



# P VI SENCo Newsletter.

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Hi all Managers, SENCO's and Practitioners,

Welcome back everyone following the summer holidays.



For those practitioners working all year round hopefully you managed to have some time off to relax or go on a holiday.

It has been an unusual and challenging time since the lockdown started in March and then the gradual relaxing and changing of rules and procedures. We appreciate many early years settings have worked very hard over this period and are continuing to do so as the Autumn term begins.

The Early Years Inclusion Team will continue to offer support and guidance to all settings via phone, email and Microsoft Teams and we will be thinking creatively regarding how we will observe children and deliver our training offer.

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Just a reminder.....

Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy are continuing to offer support and advice to families regarding their children via phone calls and online media.

See attached poster for you to display and inform parents of how they can contact these services

## **EARLY YEARS CONSULTATION FORUMS ARE MOVING TO MICROSOFT TEAMS.**



Due to the Covid 19 situation these forums will transfer to an online virtual meet up via Microsoft Team.

Microsoft Teams is free; you just download the app and click on the invitation link that will be sent to you via your link Area SENCo.

At the Early Years Consultation Forums, we aim to create a supportive, safe and confidential space in which to explore issues and concerns in detail. The Forums are non-judgemental and allow members to acknowledge strengths and difficulties as well as developing knowledge and skills.

Through active listening, suggesting what might be going on and problem clarification; members share thinking and ideas to generate possible solutions.

Forums currently take place in five areas of Royal Greenwich (see below).

**South Area – Forums will all held on a Monday from 9.15am – 11.15am**  
**5<sup>th</sup> October    14<sup>th</sup> December    25<sup>th</sup> January    29<sup>th</sup> March    17<sup>th</sup> March**

**West Area**

**East Area**

**Central A Area**

**Central B Area**

## **Big Picnic at Birchmere Park**



<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/the-big-picnic-at-birchmere-pa/6269603944670708/?ti-wa>

<https://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/whats-on/open-house-the-big-picnic-at-birchmere-park/>

# Greenwich Parent Participation Forum



Dear SENCo

I hope you have had a good summer. As we move into a new school year I am keen to make contact with as many settings as possible to;

Meet parents who has a child / YP with SEND 0-25 who have a EHCP or are on SEN support .

Develop positive relationships and connections with SENCos

I am delighted to have been asked to work with the Royal Borough of Greenwich to support the development of a new Parent Participation forum in Greenwich and further develop the wonderful work and the solid foundation that Greenwich Parent Voice have left.

Part of my role in supporting the development of a new parent participation vehicle is to ensure I reach as many parents from across the very diverse borough we live and work in so that parents feel they are involved and informed about services and processes for them and their children with SEND

A key role of a forum is to outreach to all parents of children and YP with SEND, as you can imagine we can only do this if we can have opportunities to make contact with parents and send information out . Once parents become members we can then keep them updated about our work and role. I think its particularly important to have good connections with you as you play such a valuable and important role in supporting parents and their child or young person with SEND

We now find ourselves in a 'new' world following the impact of COVID 19 where different ways of meeting and reaching parents will need to now take place. I would be very grateful if you could circulate the attached

- Flier about two meetings in September and October
- Flier about wellbeing sessions for parents starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

I would also be very happy to meet with you to tell you more about the role of a parent participation forum and /or come along /join any parents groups or parents evenings you may have planned.

Below is a link that explains the role of parent forum as the official strategic voice of parents with have a child with SEND 0-25 bj

<https://contact.org.uk/get-involved/parent-carer-participation/introduction-to-parent-carer-participation/#what%20is%20forum>

Please feel free to give me a call or drop me a line. I work part time mainly on Mondays and Fridays with some flexibility

Best Wishes, Carol Foyle, Parent Participation Officer SEND (interim)

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## **Early Years Inclusion Team (EYIT) Virtual Training**



Due to the Coronavirus situation the EYIT have been working hard to transfer our training packages into a virtual format so SENCo's and practitioners can continue to access a variety of training offers.

We are aiming to roll out the Introduction to SEND for SENCo's who have had no training to date and then follow that up with the full SEND Foundation Training

Virtual Training now currently available:

Disability Awareness Training	Introduction to SEND Training	SEN Inclusion Fund & DAF Information brief	Local Offer part 1 Information brief
SEND Toolkit Information brief	Profiles and EHC assessment requests Training	Planning for Progress Training	Profile Workshop
Talking Mats Training	TAC & Multi agency working Training	Working with Parents & The voice of the child Training	

Contact your link Area SENCo with an enquires.



# Sensory Circuit Training



Just an update from Libby Eastman, Area SENCO regarding the Sensory Circuit training:

For practitioners who were waiting to go on the Sensory Circuit training, once it is safe to return face : face practical training again, we will contact practitioners/settings and reschedule a date.

Also, anyone who attended the first training session you, will be contacted shortly regarding collecting the outstanding resources from their sensory circuit packs.

Any feedback or queries regarding the PVI SEND Newsletter please contact Sarah Wright, Area SENCO.

Or any ideas or information you feel you would benefit from accessing via the Newsletter can be also emailed to Sarah Wright, Area SENCO.

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