

We are highly qualified and experienced teachers and educational practitioners who work with schools to support children and young people (aged 4-16) when learning progress, social, emotional or mental health are causing concern. We work with every school in Wigan.

Change of Name!

Just a reminder; in September 2016 we changed the name of our meetings from SENCo Clusters to **Inclusion Network meetings**. This is to reflect the wider range of items that support inclusion and promote diversity as well as items around special educational needs and disabilities.

TESS: on the move!

During this school year, TESS will be relocating to the Civic Centre in Wigan. At present we continue to be based at the Cavendish Centre in Leigh.

If you are registered on training at the Cavendish Centre you will be informed by email of any venue changes. However, it is wise to check if you are unsure and our admin will be happy to help you. Please use our training email tesstrain@wiganmbc.gov.uk

If you are interested in offering your school as a training venue for TESS please contact Sandra Taylor to discuss.

Just a reminder that Sandra is always available via email should you wish to contact TESS regarding any queries. (This is the quickest and most efficient means of communication within TESS). sandra.taylor@wigan.gov.uk

Thank you for your understanding.

SENDIASS

SENDIASS offers independent advice and support to families across the borough. Laura Rimmer has replaced Rosie Cullis as the SENDIASS Coordinator. She is based at Platt Bridge Community Zone: 81 Ribble Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan WN2 5EG
Tel: 01942 233323

Autism Conference for Professionals

There are limited places at this event full day event taking place on 24th March at Golborne Parkside. For full details please contact Rebecca Smith on 01942 828829 or via email: Rebecca.Smith@wigan.gov.uk

Transition and Beyond Event

This very successful event is taking place again this year on Thursday 27th April 2017 at Robin Park Sports Centre. For full details please contact Danny Dowd: 01942 489490 or email: ceps@wigan.gov.uk

TESS Resources

Please make use of the information and documents stored in the Resources section of the TESS Page on the Local Offer website. This can be found at:

<https://wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Educational-support/TESS.aspx>

Rochford Review and B Squared Updates

B Squared are developing their assessment tools based on the Rochford Review. They released a response to the Rochford Review in November. This is available at www.bsquared.co.uk/rochfordreview. It details what each recommendation means and how it will affect B Squared.

B Squared also asked schools for their views via a questionnaire. The results were published and can be viewed at:

<https://www.bsquared.co.uk/downloads/Results%20of%20Rochford%20Review%20Questionnaire.pdf>

B Squared are releasing a draft structure. The new frameworks will cover the 4 broad areas of need. As there is focus on evidence, B Squared have developed a new evidence platform - Evisense.

Schools and professionals can find out more at www.evisense.com.

For a 30 day free trial of Evisense please contact B Squared.

Summer Conference: 29th June 2017.

The theme of the day will be **Effective Communication**.

It will be a whole day at **Leigh Sports Village**.

Booking forms and seminar choices will be available shortly.

After the success of last year's celebration session, we are once again asking schools to reflect on recent achievements. This can be with an individual, a small group, a whole class or even the whole school. In the session "Celebrating Success" – schools will have an opportunity to share this with other school staff. It would be great to hear from children, parents and staff.

Alongside the 'tell us about it' session, we would like to once again have a 'show' area via displays of work/interventions from your school.

Please contact your TESS school link teacher with your ideas.