



February - March 2021

PROGRAMME UPDATE

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

Dudley SEND Network

Replaces the SENCo Forum with an emphasis on multi-partnership attendance facilitated by LSS and the SEND Team.

It is a co-ordinated SEND information sharing, training and networking meeting to ensure that all partners involved in the ECHP and SEN Support receive the same message with a core CPD programme offer. 100 participants have taken part so far, giving positive feedback about the information shared and the opportunity for partnership working.

Sessions have taken place in November 2020 and January 2021, which covered an introduction to and overview of new SEND team organisation, structure, roles and responsibilities of the SEND Case Officer. There was an update on the SEND Improvement Programme and an introduction to the Whole School SEND website offering support for SENCOs. Most recently the session covered SEN Provision and budget strategies in settings and costed provision mapping used within the ECHP process with a view to agree a standard format across Dudley settings.

The next Dudley SEND Network sessions take place in the week starting 15th March 2021 and cycled will be covering the Graduated response – what schools will do for Assess-Plan Do- Review cycle? As well as detailed input from

the SEND Team on Consultation, finding a Suitable Alternative Education and Change of Provision and Placements as well as key updates.

Future sessions will look at the SEND 20 week process and the importance of timeliness, writing and issuing a High Quality ECHP, Needs Assessment requests, Panel and Annual Reviews.

Information about the next sessions and to join the Network can be gained from the Dudley SEND Network Contacts:

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