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The Meeds SEND Alliance Information Brochure



Who we are



The Meeds SEND Alliance is a support service for schools and their families of young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in West Sussex.

The Meeds SEND Alliance is led by Jan James from Woodlands Meed, a special school with expertise in Autism and Communication. Jan is supported by Louise Arnold (administration) and Andrea Dickson (finance).



Alliance Lead, Jan James



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What we do

The Meeds SEND Alliance is a hub of expertise and support, which aims to improve outcomes for children with SEND across West Sussex by providing a range of support for pupils, schools and families in. We do this through:

School outreach visits,
sensory assessments
and advisory
behaviour observations

Developing networks
between schools and
other service providers

Sharing resources, skills
and expertise

Assessing and meeting
the needs for training

Signposting
to organisations and
support

Peer support and
networking for Inclusion
Leaders

Contributing to the Local
Offer of provision for
young people with SEND

Supporting schools to
support the families of
young people with SEND

Services



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For Non-Members

- Training*
- Whole School SEND Reviews*
- Bespoke, whole-staff training in Makaton, de-escalation and other specialist topics*

*additional cost

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Services

For Members

- Half termly Inclusion Leader networking meeting
- 1/3 off training courses, including Team Teach*
- School support outreach visits (two per term)
- ECT support including ECT networking meetings
- Sensory observation and assessment with our sensory team
- Advisory visit from our behaviour and wellbeing team
- Bespoke, whole-staff training in Makaton, de-escalation and other specialist topics*
- IRIS - video-enabled professional learning platform
- Visits to Woodlands Meed, a communication and ASC specialist SEND school
- Unlimited resource library loans, including diagnostic and screening tests
- Regular email contact and ongoing support regarding all matters related to SEND
- Facilitating a community of best practice for SEND
- Whole school SEND and Inclusion reviews*
- Help in providing support for your families of pupils with SEND

*additional cost

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Become a member



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Membership is available to all early years settings, primary and secondary schools and further education colleges in West Sussex.

The Annual membership costs for 2024-2025 are found [here](#).



BECOME A MEMBER

Training offer



We offer a selection of in-person and online training courses and workshops. You can book these online [here](#), all for a reasonable price and a 1/3 off for members.

Schools can also book whole school bespoke training. For example, de-escalation, Makaton and sensory awareness.

We also offer Team Teach training. You can find out more about this positive behaviour management course on the dedicated [Team Teach](#) page of our website.



Makaton



TeamTeach

Outreach



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Members can submit referrals for the following school visits:

- School support visit - a 2-hour visit which includes pupil observation, discussion and guidance, a written report and follow-up discussion
- ECT support visit for new teachers
- Sensory observation and assessment with the sensory team
- Advisory visit with the behaviour and wellbeing team

Family support



The Meeds SEND Alliance understands the importance of providing support for the families of young people with SEND. We offer training and workshops, and provide support to schools in supporting the parents and carers of their young people with SEND.



Resource library



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We have an extensive resource library available to member schools.

Resources include:

- Assessment tools such as Ravens, Boxall Profile
- Emotional Literacy books and games
- Makaton and signing resources
- Mentoring and Counselling books and resources
- Sensory equipment
- Speech and Language resources
- Transition game



Testimonials



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As a new SENCo and new to the area I have found the [Inclusion Leader] Meetings really supportive, welcoming and confidence building

As a member of the Meeds Send Alliance I really value and appreciate the half termly Inclusion Leaders meetings. The meetings allow us to not only share good practice, but to also network with other Inclusion Leaders in the locality which is invaluable

The SENCo role can be a very lonely one, however it helps me knowing the SENCos local to me so that I feel confident to ask for advice or support when necessary. It has been particularly helpful as children move between schools in the area and knowing the SENCo helps

Get in touch



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CONTACT US

You can contact us [here](#).

We look forward to hearing from you.