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Pre-phonics for pupils with SEN

With an emphasis on high expectations in Phonics outcomes, and an increasing number of pupils with significant learning challenges it's essential to know how to support all pupils who are not yet able to access a formal phonics programme.

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Aimed at: SENCos, Nursery/Preschool practitioners, special school teachers, TA's

Training Aims:

Whether you're working in a specialist setting, or creating an inclusive learning environment in a mainstream school, this essential training is for you. This highly practical course illustrates the learning journey for all pupils, illustrating stage rather than age related practice that's perfect for pupils who are non-verbal, have spikey developmental profiles, or with PMLD. The content included in this action-packed training is the perfect, small steps approach to laying effective foundations before every phonics programme. Attendees will unpick learning step by step, joining in with stories, songs and games and solving problems for effective adaptive teaching that ensures active engagement with a focus on learning.

What you'll learn:

- What comes before Phonics and why
- How to manage small steps of progress and plan next steps for pupils with spikey developmental profiles.
- The importance of visual discrimination and visual memory and how to overcome challenges with generalisation.
- How to help SEN achieve essential attention and listening skills through active participation
- Why warming up our voices is a critical pre-phonetic skill, and how this links with SALT advice
- What phonemic awareness is and how embed understanding with SEN pupils.

Venue:
The Village Hotel Dudley
Castlegate Drive
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 4TB
9.30am - 3.30pm

Please click on the QR code
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place on the training:

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