

SEND Matters

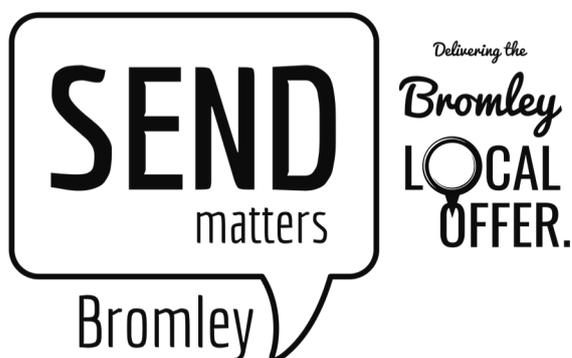
Welcome to the latest issue of the SENDMatters Monthly Update

Our SENDMatters Monthly Update is designed to give you the latest news and updates from the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reforms happening across Bromley right now.

We cover a range of exciting developments and key local events.

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SEND Local Area Inspection

- by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC)

The SEND Local Area Inspection took place between 16 and 20 September. It was an incredibly busy time, but provided a real opportunity to evidence the local area's hard work and our shared commitment to improving our services and support for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families.



A huge thank you to everybody who was involved in planning for the inspection and also being part of the 5 days when both Ofsted and CQC inspectors were on site. We had a really positive response from our partners and providers, children, young people and families who engaged with the process and gave up their valuable time to come together to share their experiences with inspectors.

We have received initial feedback; however, as you will understand this is restricted until it has gone through the quality assurance process in Ofsted and CQC before publication. This can take up to 33 working days.

Inspections are useful exercises to validate where we are - we know that we still have lots to do and we are not slowing down! We will continue to drive improvements at a pace, working in partnership across the local area, making a difference for our children, young people and their families.

So thank you again for your engagement and commitment and we look forward to continuing our journey together.

Jared Nehra

Director of Education



Autism – 100 day challenge

We launched the 100 day challenge for children and young people who have autism on Thursday 12 September 2019.

The 100 day challenge brings together a varied range of people to set goals to challenges over a tight timescale, developing measures, and providing a safe environment to create and test ideas, learning from what works and doesn't work on the way.

Many people, including parents, clinicians, teachers, child-minders and other practitioners had worked together to understand what the challenge should focus on and the final project teams are a similar mix, with two teams of approximately 10 people in each.

The overall area of focus is training and development - one team will be looking at top-down interventions and the other, ground up.

We will be supporting and coaching the teams as they progress and will keep you posted on their successes and mistakes in equal measure!

For more information, including how you can get involved, please contact Helen at the Ideas Alliance via helen@ideas-alliance.org.uk.

Bromley SEND Network Champion Launch

Bromley Council has launched an innovative new Champions initiative to spread news and updates about Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) services and support in Bromley.

This is the first initiative of its kind!

The SEND Network Champions Group brings together individuals from across Bromley who share the common goal to make a difference to children and young people who have SEND.

Currently more than 50 professionals from education, health and social care as well as a number of parents have signed up to being SEND Network Champions. Many of these attended the launch at the Central Library on Wednesday 11 September 2019.

During the event, representatives from the Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and parents shared information about SEND services and support in Bromley, outlining ways in which everyone can network, share valuable ideas and signpost others to the help and advice they require.

Cllr Nicky Dykes said:

"I feel very privileged to be a SEND Network Champion at Elected Member level. This is an area I care about passionately and I will use my role to promote SEND relentlessly.

"It's exciting to see so many people supporting the initiative and this is only the start. As we grow and shape the network, I hope we will succeed in representing all services in Bromley that touch a young person's life so we have a totally holistic offer.

"SEND is not something that exists in isolation but should be everyone's business. We all have a role to play towards the shared goal of helping everyone reach their full potential no matter their situation. It was great to be at the first in a programme of such meetings and hopefully, where we lead others will follow."

Anyone interested in finding out more and getting involved in the SEND Champions Network should contact Liz Lake by emailing liz.lake@bromley.gov.uk.



Travel Training in Bromley

What is travel training?

Travel training is offered to appropriate young people who have Special Educational Needs, at the ages of 11-16 years, who are using Home to School Transport and who have the potential to travel independently.

It is a service to teach young people to travel independently to school on buses, trains and trams, with the aim that travelling independently becomes the main form of transport.

Within time the young person may successfully complete the training and achieve all the milestones needed to travel independently.

If you are a care manager completing or reviewing an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, and this would be suitable for the young person, get in touch with the Bexley Accessible Transport Scheme, with whom we have partnered to provide this service.

Contact

Bexley Accessible Transport Scheme

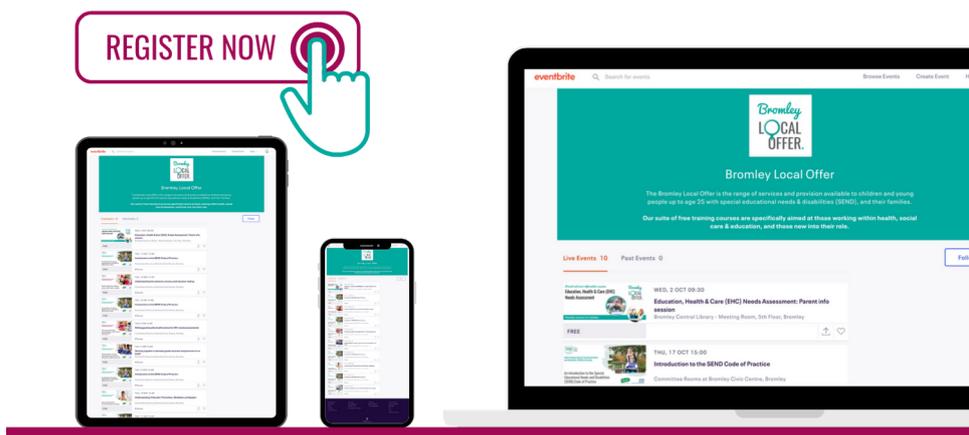
Telephone: 01322 311333

www.bexleyct.co.uk

Alternatively, if you are a parent who is interested in travel training for your child who is using SEN Home to School Transport, then please contact Sandy Muse, Travel Training & Office Manager, at Bexley Accessible Transport Scheme by calling 01322 311333.

SEND Training courses

- aimed specifically at professionals working in health & social care



We have developed a suite of free training courses are specifically aimed at those working within health, social care & education, and those new into their role, to help professionals understand the relevant processes when working with children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can book your space at the October session, 'Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Code of Practice', or any future session, by using the link below.

Register online - <http://bromleylocaloffer.eventbrite.com>

For more information about the courses, please contact Liz Lake via liz.lake@bromley.gov.uk.

We want to find out what children and young people think about living in Bromley

We would like to ask young people about the following things:

- education
- health
- social needs
- communication



Please can schools and voluntary sector partners share with their students/service users: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CYPinBromley.



HAVE YOU MET THE LODO?

(THE LOCAL OFFER
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER)



Hello!

I'm Paula Hollywood and I'm excited to introduce myself as the Local Offer Development Officer (or LODO), a role which has been jointly created by Bromley Council and NHS Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

What is the LODO and what will I do?

I'll be working across the Council's education and social care teams and alongside health colleagues, engaging with them and with families and parent groups to develop a Local Offer website that is a truly useful resource that families and professionals will come back to time and time again.

As the LODO, I will be...

- bringing together, publishing and circulating clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the available provision and how to access it
- helping to make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people who have SEND and their families, and service providers in its development and review
- creating a useful resource for professionals in understanding the range of local services available when working with families
- acting as a "gatekeeper" for the Local Offer site and can advise on required standards in terms of brand style, imagery and language, and the compatibility with our guidelines around licensing and publication of information

To get in touch with me, please email localoffer@bromley.gov.uk.

Prevention of Young Suicide Training for school staff

Papyrus – Prevention of Young Suicide are providing training for school staff in Bromley this term. There are still places remaining. The two courses are free and last 90 minutes:

COURSE 1

On Tuesday 15th October 2019

From 3.30pm to 5pm

At Bromley Trust Academy, Hayes Lane, Bromley
BR2 9EA

Book at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromley-1-papyrusrhive-ldn-funded-suicide-prevention-330pm-session-registration-62142056564

COURSE 2

On Tuesday 19th November 2019

From 3.45pm to 5.15pm

At Chislehurst School for Girls, Beaverwood
Road, Chislehurst BR7 6HE

Book at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromley-2-papyrusrhive-ldn-funded-suicide-prevention-345pm-session-registration-63856366110



The Bromley Local Offer...

a guide to the services in Bromley that are available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged from birth to 25.

Visit the Local Offer - www.bromley.gov.uk/localoffer

Who's who in SEND?

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I am the new Vision Team Leader and am responsible for a team of Qualified Teachers of Children and Young People with Vision Impairment (QTVIs) and specialist teaching assistants. We are part of the SEN Advisory Teams and are a peripatetic service. We work with children and their families from birth until they leave school.

The Vision Team:

- Gives support and advice to children and their families from the time a vision impairment is diagnosed or there is a concern about a child's vision
- Provide regular sensory room sessions to promote full visual potential and to empower parents to work with their child to help developmental milestones to be achieved
- Contribute to Education, Health and Care Plan assessments and reviews
- Run baby and toddler groups to enable parents to meet other families with children with a vision impairment
- Work closely with schools and other settings, providing information about the child's vision impairment, training, advice and support to ensure strategies are implemented to enable optimum access to learning
- Run regular social groups for our teenagers and primary age children to enable them to meet other children with a vision impairment
- Attend ophthalmology appointments and Low Vision Aids Clinics (LVAs) with children and their families and work closely with other professionals
- Complete functional vision assessments of individual children and young people
- Provide specialist teaching of braille, touch typing and the use of access technology for schools and families
- Offer modification of materials and training for schools to enable them to produce their own resources and advise on access arrangements for exams
- Deliver habilitation training which includes learning skills to enable independent movement from an early age and progresses to independent travel for older teenagers



SEND Mythbuster

Myth

If we apply for direct payments for social care, our eligibility for DLA and PIP will be affected.

Fact

Direct payments are not counted as income so will not affect any benefits received.



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