



# Specialist Education Advice and Outreach Service (SEAOS)

**The Specialist Education Advice and Outreach Service (SEAOS)** set up by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and led by special schools across West Sussex are working to develop outreach support to help mainstream schools improve outcomes for our children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) alongside the Specialist Advisory Teachers (SATS).

**Phase 1-** Support for pupils in transition years (Year R and Year 7) who are identified by SENAT as needing a Special School place but currently have a place in a mainstream setting.

**Phase 2 -** Workshops run by SEAOS to support mainstream settings with delivering areas of the EHCP for SEN pupils as well as offering Special School visits and networking with other Specialist Advisory Teachers.

**Phase 3 -** Phone consultations which offer an opportunity for any mainstream member of staff to book a 20 minute TEAMS call (having notified either the SENCO or member of Senior Leadership from their mainstream school prior to the phone call taking place) for a professional conversation with an experienced SEN Outreach teacher who can help with many areas of need, drawing on their expertise, experience and knowledge from working in a special school setting. Pilot starting Summer term 2026 – details to follow.

The support from SEAOS aims to build on a coaching/mentoring model to build professional, positive relationships between special schools and our mainstream colleagues, sharing good practice, working together to find solutions and signposting to resources which may be of use. Schools will be directed to other West Sussex Advisory Services and signposted to SEAOS handouts, workshops and network meetings where appropriate



**SEAOS has 3 hubs: for further information please contact the hub leads listed below:**

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