

December 2018 Early Years SEND Bulletin

Welcome to the December 2018 Bulletin. This has certainly been a very busy 2 terms. The first round of Cluster Briefings have been held and feedback from you suggests that this will be a good way of working rather than the big sessions we had at the King Charles. Next year we will give you the dates and venues for the sessions so you can decide which one will be the most convenient for you to attend.

Contact Details

Please could I remind you to inform the Early Years SEND Team and FIS if your contact details change to ensure that you receive updates or information when appropriate.

Working with the Health Visitors

At the Cluster briefings we discussed the importance of liaising with the Health Visitors if you have concerns about a child's development as this is the referral route to Little and Big Builders. This term the numbers for Big Builders have been down. It is really important that all children have their 2yr check with their Health Visitor and if you could continue to support parents to keep this appointment that would be very much appreciated. If you feel a child may have missed this then with consent please speak to a member of the Health Visiting team on 0300 1235005 or speak with your SEND Practitioner.

SENCo Surgeries

You all now have a SEND Practitioner to support you with children who are cause for concern. Those who were supported by Lisa Omer will be under Tina Arterton until a new member of staff is recruited. The SENCo Surgeries will be every term if needed but please don't wait for your next surgery if a child starts with you and appears to have a high level of need you could contact your SEND Practitioner for advice.

Additional Funding

Jackie Andrew SEN has again requested that if you are sending in a funding application through the post or hand delivery then 2 copies of all evidence is needed before the request will be processed. Also please make sure that all applications are signed otherwise they will be returned.

Referring to MCH

Please find below the link to use to make a referral to MCH. Once submitted you will receive a receipt email with a reference number so you know this has been received. If you don't receive this confirmation then your referral has not gone through and you will need to re-submit.

<https://www.medwaycommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/a-z-services/child-health-service>

The Early Years SEND Team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to working with you in 2019.