

RCC SENCO NETWORK PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023- 2024

CURRENT PROVISION (ACADEMIC YEAR 2022- 2023)

- 3 x year afternoon virtual Teams sessions: Rutland County Council services and support updates and presentations. Planned, managed and chaired by School Support Partnership Coordinator
- 6 x year Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sessions: Planned by School Support Partnership Coordinator and Rutland Learning Trust Family SENCO in consultation with schools.

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Context:

- Schools' Forum have agreed unanimously to fund the £8k for the SENCO Network.
- Positive remarks about the SENCO network.
- A question was asked what the Network would be doing going forward - will it be more of the same or anything new and who co-ordinates it?

What?

- Continuation of 3 x year afternoon virtual Teams sessions. Rutland County Council services and support services updates and presentations. Open forum for professional and peer-to-peer support.

Why? (feedback from schools)

- Really helpful to be able to put a face to a name.
- Being on Teams means meetings are easily accessible and less time consuming.
- It brings services and other resources to our attention that will benefit the children that we wouldn't know to look for or that we may not come across if just searching for them
- Very informative - a good way of communicating changes and services.
- (SENDCo) attended two out of three sessions and finds them extremely useful in terms of keeping up to date with what is on offer and how schools can access/ refer to services.
- They have always been very helpful. Keeping us up to date, plus providing a platform for 'question and answer' sessions to other professionals.
- The forum is supportive with no question too silly to ask. Thankyou!

How?

- Continuation of previous academic format.
 - School Support Partnership Coordinator offer to manage as part of School Support Partnership role.
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What?

- Continuing Professional Development sessions.

Why?

- To ensure planned support reflects the broad and individual needs of schools developing understanding of SEND.
- Supporting SENCOs as Strategic Leaders of SEND.
- SEND criteria and identifying the main barrier to learning.
- SENCOs to support Broad Areas of Need and appropriate pathways.

How?

- School Support Partnership Coordinator to add agenda item on next Network session 23rd May 2023 for discussion to gain perspective, next steps to enable planning of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) session and evolving the Network model.
- Sessions to be planned and arranged by School Support Partnership Coordinator /Rutland Learning Trust representative and 2 other Multi Academy Trusts / Rutland County Council representatives tbc).
- School Support Partnership Coordinator offer to lead as part of School Support Partnership role at no additional cost.