

SEND Reform Briefing Notes

Friday 18th September 2026

Hello from Dr. Órlaith Green – Director of Education, Learning and Inclusion

Hello and welcome to our first **SEND Reform Briefing**. Over this academic year we will provide a short briefing note each month telling you about the **progress we are making implementing our SEND Reform Plan**.

Alongside the briefing notes you will be invited to take part in our **SEND Reform Engagement Events**. These will be interactive online events focusing on specific themes in the plan.

In addition, we will meet regularly with **SENCOs across the system and senior education leaders**, and we are working with our **Parent Carer Forum** to ensure that our parents and carers are included and informed in the same way.

We are looking forward together in what is an **exciting opportunity to implement systemic change** that will make a **real difference to our children and young people with SEND**. Below you can see the work we have been progressing over the summer and as we go through the year, we will share the evidence and impact it is having for our children and their families.

SEND Reform Engagement Events

- **Event 1: Experts at Hand** Tuesday 6 October 12.30-1.30pm
[Experts at Hand Event 1](#)
- **Event 2: Ordinarily Available Provision** Tuesday 8 December 12.00-1.00pm
[Ordinarily Available Provision Event 2](#)
- **Event 3: Multi-Agency Alternative Provision Team** Thursday 25 February 1.00-2.00pm
[Multi-Agency Alternative Provision Team Event 3](#)
- **Event 4: Individual Support Plans, EHCPs, Specialist Support Packages** Thursday 22 April 1.30-2.30pm
[Individual Support Plans, EHCPs, Specialist Support Packages Event 4](#)
- **Event 5: Specialist Provision** Thursday 10 June 1pm- 2pm
[Specialist Provision Event 5](#)
- **Event 6: SEND Funding** Thursday 08 July 1pm- 2pm
[SEND Funding Event 6](#)

Where are we now?

- **Experts at Hand funding received** end of Summer Term 2026
 - **Recruitment underway** for Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Specialist Teachers and Occupational Therapists, Assistant Practitioners – **first Assistant EPs will begin this Autumn Term**
 - New **Multi-Agency Alternative Education Team** launched 1st September – Steph McGill Head of Service
 - **SEND Top-up Funding and Springboard Review and Implementation** to begin this Autumn Term
 - New **Speech and Language app** (Verbo) to be trialed in all Nottinghamshire schools this academic year - commissioning in progress
 - **Ordinarily Available Provision** to be launched this Autumn Term
 - **Additional capacity for Family SENCOS** to support SEND reform activity
 - New **SEND Placement Panels** to provide transparent decision-making
 - **DfE decision regarding the Nottinghamshire SEND Reform Plan expected September 2026**
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Until next time

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