

Pinch of SALT newsletter out now!

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New Training Offer for School Staff



In response to feedback from SENCOs, the Educational Psychology Service (EPS) is pleased to be delivering a range of brand new and exciting centralised training courses for school staff. The first one coming up this term is detailed below and others are planned for the new academic year.

[A Collaborative Workshop Exploring Literacy Difficulties](#)
 Date: Monday 15th of May 2023 (1pm-4pm)
 Presenters: Dr Susan Pollock, Educational Psychologist and Rachel Williams, Advisory Teacher
 Venue: Badbury Park Primary School
 Cost: £129
 Booking:
<https://hubforeducation.swindon.gov.uk/Event/197439>

This training explores the psychology of and identification of literacy needs with a focus on evidence-

based interventions and practical approaches to support children and young people.

It will be an interactive training course which will explore psychological theories related to learning and barriers often associated with literacy difficulties. There will be opportunities to look at case studies where children and young people have become 'stuck' or made little progression in literacy.

This course is suitable for SENCOs, teachers and leaders of literacy for primary key stage 2 and secondary key stage 3.

To find out more and to book onto other courses, please visit the general [Hub 'Training' pages](#) then select "Educational Psychology Service" in the 'Providers' box. Also, please visit the [Educational Psychology Service Hub for Education pages](#) and click on "See Our Services" on the right of your screen for further Educational Psychology training courses currently available.

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Contact the SEND Service

To speak to a member of the SEND Service, please call 01793 464641 and we will answer your query in 48-96 hours.

Telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday. Alternatively, you can email SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk.

For more information, please visit the [Meet the SEND Service page](https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/meetthesendservice) (<https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/meetthesendservice>).

Delivering Better Value

Swindon Borough Council are committed to working with key partners from across the local area to improve services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

We have been participating in the DfE's Delivering Better Value (DBV) programme, which provides us with an opportunity to submit an application to the DfE for a one-off grant to support reducing the high needs deficit position, whilst continuing to improve outcomes for our children and young people. The grant application and detail will be submitted for consideration in June 2023.

We want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan, and your views as either a parent carer or a professional working within the SEND arena are

fundamental in identifying and shaping opportunities for us to do better. To this end, we have two surveys that we are asking as many school based colleagues and parent carers as possible to complete.

This will help us to understand how the Local Authority can support the local area to improve your ability to support children with SEND, the practical changes needed and some of the barriers that we face to deliver change. The survey opens on Monday 17th April and closes on Friday 28th April.

The survey for school based staff can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/tf2qh1SwpJ>.



The survey for parent carers can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/UrX8Yf6dTQ>.



Peer awards at the SEND Conference 2023

As part of the SEND Conference in June 2023, we are planning 8 peer awards to recognise the work that practitioners and professionals in Swindon undertake for children, young people and their families in Swindon.

Two of these awards are dedicated for families to be able to express their thanks to practitioners and professionals who have gone over and above their job role to support them.

If you would like to nominate someone for one of the awards, please use this link to the nomination form to do so by Friday, 28 April 2023.



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