support a child or young person.
- Details of and information about partner agencies intended to provide a directory of support available from the Local Area as described in the SEND Local Offer.

It offers ideas for support for:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing including Whole School Approach
- Body Image
- Wellbeing and the curriculum
- ADHD
- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- General SEMH
- Trauma Informed and Attachment
- Loss and Bereavement

Download and print the [SEMh Graduated Response Toolkit \(Word, 682 KB\)](#) And don't forget to send us your [feedback](#).

## Nasen – FREE Offer!

Please click link to find out more - [📧 An unmissable FREE offer from our partners Rockerbox News \(ddlnk.net\)](#)

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## SENCo Cluster Groups – New dates added for this term

Cluster Groups will include representatives from Education, Health, Social Care, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector organisations. Additional dates have been added for this term, click the links on the dates below to book your place.

To find out which cluster your school comes under please click [NELC SEND Local Offer | SEND Training and Events \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#).

	<b>Meridian SENCo cluster group</b>	<a href="#">Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022</a> <a href="#">Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023</a> <a href="#">Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023</a>
	<b>Central SENCo cluster group</b>	<a href="#">Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022</a> <a href="#">Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023</a> <a href="#">Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023</a>
	<b>Five Ways SENCo cluster group</b>	<a href="#">Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022</a> <a href="#">Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</a> <a href="#">Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023</a>
	<b>Immingham SENCo cluster group</b>	<a href="#">Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022</a> <a href="#">Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023</a> <a href="#">Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023</a>
	<b>Wolds SENCo cluster group</b>	<a href="#">Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022</a> <a href="#">Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023</a> <a href="#">Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023</a>

**SENCo 16+** - Post 16 settings can also take part in termly SENCo meetings at The Civic Offices, Cleethorpes, facilitated by Clare Linfitt (SEND Services Manager) from 3pm-5pm.

Just click on the Eventbrite links below for each date to book your place.

[Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022](#)

[Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023](#)

[Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023](#)

## Coffee Mornings for Parent/Carers

Parent/Carers are welcome to join Abi (SEND Parent Engagement Champion) for a friendly chat over a coffee and a biscuit, they can drop in at any time during the session to discuss issues, be directed for support and share insight & ideas.

Our sessions are held twice a week during term time. On Mondays at Central Family Hub and on Thursday at Nunsthorpe Family Hub, from 9.30am-11.30am.

We would be grateful if you can share this information with parents of children with SEND.

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## SENCO Forum - Spring Term 2023

Following on from the success of the [Autumn Term 2022 SENCo forum](#) where over 100 SENCo's and Headteachers joined together to focus on SEMH in North East Lincolnshire, we hope you will join us for the SENCo Forum - Spring Term 2023 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 9am – 12.30pm at Centre4, Wootton Road, Grimsby. The focus will be on Cognition and Learning.

- We will share information about best practice and the graduated approach to C&L.
- SENCOs and Headteachers will be invited to break out into Groups (Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Post 16) to be supported to develop their own whole school provision map for Cognition and Learning.
- You will also have the opportunity to meet with a range of providers who can offer activities and services that could support your settings curriculum offer and your range of SEND provision.



And of course, the opportunity to meet face to face with other SENCOs and NE Lincs SEND and Inclusion team, including our EHCP co-ordinators.

Remember to book your place using this link - [SENCO Forum Booking Link](#).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Emotional Based Barriers to School Attendance (EBBSA)

EBBSA Support in NELC is a relational, holistic approach to proactively identify barriers to education and support successful engagement with learning. Please click links below to access the flyers for the Service.

[EBBSA Professional Flyer](#)   [EBBSA Children Flyer](#)   [EBBSA Young Person Flyer](#)   [EBBSA Parent Flyer](#)

If you have any queries or require any further information, please email [EBBSA@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:EBBSA@nelincs.gov.uk)

## SEND and the Schools January Census Training

SENCO's and Education Setting Business Managers are invited to join NE Lincs SEND and IT & Digital Team for a free two-hour training session. Click the link to book your place - [SEND and the Schools January Census Training Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#).

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## **Reframing the Parenting Agenda – Follow up Event**

Following the hugely successful event we had on 29<sup>th</sup> June last year, after some careful planning we are now able to fix a date for our follow up event to summarise and consult on our agreed way forward.

The follow up will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 13:00 – 15:00.

**Please reserve your place on Eventbrite using the link below:-**

[Reframing the Parent Agenda booking link](#)

The proposals are;

- We form a model for supporting parents across the region and that this is co-produced from the start
- Rebranding is one of the primary tasks to ensure we begin any work with the required culture change
- Look at commissioning support to cover the all aspects of the i-Thrive model.
- Identify the requisite training needs of staff to support the development of the workforce and the change in culture.

The event is aimed at attracting professionals working in Education, Health, Local Authority and parents / carers of young people and will be informative as well as interactive.

## **Access Pathway**

Please see link to the Access Pathway page on the local offer, this has FAQ's included which may be helpful to you - [NELC SEND Local Offer | Access Pathway \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)



**If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help.**

**Please don't hesitate to email [sen@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:sen@nelincs.gov.uk).**