

Term 1 Countywide SENCO Forum

Tuesday 22nd September
2026

Dates for the Diary

Fully Funded NPQ for SENCOs

Applications open on 23rd June for Autumn 2026 start



Importantly, NOT just for SENCOs! – also suitable for senior leaders with an interest in whole-school strategy for SEND



Delivered by The Education People



Ofsted Outstanding programme



Fully funded by DfE



18-month programme (blended learning - online and face-to-face)



Kent-based groups – chance to network/build connections/share



Facilitated by Kent school leaders and SEND experts



The Balanced System:

Demo session for Free Balanced System online tools

- Any schools in Kent who have yet to access the free tools can attend a demo session in September.
- **Wednesday 30th September: 1.30 – 2.30pm** [Wednesday 30th September training link](#)
Meeting ID: 334 849 511 577 04 Passcode: vh3nd3C8

Leading Inclusion Strategically

Schedule 2026-2027

Date/ Time	Title & Registration Link	Content
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	What every SENCo needs to know this year	Key national, Kent and inclusion developments; top priorities for the year
Thursday 8 th October 2026	Writing your inclusion strategy	Inclusion Strategy requirements; Aligning inclusion with school improvement priorities; Measuring impact
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	EHCPs: Getting the basics right	EHC Needs Assessments; Appendix 2; Practical tips
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Inclusion Funding	Notional budget, IMF, EHCP funding and CoS budgets explained simply
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Who can help? Integrating Experts	PRG -Educational Psychology /STLS /Occupational Therapy /SALT – Balanced system / Understanding referral pathways

Continued: Schedule 2026-2027

Date/ Time	Title	Content
Thursday 14 th January 2027	Moving beyond individual interventions	Relational approaches supporting participation and belonging in schools; School Policy; Supporting staff confidence
Tuesday 19 th January 2027	Making your funding work	Reviewing your Notional SEND budget; Mapping current spend against pupil needs; What should be funded through Notional Budget, IMF, EHCP funding and Whole School Budget?
Wednesday 3 rd February 2027	Stronger partnerships with families and wider services	Early identification; Working with families; Practical school-based approaches
February 2027	Schools Provision Planning to replace EBSA /Section 19	Content to be confirmed
Thursday 4 th March 2027	Consultation Process – what is it? What needs to be considered?	What does consultation mean? Appropriate responses; Schools' statutory duty; Supporting increasing levels of need; Sensory and neurodivergent learners; Reasonable adjustments and inclusive practice
Thursday 29 th April 2027	Inclusion That Works: School Case Studies	Examples of effective practice; Creative use of funding and provision; Lessons learned from schools
Thursday 6 th May 2027	Annual Reviews: Improving Quality and Impact	Effective annual reviews; Amendments and transitions; Keeping outcomes central
Tuesday 15 th June 2027	Ofsted, Inclusion and Demonstrating Impact	SEND and inclusion through the inspection lens; Evidencing impact; Preparing for professional conversations
Thursday 8 th July 2027	Leading Inclusion: Planning for the Next Academic Year	Reflecting on impact; Strategic planning; Setting SEND priorities for 2027/28

DfE Early Years Funded Training – Year R Teachers

EYFS Formative Assessment

5 October 2026, 09:00-12:00 at St Edmund's CE Primary School, Sevenoaks

EYFS Formative Assessment

5 October 2026, 13:00-16:00 at St Edmund's CE Primary School, Sevenoaks

EYFS Formative Assessment

6 October 2026, 09:00-12:00 at The John Wesley Church of England and Methodist Primary School, Ashford

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EYFS Formative Assessment

13 October 2026, 09:00-12:00 at The Education People, Aylesford

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DfE Neurodiversity Training Package



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A free, ready-to-deliver package that equips your leaders, SENCOs and teachers to deliver high-quality, neuro-affirming training in your own setting, with no external trainer required.

WHAT YOU GET

- ✓ Ready-made leadership and teacher slides, with activities, case studies and presenter guidance
- ✓ Bitesize modules on executive function, intersectionality, adaptive teaching and independence
- ✓ Clear guidance on delivering each session and quality-assuring inclusive, neuro-affirming practice

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Primary

Leadership + teacher

Secondary

Leadership + teacher

FE

Leadership + teacher

JOIN A FREE WEBINAR

All settings · 3.45pm to 4.45pm

- Tuesday 22 September 2026 Autumn 1
- Wednesday 16 December 2026 Autumn 2
- Wednesday 10 February 2027 Spring

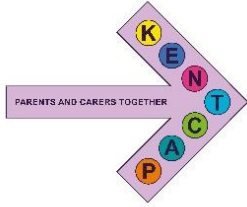


**Book a webinar and
pre-register your interest**

Scan the code, or visit:

wholeschoolsend.org.uk/page/neurodiversity-awareness

Kent PACT Coffee & Chat - For parents and carers



Take a break, grab a cuppa, and join us for our Online Coffee and Chat session for our Families.

These relaxed meetings are a chance for parents and carers to connect with others who understand, share experiences, exchange ideas, and find support in a friendly, safe, and welcoming space. Whether you're looking for a chat, advice, or simply some time to connect, we'd love to welcome you.

[Wednesday 16th September, Canterbury, 12pm - 1pm](#)

[Thursday 17th September, Dartford, 11am – 12pm](#)

[Monday 5th October, Dover, 9:30am -10:30am](#)

[Wednesday 7th October, Folkestone & Hythe 12pm -1pm](#)

[Thursday 8th October, Gravesham 11am -12pm](#)

[Monday 9th November, Maidstone, 9:30am -10:30 am](#)

[Wednesday 11th November, Sevenoaks, 12pm -1pm](#)

[Thursday 12th November, Swale, 11am -12pm](#)

[Monday 23rd November, Thanet 9:30am -10:30am](#)

[Wednesday 25th November, Tonbridge & Malling, 12pm -1pm](#)

[Thursday 26th November, Tunbridge Wells, 11am -12pm](#)

[Monday 11th Jan, Ashford, 9:30am -10:30am](#)

[Wednesday 13th Jan, Canterbury, 12pm – 1pm](#)

[Thursday 14th Jan, Dartford 11am -12pm](#)

[Monday 1st Feb, Dover, 9:30am -10:30am](#)

[Wednesday 3rd Feb, Folkestone & Hythe, 12pm -1pm](#)

[Thursday 4th Feb, Gravesham, 11am -12pm](#)

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Mainstream Core Standards Training 2026/27

Title	Date	Time
Introduction to The Mainstream Core Standards – Embedding Inclusion in your Classroom	Tuesday 29 th September 2026 or Tuesday 12 th January 2027	16:00 – 18:00
SEMH Supporting pupils through the Mainstream Core Standards	Thursday 8 th October 2026 or Thursday 25 th February 2027	16:00 – 18:00
Embedding Inclusion through the Mainstream Core Standards for Middle Leaders	Thursday 12 th November 2026 or Thursday 4 th February 2027	16:00 – 18:00
A Whole School Approach to Inclusion – Embedding the Mainstream Core Standards for Senior Leaders	Thursday 5 th November 2026 or Thursday 11 th March 2027	16:00 – 18:00

KCC Inclusion Conference

Leading Inclusion Strategically

Wednesday 14th October

Kent Event Centre: 09:00 – 15:30

Kent County Council Inclusion Conference October 14th 2026

Countywide SENCO Forum 2026/27

Term 2

Date	Registration Link	Time
Tuesday 1 st December 2026	Countywide SENCO Forum - Primary	08:00 – 09:30
Tuesday 1 st December 2026	Countywide SENCO Forum - Secondary	15:30 – 17:00
Thursday 3 rd December 2026	Countywide SENCO Forum - Secondary	08:00 – 09:30
Thursday 3 rd December 2026	Countywide SENCO Forum - Primary	13:30 – 15:00

Thank you

If you have any questions, please email:
SENDandInclusion@theeducationpeople.org

with the subject title:
Countywide SENCO Forum Query

