



Fairfields Teaching School Alliance
Working in partnership to support learning and inclusion

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Teaching School Lead

It is with some sadness that I need to announce that, for many personal reasons - one being that I am 60! - I am going to be retiring from my position as Teaching School Lead at Fairfields Teaching School Alliance. Officially from Easter but returning - Sinatra- like, for one or two events in the summer term which are already planned. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside Karen and her team here at Fairfields for the last two years and develop our teaching school into a vibrant and buzzing service for our local schools. We have 93 members now, ever stronger partnerships with other teaching schools in the County and a growing reputation for the excellence of our CPD and support. There are just too many people to thank here but I must particularly mention our amazing Leading SENco team and my colleagues here in the teaching school office - Clare, Jodie and Hazel, with gratitude for all their support.

Now the good news ... Charlie Furniss - who has already been running a successful teaching school and is the Northants rep on the East Midlands Teaching Schools Association will be taking the helm. Charlie and I will be working alongside each other for the next term to ensure as smooth a handover as possible. We can't get round 93 schools but I hope we can get out and about so that Charlie can get a "feel" for the wide range of schools in our Alliance. I have worked closely with Charlie on a number of projects over the last year and can attest for her drive, ambition, organisational skills and commitment to school improvement by the system, for the system. I am leaving our Alliance in very safe hands. This has been the most enjoyable two years of my career and I am sure Charlie will find working with you all equally rewarding.

Michael Thompson : Outgoing Teaching School Lead

I am delighted to be taking on the position of Teaching School Lead at Fairfields from January 2016. I have been teaching for over 13 years in secondary schools and have 3 years' experience with teaching schools and most recently a school centred ITT programme in Northamptonshire. I am incredibly excited to be working with such a vast and varied alliance of schools and am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months. Looking to the future, it is important that we continue to work together to benefit all schools across the alliance and really make a difference to the outcomes of our learners. I firmly believe in system-led school improvement and the benefits that collaborative and partnership working bring to the young people we have a privilege of working with each day.

Charlie Furniss : Incoming Teaching School Lead

There will be an opportunity in the Spring term for Alliance School Headteachers to come to meet Charlie so that Charlie can set out her stall for the future.

New Partnerships



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Members

A huge welcome to our newest member schools, we are sure you will make the most of your membership with us and we can tap in to your expertise.



Earl Spencer Primary School

Falconer's Hill Infants School

Havelock Infants School

Silverstone CofE Primary School

St Lukes CofE Primary School

Specialist Leader in Education



Congratulations to Sarah Aldridge (Abington Vale) who has successfully completed the validation process to become an SLE with the Fairfields Alliance. Sarah specialises in English and ITT/NQT development. I am sure we will be using her skills to great effect in years to come.

Leading SENCo



Congratulations to Rachel Edkins (Falconer's Hill Infants School) who has successfully completed the validation process to become a Leading SENCo/SLE with Fairfields.

The Rochford Review

THE ROCHFORD REVIEW

The final recommendations of the Rochford Review panel were published just before the half term break.

The SEN Data Development Group which our Alliance leads across the County met on 3rd November to discuss ways forward in terms of supporting schools with implementing the recommendations. High on our agenda was how to support special schools and units with Recommendation 4 - the assessment of pupils in the former P1-P3 bracket for whom the recommendation is that reporting is no longer statutory.

Parallel to this, the Leading SENCos - at their meeting on 8th December - will be discussing how to train and support SENCos across the County in the use of the new "entry" and "emerging" standards which replace P4 - P8 and the higher pre-key stage standards for pupils unable to access end of Key Stage tests.

A longer summary of the Rochford Review will appear in the December edition of Inclusion News. Meanwhile, we have already organised some authoritative training open to all schools across the County, from the Vice Chair of the Rochford Review (see below).

THE ROCHFORD REVIEW : FINAL REPORT

Implications for statutory assessment in 2017 and beyond

Janet Thompson (Vice Chair of the Rochford Review, former HMI National Adviser for SEN for Ofsted & Headteacher of Dorothy Goodman School) explains the thinking behind the eight recommendations and implications for statutory assessment. There will be clarification around use of the I-Can statements for each of the new Pre-Key Stage Standards and the reporting obligations for pupils attaining at different levels within the new joined up assessment system. There will be lots of opportunity for delegates to ask questions and clarify their understanding of what schools need to be doing in response to the Rochford Review.

Tuesday 17th January : Kettering Conference Centre 4.00pm –6.00pm

<https://therochfordreviewkettering.eventbrite.co.uk>

OR

Thursday 19th January : Fairfields School Northampton 4.00pm –6.00pm

<https://therochfordreviewnorthampton.eventbrite.co.uk>

£40 Alliance School

£50 Non-Alliance Schools

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALLIANCE CHAIRS OF GOVERNORS

MATS QUESTION TIME

EXCLUSIVE & FREE TO ALLIANCE SCHOOLS

By request at our last Alliance Chairs of Governors, we are organising a discussion opportunity about Multi Academy Trusts. There will be a "Question Time" style panel followed by facilitated discussion at tables. We are hoping that the "panel of experts" will include a solicitor experienced at supporting MATS in Leicestershire, a Chair of Governors from a rural MAT, an executive headteacher from an urban MAT and a representative from the strategic planning team at the LA.

Tuesday 7th February 2017

The Beehive, Harborough Road, Northampton NN2 8LR

(opposite the petrol station)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chair-of-governors-network-group-tickets-28757243690>

PEER SUPPORT AND CHALLENGE PROGRAMME FOR OUR ALLIANCE HEADTEACHERS

The three pilot triads for our Peer Support and Challenge Programme for Alliance Headteachers have got off to a very good start. Just to summarise how it works ... 3 heads work together and come to an initial seminar facilitated by a member of our strategic board. They "put on the table" something they think is going really well in their school "a celebration" and something they are working on and wish to develop "a challenge". They then learning walk each other's school, looking at those things – hence "Peer support and Challenge". Then, after all three visits, there is a final seminar where all the triads of headteachers come together to share their learning. We have piloted this with three triads this term (all have had their first seminar).

If you would like to be involved – it is **FREE** to headteachers/deputies in our Alliance. It would be helpful if you came to us with a ready-agreed triad – but not compulsory. We can match-make.

PEER SUPPORT AND CHALLENGE PROGRAMME FOR SENCOs ACROSS THE COUNTY

Works in a similar way as the Headteachers' programme on the previous page, except with SENCOs. The initial and final seminars are facilitated by a Leading SENCO. This is open to all SENCOs in the county, not just those in our alliance and there is a £250 charge for the whole programme. Three triads have already started, with many more to follow.

If you are interested, please contact teachingschool@fairfields.northants.sch.uk

RAISE ONLINE

We have had lots of requests for training on the new-look RAISE online. Once we have seen it and got our heads around it ourselves we will offer some drop-in sessions in small groups, in several geographical locations.

These will be exclusive and FREE to alliance members, so please save your money and travel time and don't book on to a commercial course!

More details to follow but we are aiming for December!

INCLUSION NETWORK MEETINGS

16:00-18:00PM

29th November - Collingtree Park Golf Club

<https://inclusionnetworkmeetingnorthampton.eventbrite.co.uk>

1st December - Kettering Conference Centre

<https://inclusionnetworkmeetingkettering.eventbrite.co.uk>



ANNUAL INCLUSION CONFERENCE 2016

“Boys’ Achievement: Research, Strategies & Success”

18th November 2016

*****LAST CHANCE TO BOOK*****

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-inclusion-conference-tickets-25716238963>

SEN GOVERNORS TRAINING

15th November 2016

Book via: lqssowd@northamptonshire.gov.uk

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Our joint Newly Qualified Teacher Programmes (Primary and Secondary), Recently Qualified Teacher Programme, Middle Leadership Programme, Senior Leadership Programme and Newly Qualified Headteacher Programme - which we are running in partnership with six of the other teaching schools - have got off to a great start.

All course and registration information is on the new Northamptonshire Teaching Schools Partnership website:

<http://www.tsp.education>

We will soon be expanding this website to include lists of all NLEs, LLEs and SLEs across our teaching schools (categorised according to specialism) and how to get hold of them. This is work in progress.

DEVELOPING A PARENT COUNCIL

by PARENT COUNCILS UK

Parent Councils and Parent Forums

- Exploring what is a Parent Council or Forum, setting up a Parent Council, membership and representation, links to other bodies and the role of the Governing Body

Getting started

- The first meeting – practicalities and agenda, future meetings, drawing up a constitution, keeping the momentum going, enablers and barriers

21st March 2017—Franklins Gardens

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-a-parent-council-tickets-26656040936>

24th May 2017—Franklins Gardens

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-a-parent-council-tickets-26656041939>

9:30-12:30

PLEASE EVALUATE OUR TRAINING!

Since September, we have tried to go over completely to electronic evaluations for our courses. Many reasons for this .. effective use of resources (particularly admin time spent analysing paper evaluations), all information comes to us as one report, being in the 21st Century...

However, so far it is not going as well as we would like as many attendees are not doing it. We use a website called sli-do and we have kept the form as simple and quick as possible. You can either :

- Go online during or after the event ... on the venue's wi-fi or on your own 3G/4G and fill in the evaluation there and then, using your smartphone or iPad

Or ... you can do it after the event (we will always send you a reminder email and a link).

So no excuses ... please encourage anyone you send on any of our courses to evaluate them ... it is the only way we will get better.

Conferences 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2017 Northamptonshire Special Schools & Units Conference



16th June 2017

County Cricket Ground, Northampton

A one day conference with a strong focus on current issues in special education, featuring presentations and workshops from presenters with a national profile

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

Janet Thompson - Former National Advisor for SEN in Ofsted and Head at Dorothy Goodman School, Hinckley
"Maintaining Outstanding"

Graham Quinn - Executive Principal of New Bridge Group of schools in Oldham

2017 Northamptonshire Primary Headteachers' Conference

22nd & 23rd June 2017

Kettering Park Hotel

Programme & booking details to follow : Confirmed speakers include Professor Mick Waters and Catherine Murby

Brought to you by Inspire, Fairfields & 5 Wells Teaching Schools in conjunction with Northamptonshire County Council



Network Groups



EARLY YEARS TAs NETWORK GROUP

**9th Dec 27th Jan, 17th March, 5th May,
23rd June**

FRANKLINS GARDENS

13:00-15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-ta-network-tickets-26113122051>

AUTISM NETWORK GROUP

13TH JANUARY 2017

KINGSTHORPE GROVE PRIMARY

14:00-15:15

senco@kgps.northants-ecl.gov.uk

NUMERACY NETWORK GROUP

19th January, 30th March

BARRY PRIMARY

16:00-17:30PM

hayleyilsley@billingbrook.northants.sch.uk

LITERACY NETWORK GROUP

2ND FEBRUARY 2017

ST JAMES PRIMARY, NORTHAMPTON

16:00-17:30

Focus: Resources

jgillespie@stjames.northants.sch.uk

Further dates:

27th April, 15th June

COMPUTING NETWORK GROUP

19th January, 16th March, 19th June

BILLING BROOK SCHOOL

16:00-17:30

kimcalvert@billingbrook.northants.sch.uk

EAL SUPPORT NETWORK

The Northampton Town EAL Strand have arranged some support sessions enabling colleagues to see good practice and get advice relating to EAL support and guidance. Staff from Northampton Town schools may attend FREE, other schools will be charged £30. Please contact Mel Smith msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk

- The Duston School: 18th November (1:30pm) CWard@thedustonschool.org
- Northampton Academy: 24th November (1:30pm) p.szczerbinski@northampton-academy.org
- Greenfields Special School: 10th January (1:30pm) clairef24@greenfields.northants.sch.uk

STATS!

Our Lead SENCOs & SLEs have supported 52 schools over the last year

Thanks to Greenfields & Wootton for facilitating our Peer Support & Challenge seminars

Thanks to Sally Manz for facilitation training for our Lead SENCOs

Thankyou to Catherine Capell for picking up the running of School Direct so brilliantly!

Particular thanks due to:

Bugbrooke for hosting a school direct trainee to resit 2nd placement, Barry Primary for specialist math support, Brooklands Farm for Challenge Partners, Croyland for planning HT & Annual Inclusion conferences, Spring Lane for all their help, KCC for Trauma project, Easton Garford for Early Years TAs

Thanks to our LLEs at Forest Federation and Wootton Primary for interviewing SLE applicants and to our SLE team for all the training they are doing on our programmes

Huge thanks to our training hosts at Bridgewater, Hospital & Outreach, Northgate, Bugbrooke & St James

I am sure I have missed stuff. Apologies if so.

OUR NEXT PROSPECTUS

As you know, we run our teaching school on the basis of "tell us what you want", rather than "this is what you can have". And we publish a 6 monthly prospectus for Alliance Schools, based on your requests. We are now working on our March -July prospectus which we hope to publish at the end of this term.

PLEASE EMAIL US WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS: teachingschool@fairfields.northants.sch.uk

We have already had some requests :

- Teaching without a TA - developing pupils independent Learning skills
- Journeys to better lunchtimes
- New to teaching in Year 6
- PSHE in Primary - the Cinderella subject
- How reading in Primary transitions to Year 7
- Grammar training for teachers (following our current series of sessions for TAs)
- New to Leading a subject
- Mastery in maths - what does it look like in KS2?
- Supporting EAL pupils when they arrive in KS2
- The Rochford Review - what do we need to do?
- Assessment in Science and Practical Science

CPD What's on Guide



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To book on to our training programmes, please visit our profile at

<http://fairfieldtsa.eventbrite.com/>

10TH NOVEMBER 2016

TAs - SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH GRAMMAR

Venue: St James Primary, Northampton

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by: Jemma Gillespie

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ta-training-supporting-children-with-grammar-tickets-26097082075>

22ND NOVEMBER 2016

JOURNEYS TO BETTER GOVERNANCE

Venue: Sunley Conference Centre

Time: 14:00-16:00

Led by: Trevor Kendrick

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://bettergovernance2211.eventbrite.co.uk>

24TH NOVEMBER 2016

TAs – SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH GRAMMAR

Venue: St James Primary, Northampton

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by: Jemma Gillespie

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ta-training-supporting-children-with-grammar-tickets-26097083078>

29TH NOVEMBER 2016

INCLUSION NETWORK MEETING

Venue: Collingtree Golf Club

Time: 16:00-18:00

Led by: Michael & Guests

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 non-alliance

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusion-network-meetings-northampton-tickets-25428202438>

10TH NOVEMBER 2016

EQUALITY DUTY IN SCHOOLS

Venue: Fairfields School

Time: 15:45-17:45

Led by: Michael Thompson

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 Non-Alliance

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-equality-duty-in-schools-tickets-25539136244>

24TH NOVEMBER 2016

CAN YOUR PUPILS EXPLAIN THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Venue: Kettering Park Hotel

Time: 10:00-12:00

Led by: Michael Thompson

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 Non-Alliance

Booking: <https://canpupilsexplain2411.eventbrite.co.uk>

28TH NOVEMBER 2016

YOUR SEN INFORMATION REPORT

Venue: Bugbrooke School

Time: 10:00-12:00

Led by: Heidi Redman & Adam Drake

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://seninfoport2811.eventbrite.co.uk>

30TH NOVEMBER 2016

OFSTED JUNGLE DRUMS

Venue: Delapre Learning Centre, Northampton

Time: 10:00-12:00

Led by: Various

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://jungledrums.eventbrite.co.uk>

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1ST DECEMBER 2016

INCLUSION NETWORK

Venue: Kettering Conference Centre

Time: 16:00-18:00

Led by: Michael & Guests

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 non-alliance

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusion-network-meetings-kettering-tickets-25476510930>

6TH DECEMBER 2016

SPECIAL NEEDS CODES OF PRACTICE

Venue: Delapre Learning Centre, Northampton

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by: Lesley Tobin & Sarah Levell

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://sencodesofpractice0612.eventbrite.co.uk>

8TH DECEMBER 2016

LEGAL LIABILITIES & DUE DILIGENCE

Venue: Sunley Conference Centre

Time: 9:00-12:00

Led by:

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://legalliabilityandduediligence8thdecember.eventbrite.co.uk>

12TH JANUARY 2017

DYSCALCULIA

Venue: Fairfields

Time: 16:00-18:00

Led by: Hayley Ilsley

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dyscalculia-tickets-25673119993>

5TH DECEMBER 2016

TA TRAINING—SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Venue: Hunsbury Hill Centre

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by:

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 non-alliance

Booking: <https://speechlang0512.eventbrite.co.uk>

7TH DECEMBER 2016

TA TRAINING - KEEPING THEM WITH YOU

Venue: Sunley Conference Centre

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by:

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 non-alliance

Booking: <https://ktwy0712.eventbrite.co.uk>

11TH JANUARY 2017

TA TRAINING—NO SHOUTING

Venue: Bugbrooke School

Time: 13:30-15:30

Led by: Heidi Redman & Adam Drake

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://noshouting1409.eventbrite.co.uk>

17TH JANUARY 2017

ROCHFORD REVIEW - INCLUSION NETWORK

Venue: Kettering Conference Centre

Time: 16:00-18:00

Led by: Janet Thompson

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/£50 Non-Alliance

Booking: <https://therochfordreviewkettering.eventbrite.co.uk>

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<http://fairfieldstsa.eventbrite.com/>

19TH JANUARY 2017

ROCHFORD REVIEW - INCLUSION NETWORK

Venue: Fairfields School

Time: 16:00-18:00

Led by: Janet Thompson

Price: £40 Alliance, £50 Non-Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://therochfordreviewnorthampton.eventbrite.co.uk>

25TH JANUARY 2017

PLAYFUL BRAINS

Venue: Delapre Learning Centre

Time: 9:00-12:00

Led by: Ben Kingston Hughes

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/playful-brains-tickets-25478805794>

2ND FEBRUARY 2017

TA TRAINING - SPEECH & LANGUAGE

Venue: Kettering Park Hotel

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by:

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 non-alliance

Booking: <https://speechlang0202.eventbrite.co.uk>

24TH JANUARY 2017

TA TRAINING—THE LITERACY TOOLKIT

Venue: Sunley Conference Centre

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by: Nicky Wood & Nicola Parker

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://literacytoolkit2401.eventbrite.co.uk>

25TH JANUARY 2017

HOW WRITING TRANSITIONS INTO YEAR 7

Venue: Fairfields School

Time: 10:00-12:00

Led by: Rebecca Knight & Sophie Craig

Price: FREE to Alliance Schools

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-writing-in-primary-transitions-to-year-7-tickets-25405935838>

8TH FEBRUARY 2017

TA TRAINING - KEEPING THEM WITH YOU

Venue: KETTERING PARK HOTEL

Time: 13:00-15:00

Led by:

Price: £40 Alliance Schools/ £50 non-alliance

Booking: <https://ktwy0802.eventbrite.co.uk>