



Meet the SEND Heads: Our Voice Parents' Conference 2019

Book now for the Our Voice Parents' Conference on **Tuesday 5th February 10 am to 2.30** and **Wednesday 6th February 10 am to 12.30**, at the Dugdale Centre Enfield. This is an exceptional opportunity to hear from the Heads of Departments responsible for the provision of SEND services in Enfield.

Places are limited and will be allocated to parents / carers on a first come first served basis. Please book via Eventbrite: [Day 1 booking](#) (for Tuesday 5th Feb) and [Day 2 booking](#) (for Wednesday 6th Feb)

This year's conference has been designed to take into account the feedback from our 2018 conference:

Two-day event: We have been fortunate to secure funding to enable us to hold the conference over two days so that we will have plenty of time for each session, and for informal discussions over coffee and lunch.

Updates from SEND Heads: We will have short updates from each of the Heads of Departments responsible for SEND services in Enfield (Social Care, Short Breaks, Moving on, Integrated Learning Disabilities Service, Education, Health, Educational Psychology and Emotional Well-being Service, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Transport). These will be short presentations focusing on new developments.

Q&A: The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session where you will have the opportunity to ask the panel of SEND Heads any questions.

Workshops: We have a choice of 4 different workshops each lasting an hour, chosen following a survey of our members.

One-to-one sessions: We will again be offering the opportunity for parents and carers to book one or more 15-minute one-to-one sessions with professionals, to discuss specific questions and concerns regarding their child.

SEND Funding discussion with Council Leader: we are delighted that the new Leader of Enfield Council, Councillor Nesil Caliskan has agreed to come along to the second day of our conference to discuss her plans for SEND funding, and to hear your views. This is a unique opportunity to learn about plans for spending in the Enfield area, and to talk about the impact of cuts in SEND funding on your family.

*Well done Our Voice for
a wonderful successful
conference. See you
next year!*

Attendee at 2018 conference

*Please, please try and repeat
every year to help other
parents.*

(Attendee at 2017 conference)

The Conference agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 5th February

Time	Session	Detail	One-to-ones
9.30 – 10	Registration		
10 – 11.15	Introductory presentations	Introduction from Our Voice Chair and Councillor. Service Area Heads will each give a brief presentation on developments in their area.	n/a
11.15 – 11.45	Panel Q&A session	Panel of all Service Area Heads will respond to questions from parents and carers.	n/a
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee break		
12 .00– 1.00	Choice of two Workshops each including time for group discussion <i>See next page for a description of the workshop content.</i>	Positive Behaviour Support OR Finding SEND information (the 'Local Offer')	One-to-one sessions will run alongside the workshops
1.00- 1.30	Lunch break		
1.30 – 2.30	Choice of two workshops each including time for group discussion <i>See next page for a description of the workshop content.</i>	Speech and Language OR Moving on (for parents of children aged 14 and over).	One-to-one sessions will run alongside the workshops

Day 2: Wednesday 6th February

9.30 – 10 am

Registration

10 – 12	Introduction from Council Leader, Councillor Nesil Caliskan and update on Council's proposals for SEND funding. Opportunity for all to give feedback on the proposals (parents and carers, SENCOs, School Heads, SEND Governors, LA Professionals)
12 – 12.30	Lunch

The workshops

We will be running four different hour-long workshops. You will have a choice of two workshops for each timeslot

12 noon to 1 pm



Positive Behaviour Support

This workshop looks at how parents can use Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) - a set of research-based strategies which aim to increase quality of life, happiness, wellbeing and decrease concerning behaviours that can challenge everyone. By trying to understand the meaning of the behaviour we can be mindful of the new skills we teach, make supportive changes in a person's environment and modify our own actions, so we may meet their needs.

OR



Finding SEND Information (the 'Local Offer')

This workshop will explore how to find out information about services and support available for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, in the Enfield area. We will explore how to navigate your way around the complex information available and how to use the Enfield 'Local Offer' - a one-stop-shop that aims to cover everything you need to know. You will have an opportunity to give your input on what information you would like to see included, and whether the layout works for you.

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm



Speech and Language

This workshop with the Enfield Speech and Language team will look at tools to support children who have difficulties with communication, and how parents can use different tools such as 'Talking Mats' to enable their children to voice their wishes and aspirations.

OR



Moving on

This session is aimed at the parents of young people aged 14 and over and aims to explore the ways in which you can support your young person through the transition, and the support available to you. We will look at some of the issues associated with moving towards adulthood and increasing independence, such as finding employment.

One to one Sessions

We will also be repeating the very successful one-to-one sessions. These 15-minute sessions give parents a valuable opportunity to discuss specific issues and concerns directly with relevant professionals. Options include:

Social care Short breaks Transport Moving on and Post 16 Health
Physiotherapy Occupational Therapy Nursing Dietetics Psychology
Integrated Learning Disabilities Service Education Speech and Language
Educational Psychology and Emotional Well-being Service

Don't worry if you don't know which the relevant department is, or you can't see the option you want on the list - just let us know briefly what you would like to talk about, and we will do our best to match you with the right professional to give you help and advice.

***Meeting the professionals
has been brilliant.***

Attendee 2018 conference.

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