

Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction to Mainstream Core Standards January 2021

Question: Is there a cost to accessing advice from a local special school? Would the LA help with any funding if required?

Answer: If you feel that advice from a special school would be helpful, this should be discussed in the first instance at your LIFT meeting. Contact with a special school or an offer of outreach could be an outcome of a discussion at LIFT.

Question: How do I access the SEND update?

Answer: To book onto the SEND update, please access via CPD online by clicking [here](#).

Question: Do you advise the Mainstream Core Standards going on the school websites yet?

Answer: Yes. We encourage all schools to share the Mainstream Core Standards on their websites, as well as a link to the parent guide.

Question: Can you clarify expectations around the parental engagement award the MCS outlines?

Answer: The parental engagement award is currently under development and details will be released soon.

Question: Can you clarify the SPELL requirement?

Answer: The SPELL framework is a universal whole school approach to supporting pupils with Autism, it is being rolled out through a train the trainer model. Currently there are 33 lead practitioners trained across the county, including 11 STLS district leads and 12 lead teachers from SRP's. This programme is being rolled out across the county. To find out who your local SPELL trainer is, and how you can implement the SPELL approach in your school contact your PEO.