

# THE BIRMINGHAM SEND LOCALITY TEAM

Building on and developing current good practice, SEND teams of professionals are being established in four localities (North, South, East and West). The teams will support settings and families, through LA and health funding as well as traded services. These multi agency teams will promote inclusive practices ensuring children and young people are prepared for key transitions and adulthood.

The team of professionals include:

- Educational psychologists • Specialist teachers and practitioners • Speech and Language Therapists • Occupational Therapists
- Nurses • Primary Mental Health Workers • Family support workers • Parent link officers

## SENIOR LEADER UPDATES

Senior leaders within educational settings will work with the locality team to provide termly updates of data around the following trends:

- Fixed term and permanent exclusions
- Requests for Elective Home Education
- Numbers of learners on a part time placement
- Change of placement requests
- Requests for an EHC assessment
- Number of learners who are currently not attending school, including NEET data

The purpose of the data sharing is to inform developments within the locality. Information about placements in independent, special and resource base provision as well as enhanced allocation of resources will be shared annually with schools to plan and develop localised specialised support and provision.



## MEETINGS WITH SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

### SEND INCLUSION AND REVIEW MEETINGS

In the Spring and Summer terms a consultation and planning meeting will be held with senior leaders in each school in the City to provide the opportunity to problem solve areas where the school are stuck and identify areas which require additional support to ensure the needs of children are met in their local school.

### SENCO SCHOOL FORUMS

The locality wide Senco forum will provide the opportunity to develop collaborative working between schools and agencies to build capacity as well as provide solution focussed approaches.

### SEND FAMILY FORUMS

The family forum will provide the opportunity for the specialist team of professionals to meet with the families in the locality. The forum also provides a network for families in the locality to enable peer to peer support and signposting to universal and targeted provision that is available across the city.

## PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

### LOCALITY PANELS

Current centralised SEND and Inclusion panels, including the EHC panel, will be divided into 4 locality panels, based on area (North, South, East, West).

Each locality panel will consider:

- Requests for statutory assessment of educational, health and care needs
- Enhanced (Top-up CRISP) support.
- Access to resource base provision.
- Access to special school/college placements.
- Transport requests for children and young people with complex needs

### THE HUB

A 'hub' will facilitate the area led provision across the City based in the North, South, East and West. The hub will provide a base for teams to work from and be an information and advice centre for children with SEND and their families.