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PROGRAMME UPDATE

Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme

6. Update on the SEND Network

Work is progressing to replace the current SENCo Forum with an invigorated SEND network which will have focus on multi partnership attendance.

Facilitated by the Learning Support Service and the SEND Team the new network will deliver coordinated information sharing, training and networking to ensure that all agencies will receive the same message with a core CPD offer.

Membership will include SENCos, health and social care professionals, post 16 providers, parent and carer reps alongside with representatives from all external agencies who support schools including:

- SEND Team case officers
- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Early Years Area SENCOS
- Specialist Early Years
- Autism Outreach
- Physical Impairment Medical Inclusion
- Education Outcomes
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- SENDIASS
- Health
- Speech and Language Therapy

The SEND network will offer:

- 5 SEND Network meetings each year 1:30 – 5pm
- 3 SENCo cluster meetings (4 geographical clusters for primary and 1 for secondary) 1:30 – 3:30pm
- 1 annual day conference facilitated by SEND team, Learning Support Service and APB Education
- SENCo virtual support online portal
- Dudley SENCo toolkit

Cost to settings: £75 per year

We have already started to host virtual cluster meetings and Network Sessions will begin in November.

The portal will be launched in December with the toolkit available in the New Year.

To join the SEND network or for more information please contact:

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We would like all settings to join and be part of the Dudley SEND agenda.

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