

Welcome to the February 2019 Bulletin

Invoices – information from Julia Hanks

FOA of settings claiming SEN Inclusion Funding (SIF)

Due to the end of the financial year, please could you submit any invoices up to and including March as soon as possible as these must be paid by 31/03/2019.

If you have any queries please contact Julia Hanks on 01634 331194 or via julia.hanks@medway.gov.uk if you are using a secure email account.

Renewal of funding

If you are currently receiving funding for a child and this is due for renewal in March then please put these in as soon as possible. The application form and provision map which you would need to complete are on elearningatlast. Please do not wait to hear from the Authority as reminders are not sent. If you notice that you had children to be reviewed in December or January and you have missed these then submit as soon as possible.

Cluster Meetings

The Cluster meetings are currently taking place please could you let us know if you are attending or not. If you can't make the one in your area then contact your SENCo Practitioner and they will give you the details of the sessions happening in the other areas as you may be able to make one of these sessions. During the discussion we have been looking at photos of areas from various settings where you think it is working well and you would like to share this with other settings or you need help to develop an area. These will be collated once all of the Cluster sessions have taken place and then will be shared on elearning.

Referring to MCH

We are aware that there are still issues with submitting referral forms to the Children's Services Team via their online form. If you have tried to submit several times and are unsuccessful then please contact Snapdragons on 03001235005 and explain your situation to them. Friday seems to cause problems so you may want to try and submit these earlier in the week and see if that helps.

Training sessions for Term 4 – Term 6 2019

- 26/02/19 – Role of SENCo 9.30 – 2.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 21/03/19 – Using Resources to support children with SEN 9.30 – 2.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 1
- 03/04/19 – Target Setting Workshop 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 09/05/19 – Preparing for an EHC 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 22/05/19 – Supporting Children with Challenging Behaviour 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 06/06/19 – Small Steps to Learning – 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 18/06/19 – Small Steps to Learning – 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 20/06/19 – Sensory Practical Workshop – Check with DA / KW 9.30 – 12.30 Rm 8
- 26/06/19 – Using Resources to support children with SEN – 9.30 – 2.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 27/06/19 - Supporting Children with Challenging Behaviour 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 02/07/19 - When is EAL SEN 9.30 – 12.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8
- 04/07/19 – Role of SENCo 9.30 – 2.30 at Gun Wharf Rm 8

Above are the details for the workshops and training sessions to be offered for this academic year. If you would like to book a place then please email eyhighneeds@medway.gov.uk with your details. You will receive an email from the Early Years Team confirming your place. Remember it doesn't always have to be the SENCo who attends each training session. If you have any questions please speak to Tina Arterton.

Disability Access Funding (DAF)

Please remember to check with your parents to see if they are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). If they are then on elearning you will find the forms to allow you to claim the DAF additional funding to support children. If you apply before April 2019 you will receive £615 for the child and then if you apply after April 2019 you will receive a further £615 to provide additional support. Remember this funding is only for children in Nursery and is ring fenced for Early Years. If you are unsure please speak with your Early Years SEND Practitioner or speak to Tina Arterton EY Lead SEND Teacher.