

# **Kent County Council & Specialist Teaching & Learning Services**

## **Early Years SENCo Forum**

### **Terms of Reference**

The Kent County Council (KCC) and Specialist Teaching & Learning Services (STLS) EY SENCo Forum\_ relates to:

- Kent SEND Code of Practice
- Early Years & Childcare Strategy
- The Vulnerable Learners Strategy

STLS will lead the EY SENCo Forum, with support from the Equality & Inclusion Team, facilitating, promoting and supporting providers to be aware of National & Local Government initiatives and how these impact on their settings. There will be opportunities for discussion, sharing of best practice and access to “bite size” training.

The SENCo Forum will include:

- The sharing of relevant information as appropriate and necessary;
- Ensuring that Providers are compliant with legislation, statutory guidance and any other national and local requirements;
- Allowing discussion on any current strategies supporting children with SEND and any anticipated future requirements ;
- Building confidence and capacity within the settings to meet the needs of children with SEND.
- Providing a ‘critical friend’ approach across relevant teams and services to the planning for and delivery of strategies for our most vulnerable learners.

The membership of the EY SENCo Forum should include representation from:

- Specialist Teaching & Learning & Outreach Services - EY STLS / DisCo
- KCC Early Years and Childcare Service - Equality & Inclusion Team Advisors
- EY Providers

Additional attendees;

- KCC Early Help and Preventative Services;
- IASK
- Specialist Nursery Managers

Meeting frequency is expected to be at least three times a year, district based and planned by STLS and E&I for the year, with topics & dates shared with Providers in advance.