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Early Years Stronger Practice Hub



Join a community...

SEND Networks

For all Settings across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

***All sessions will take place:**
1pm-2.30pm online via MS Teams

We are delighted to launch a dynamic and engaging online SEND Network. Meeting once a month virtually on Friday afternoons, each session is shaped around your voice, your ideas, and what matters most to you.

- You'll gain fresh insights, practical tools, and signposting to high-quality resources, which will help to support all children but especially those with SEND.
- The network offers a space to connect, share experiences, and leave with top tips and quick wins you can immediately implement in your setting.
- Every session will be recorded and uploaded to a Padlet, giving you and your teams ongoing access to the content.

Session 1
Empowering Staff to Try Something Different

Building Confidence, Challenging Thinking and Embracing New Approaches

This session empowers practitioners to move beyond traditional approaches and confidently try something different, exploring practical, inclusive strategies that can be embedded into everyday practice to make a meaningful difference to children's experiences and outcomes.

Session 2
Difficult Conversations, Stronger Partnerships

Walking in Their Shoes – Building Confidence When Having Challenging Conversations with Parents and Carers

This session explores how practitioners and SENCOs can develop positive, trusting relationships with parents and carers, particularly when conversations about a child's development or SEND needs feel difficult or sensitive.

Session 3
Connect Before You Correct

Building Emotionally Responsive Practitioners – The Power of Connection, Co-regulation and Understanding

This session explores the importance of connection before correction and the role practitioners play in supporting young children through their biggest emotions.

Session 4
Why Nature Supports Inclusion

The Great Outdoors – Creating Inclusive Opportunities for Every Child to Thrive

Explore how nature provides inclusive, sensory-rich opportunities for children with SEND to move, communicate and learn, promoting belonging, wellbeing and curiosity.

Session 5
Behaviour and Emotional Regulation

Looking Beyond Behaviour – Understanding What Children Are Trying to Tell Us

Explore how behaviour communicates children's needs and how co-regulation, predictable routines and responsive adults help children feel safe, secure and understood.

Session 6
Schemas and SEND

Unlocking the Patterns of Play – Understanding How Children Think, Explore and Learn

Explore how schemas help children make sense of the world through repeated play, and why these behaviours in children with SEND can be misunderstood.

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