

Questions from Countywide SENCO Forum 17.11.21 and 18.11.21

Q- I haven't come across the focus session videos but they sound very useful. Can you send them out again please?

A- You will find the links to the focus session videos below:

Maximising Practice of Teaching Assistants session: <https://youtu.be/1uuM8pOR0S8>

Introduction to EHC Needs Assessment session: <https://youtu.be/iT4MNrNQQQk>

Q- Will agendas for the primary and secondary Countywide SENCO Forums ever differ?

A- On this occasion the primary and secondary SENCO Forums are covering the same topics. However, the discussions will link specifically to the settings in attendance. Future agendas will differ at certain times of the year.

Q- Can you please consider meetings in the day as an option. Beginnings and ends of days are not great due to the likes of gate duty, talking to parents and staff, sorting cover, etc.

A- The current timings of meetings are based on feedback that we have received from those who have previously attended the Countywide SENCO Forums (previously SEND Updates). We will continue to monitor the situation but at the present time we will be sticking with the current timings. In the summer term we will be putting the question, formally, to attendees as part of the session evaluation as to when, during the school day, is best to deliver the sessions.

We are also looking at how the sessions can be recorded so that we can make them available online after the event has taken place. We hope to be able to offer more on this subject soon.

Q- I did not receive pre session materials, can they be sent out again via email please?

A- The pre-session materials are all, also, attached to the post-session email. All pre-session materials are sent to the email address that you have used when applying for the Countywide SENCO Forum on CPD Online. Therefore, please make sure that you are typing your email address in correctly. Many thanks.

Q- Could we have an updated who's who of SEN leadership in Kent please?

A- A document with the SEN Leadership Team will be circulated at or shortly after the next Countywide SENCO Forum

Q- I feel that at times, particularly when discussing transition, it is vital that primary and secondary schools work together and hear each other's challenges?

A- We hope that by speaking to primary and secondary schools, in the first instance, we will be able to map where the challenges and good practices are. Once this information is collected, we could then look at either bringing all schools together to show our findings or feed this back to the local SENCO Forums who could then discuss how to take this forward locally.

Q- Will we be given the opportunity to review the Transition Charter Document?

A- There have been a series of sessions which happened at the end of November where the document was reviewed and timelines modified as needed.

Q- Is there any reason why the Secondary School Countywide SENCO Forum can't be delivered on the same day as it was previously (Thursday) but be delivered in the morning rather than the PM? Why has it been moved to the previous day?

A- We chose to change the Secondary School Countywide SENCO Forum to the day before the Primary Session due to the feedback that we received from both Primary and Secondary attendees. The majority of both Primary and Secondary School delegates requested to attend these sessions in the AM rather than the PM. As we have a far larger cohort of primary schools attending, we chose to keep their session on the same day of the week to allow for less overall disruption. As previously mentioned, we will review the timings of these sessions again during the summer term and make any necessary changes based on the feedback we receive in time for the academic year 2022-23.