



## **STLS NEWSLETTER TERM 6.**

Welcome everyone to the next edition of our newsletter. We hope that you had a great half term in the sunshine.

At the end of this term we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Becky Hemmings, our kind, supportive and efficient admin person. We would like to wish her well in her retirement. Michayla Rapley will be taking over the admin position and she will be working with Becky this term.

We would also like to welcome Karen Scott who will be working as the STLS TA. Karen will be supporting interventions in schools.

LIFT Meetings for this term will continue to be virtual. Please be aware that the format for referral forms have changed and you can find the updated versions on KELSI.

### **Want to create a space to discuss the future plans of SEND in your setting or school?**

If you wish to engage in a virtual Early Years, Primary or Secondary school review meeting, please contact: Gillian Newport [g.newport@stns.org.uk](mailto:g.newport@stns.org.uk) or Emma Harrison [e.harrison@stns.org.uk](mailto:e.harrison@stns.org.uk)

Our visits to your schools continue this term and we will be guided by your health and safety advice as usual.

Have a great term 6 in the sun everyone!

**The Primary and Secondary event - APOLOGIES DUE TO ONGOING RESTRICTIONS THIS EVENT HAS NOW HAD TO BE CANCELLED.**

~~9.30am-2.30pm on 25th June at Canterbury Academy on the primary campus. Secondary schools that attend will be seated at desks around the hall.~~

<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>
<del>9.30am-11.00am</del>	<del>1</del>
<del>10.30am-12.00am</del>	<del>2</del>
<del>12.00-12.30pm</del>	<del>LUNCH</del>
<del>12.30pm-2.30pm</del>	<del>5</del>
<del>All time slots are allocated to LIFT groups, but they are not necessarily exclusive to that group.</del>	

Please find the transition forms on the St Nicholas website under the STLS tab.



## Canterbury District Autism Champions

STLS are excited to offer a new course starting next academic year – Autism Champions. This is an opportunity for one member of staff from your school to become a Canterbury district ‘Autism Champion’. The course will run across the year, with participants attending 9 sessions lead by STLS and also completing a project in school to develop practice across the school in an area of their choice related to Autism. STLS will support them with this project, including at least one visit to school.

Course sessions:

Day 1	Wednesday 29th September 9:30-12:30	Course introduction & SPELL framework
Day 2	Wednesday 20th October 9:30-3:30	National Autistic Society ‘Essential Autism’ training
Day 3	Thursday 11th November 9:30-12:30	Language & communication
Day 4	Thursday 2nd December 9:30-12:30	Sensory
Day 5	Wednesday 12th January 9:30-12:30	Emotional Regulation & Anxiety
Day 6	Wednesday 2nd February 9:30-12:30	Social Interaction
Day 7	Wednesday 2nd March 9:30-12:30	Practical Support Strategies
Day 8	Wednesday 23rd March 9:30-12:30	Autism & girls
Day 9	Wednesday 22nd June 9:30-12:30	End of course presentations

Venue: TBC

Cost: £100 per candidate



## Calling all Secondary schools!

Solihull Approach Model is offering:

Understanding your brain: for teenagers only!

This is **FREE** for Kent pupils. User code: INVICTA

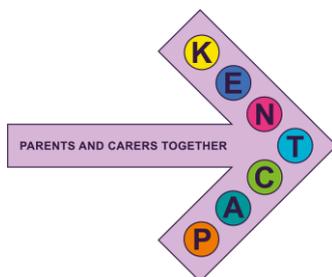
Introduction to course: [https://youtu.be/4Aa\\_mvwt4ZU](https://youtu.be/4Aa_mvwt4ZU)

## Support for Parents and Carers



The Early Years team and the schools' team deliver a range of drop-in sessions for Parents and Carers.

For details contact one of us.



Last term **Kent PACT** attended our Primary and Secondary SENCo Forum meetings. You can access them on-line if you wish to signpost the organisation to any parents and carers. Facebook details are listed below.

The link for the Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/KentPACT>

The link for the Facebook closed group is

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/KentPACTParentCarersGroup>

**COMING SOON**

- A full training brochure for Early Years, Primary and Secondary Schools.
- We have recently received funding for 'A practical guide to running a Nurture Group' the date will be confirmed for Term 1. We will keep you posted.



Date for the next Early Years SENCo Forum is 13th July, virtually from 9.30-11 a.m. The focus will be an introduction to IDENTIPLAY

#### **Training for this term**

New date for the Virtual Autism Early Years Awareness Course is 14th July from 9.30-12 & 12.30-3pm. Deadline to apply is 25th June.

#### **Change of Date**

The Elklan 3-5's Language course has moved to Term 1 2021 on 13th September, 11th October and 15th November. Still has a few spaces available for EYs practitioners/SENcos.

**Please contact Nickie at the office to book onto either course**

Email: [n.perringredford@stns.org.uk](mailto:n.perringredford@stns.org.uk)

#### **Early Bird Support for Parents and Carers**

Please give parents the following email to request to be put on the waiting list for EarlyBird: [kcht.thanetadmin@nhs.net](mailto:kcht.thanetadmin@nhs.net)

A course for Canterbury parents will be available in the Autumn term but we are not yet in a position to let you know whether this will be virtual or face to face.

The new self-referral form will be added to our STLS page on the St Nicks website in due course.

Please note, this course is ONLY for parents who have a child with a formal diagnosis of Autism.

~~**Nursery to Reception – TRANSITION EVENT - APOLOGIES DUE TO ONGOING RESTRICTIONS THIS EVENT HAS NOW HAD TO BE CANCELLED.**~~

~~Thursday 8th July at Canterbury Primary School (The Professional Development Centre).~~

~~Timings:~~

~~10am – 12pm for Coastal Settings/Schools~~

~~12 – 2pm for City Settings/Schools~~

~~Those that cross over the district will be offered the 11am – 1pm slot~~

~~Details of your slot will follow shortly~~

**Up and coming in Early Years for 2021/2022**

EHCP Surgeries (see the LIFT & SENCo Forum timetable)

Year R Transition Project - taking place in November with 8 target schools in the district with a high level of need.

New SEN paperwork for the new EYFS Frame work - thank you to Kiddies Corner and Hampton Nursery school for volunteering to help with the re-design of the Personalised Plan. It is expected the new paperwork will be available for term 1.

**Important Info from SENIF regarding Portage evidence**

Part of the criteria for SENIF is that settings have accessed EY LIFT, the child is known to the Specialist Teaching and Learning Service and has received a visit/contact from STLS, the setting is able to supply their last record of visit as part of their evidence to accompany a reviewed and current Personalised Plan, this evidences the impact of advice provided by professionals.

There are a few cases where SENIF is required to be in place as soon as a child starts at a setting and in these instances, if known to Portage, the Portage evidence can be used to create Current Personalised Plan N° 1. The expectation is that SENIF requests are submitted either in advance of the child's start, to enable them to start, or during the first term at the setting when they will be settling in (6-8 weeks). In these instances only, there is no expectation that the setting provide a reviewed Personalised Plan.

The FAQs on KELSI do confirm what happens in instances such as this and an example where a child is not known to Portage, but SENIF is deemed a requirement for them to start.

Please do check the FAQ on KELSI to clarify any queries.

**Useful YOUTUBE clips and other information**

**Shared at EYLIFT by Ele Hibbert:**

Re- Implementing 'The Curiosity Programme' (Gina Davies' pre-cursor to Attention Autism). Look at this in conjunction to the Advice Sheet on the St Nick's Website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5lOD3ZHuaAg>

**From Wendy Boorman at KAT:**

The link from BBC BITESIZE below contains some useful information which may be of interest. This includes parent experiences of applying for an EHCP, choosing schools, preparing to start school etc

[BBC BITESIZE](#)

**Stella Parkinson (OT in Ashford) has kindly shared her new sensory video:**

Focus: Alerting Sensory Strategies - <https://youtu.be/uzBbwdWuXEM>

**Kent County Council:**

The new health and wellbeing pages are now live on the SEND Information HUB, Kent's Local Offer includes a useful 'Autism support and diagnosis' page - Autism support and diagnosis - Kent County Council and health and wellbeing for SEND children and young people

**FREE SUMMER SUBSCRIPTION TO:**



Language link are currently offering schools a free Infant language link subscription for Term 6. All schools have to do is register with an email address and school details.

Thank-you to all of the settings, Infant, Primary and Secondary schools for working tirelessly to support children and young people in this ever changing landscape.

We are very proud to work with you all in the Canterbury, Coastal and Rural District.

