



Canterbury District STLS & Outreach

STLS NEWSLETTER - TERM 3

LATEST NEWS

Welcome to the Canterbury STLS newsletter.

Firstly we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

We want to assure you, although we are still working remotely we are here to support.

We can be contacted by email and meet with you either via zoom or TEAMS, whichever is convenient.

IN-SCHOOL/SETTING REVIEWS

Our In-school/Setting reviews are still going ahead and these are a great opportunity to meet with the whole team and discuss any issues you have or use it as part of some training, advice or just a well-being catch up.

LIFT

LIFT is remaining virtual at the present time. Allocated time slots will be given, but we do really appreciate your input and welcome you to attend the whole meeting to give school to school support. Please ensure paperwork arrives before the deadline date.

INCLUSION TOOLKIT

This is an excellent resource that we would recommend your school using to support SEND developments in your school. It can help identify areas for development and feed into your school development plan. The STLS team will be happy to support you with this.

[Part 1 \(PDF, 478.1 KB\)](#)

[Part 2.1 \(PDF, 382.0 KB\)](#)

[Part 2.2 \(DOCX, 28.8 KB\)](#)

[Part 3 \(PDF, 157.9 KB\)](#)

PARENT SUPPORT

We continue to support parents/carers and have added resources and advice to our website. Please recommend this to your families. We are also happy to hold joint virtual meetings with you and your families at your convenience.

ENGAGEMENT MODEL TRAINING

This is a statutory requirement for KS1 & 2 from September 21 and training will be delivered in term 3—9.30-12.30 -Wednesday 10th February, Friday 12th February and Thursday 25th February. This will be on-line training. Schools who have children in KS1 and 2 that would benefit from this programme will be notified directly. It is an excellent addition to support pupils with SEND and feeds into the 4 areas of need.

TRAINING TERM 3

ELKLAN (School age)

Verbal ASC

FREE

DAY ONE

Monday 15th March 2021

ELKLAN (School age)

Verbal ASC

FREE

DAY TWO

Friday 26th March 2021

ELKLAN (School age)

Verbal ASC

FREE

DAY THREE

Friday 23rd April 2021

BOOKING: Nichola.p@st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Book your in-school/setting review now—contact any member of the team to organise.*
- ♦ *Watch the STLS website for on-line training and advice and regular updates.*
- ♦ *This link is great for supporting pupils with SEND/ASC during this pandemic: control and click highlighted words.*

Using Funding:

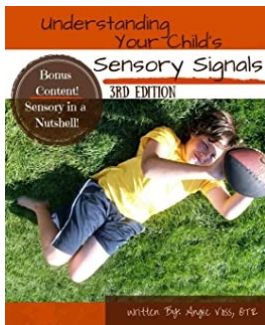
Control and Click on the link below to check if your literacy resource has a good evidence base before purchasing.

[Helenarkall](#)



Recommended:

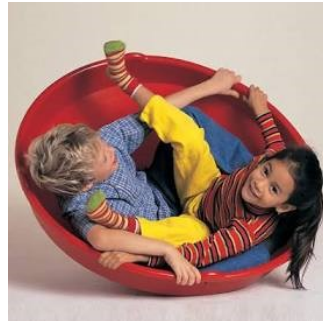
Understanding your Child's sensory signals: A practical Daily use handbook for Parents and Teachers by Angie Voss



Using your funding for sensory toys

These toys are good to address a variety of sensory needs.

Use catch up funding to support children who require a sensory diet.



Spinner £54

Good for vestibular and proprioceptive needs.



Water Mood table—£200

Good for calming and exploration.

18pcs



Spinning tops £8 good for visual stimulation and focus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Autism Champions will be coming soon—an opportunity to become a champion in ASC for your school. The course will consist of 7 modules and there will be continued monitoring and support following the implementation of a project within school. It is suitable for any staff member.

ELKLAN 3-5's will start on 24th May, later than previously scheduled. Dates will be confirmed for settings and schools in term 4. Free places still available.

SENCO meetings will continue in addition to your local forums run by you. These provide an opportunity to catch up on latest developments and meet professionals from other agencies. Primary—Tuesday 2nd February 2021 10am and Secondary—Tuesday 3rd February 2021 2pm.

REMOTE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Schools can request these free mobile data increases for families during the spring and summer 2021: control and click—[here](#).

Lack of equipment for home schooling is proving a problem again for many families during the third lockdown. For those of you who are not already aware, Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams can be accessed via @Xbox and @PlayStation consoles. Remote learning can be accessed via these platforms.

BBC home learning: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55591821>

PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

XBOX

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to *Apps*
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.



EARLY YEARS

Early Years News for Term 3 Newsletter

Just to let you know-

- * The EY@s Sensory Checklist, Profile and Supporting Strategies is now on the STLS Website in the Advice for EYs SENCoS section.
- * The 'How I am Feeling' package for SEMH in the Early Years is available on the Powerpoint Section
- * An advice sheet on Mindfulness for Young Children (could be very useful at the moment now we are in LOCKDOWN number 3) is in the Advice sheets section.
- * We will be focusing on the new LIFT Request Form and looking more closely around the advice we give at EY LIFT at the next EY SENCo Forum on 26th January. LOOK OUT for your INVITE.
- * The Language Learners Early Years Specialist Service is not operating this term either due to COVID. This will be reviewed at Easter.
- * EarlyBird will run virtually this term for parents on the Waiting List; unfortunately due to COVID and Staff changes we were not able to offer an Autumn Term course. We are currently developing a way forward with our health colleagues.
- * Don't FORGET our advice sheets and THE POD for therapy ideas and staff training.

An Evening with Beck Ferrari Supporting Young Children's Wellbeing Through Books and Stories

This online workshop will introduce a range of books that can be used to support children with wellbeing needs including loss, family change, bereavement and managing big feelings. Ideas for activities to work alongside the stories will be shared to support us to have difficult but helpful conversations with young children.

[EYC 21/149 An Evening with Beck Ferrari Supporting Young Children's Well-Being Through Books and Stories 28/01/21 19:30-21:30](#)

An Evening with Beck Ferrari – From Little Worriers to Little Warriors: Supporting Anxious Young Children

This online workshop will explore anxiety in young children; what makes them worry and what keeps them worrying. It will give ideas about how pre-school settings, together with parents and carers can reduce anxious feelings empowering young children to be brave.

[EYC 21/150 An Evening with Beck Ferrari – From Little Worriers to Little Warriors: Supporting Anxious Young Children 18/02/2021 19.30-21.30](#)

NB Supporting Home Learning-

Document from KAT – Supporting children with LD ASD with Covid Isolation

Produced in last National Lockdown but still very helpful

Contents-

- A. Structure and Routine
 - B. Providing Easy-read Information on COVID-19
 - C. Looking After Yourself
 - D. Advice from Occupational Therapy on Regulation
 - E. Sleep Routines
 - F. Indoor Activities
 - G. Exercise in the Home
 - H. Managing Behaviour
- Can be found at: <https://www.st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk/STLS/advice-for-sencos#doc-collapse-121339>

Storicise for Primary & Secondary Children (as Featured on The One Show)

<https://www.storicise.com/>
NEW Interactive ideas to help school pupils better understand #COVID19 testing and how to stay safe during the pandemic.



Six Ways to Wellbeing



Be Active - Go for a walk or run. Step outside. Play a game. Garden. Dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Discover a physical activity that you enjoy.



Keep Learning - Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for a course. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun.



Give - Do something nice for a friend or stranger. Smile. Volunteer your time. See yourself, and your happiness, linked to the wider community it's rewarding.



Connect - with the people around you. With family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. At home, work, school or in your local community.



Take Notice - Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Savour the moment. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling.



Care for the planet - Make small changes to your life that will reduce your energy use, recycle more, leave the car at home.