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Hello All Dudley schools! This is your 5th Newsletter from us, containing lots of useful updates and training dates. Any questions please get in touch, via the PINS team at Barnardo's - wmpins@barnardos.org.uk

We hope this newsletter finds you well!

As we continue through the term, we're excited to share updates and opportunities to support your teams and pupils. This edition highlights upcoming training sessions and workshops, designed to address key topics underpinning Neurodiversity. The PINS project team have been busy working hard to bring you these sessions, offering practical insights and strategies, and we encourage you to share the newsletter widely within your school community including all staff and families to maximise participation and impact. Just click on the session you are interested in to book your place.

We continue to work with some of your schools to schedule the Voice & Influence - Inclusion Inspector sessions and are delighted to hear some great feedback from the visits!

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!



Update from the National PINS team re the Black Country PINS work

Save the date for the PINS Celebration Conference on March 27, 2025, at the Black Country Museum. Arrival starts at 09:00 am, with the event running from 09:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Each school, PCF, and LA are allotted 2 places each. The event will highlight successes from Black Country Schools involved with PINS and discuss future legacy work. A detailed agenda and bookings process will be communicated soon.

Emma Aspinall, PINS Coordinator for the Black Country ICB

Upcoming Trainings: Dates for your Diaries

(click on the training to book directly)

Parents & carers can also join

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Wednesday 5th February 2025, 3.30- 5.30pm

Supporting neurodivergent learners with Triple-A:

Attention, arousal and anxiety at schools

Thursday 13th February 2025, 3.30-5.00pm (flyer attached for further info)

Neurodiversity, culture and intersecting identities. Breaking down barriers

Tuesday 25th February 2025, 3.30-5.00pm

It takes a village to raise a child – working together

Wednesday 5th March, 3.30-5.00pm

Understanding Neurodiverse Behaviours

Tuesday 11th March 2025, 3.30-5.00pm

Readiness to Learn

Joint workshops for school, parents, and carers

Readiness to learn 1 – Tuesday 4th Feb, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 1 – Monday 10th Feb, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 2- Monday 3rd March, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 2- Monday 10th March, 3.30-5.30pm

Additional morning sessions added for parents and carers accessibility

Readiness to learn 1 – Monday 17th Feb, 10.00am-12.00pm

Readiness to learn 2 – Tuesday 25th Feb, 10.00am-12.00pm

Dudley Training Offers - Last few spaces!

'Girls have Autism too ...', Monday 24th Feb- 9.00- 12.30 - at Himley Hall Drawing Room.

To book your places please contact Hayley hayley.trenfield@dudley.gov.uk



Parent Carer Forum Updates

We are currently organising our next round of Parent Carer Coffee Mornings in school and have several in the diary already. If your school hasn't yet got yours booked in, please get in touch. Our reps have attended several of the training sessions offered and are thrilled to see the fantastic turnout.

Sensory Walkthrough Exercise

Barnardo's and the Dudley Parent Carer Forum are offering each PINS school the opportunity to participate in a sensory walkthrough exercise. This is a joint exercise between school leaders and parents, facilitated by Barnardo's and the Dudley PCF. Lasting around 1-1.5hrs, participants will walk through the physical environment, reviewing the strengths and areas for development with a sensory lens. There will then be the opportunity for all participants to debrief on the exercise and school leaders will be encouraged to complete a sensory audit tool to shape their future planning. Any schools interested please contact Barnardo's at wmpins@barnardos.org.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time to run the exercise before the 31st March.



A reminder of the WhatsApp number: 07341527429

Please share this with any parents who would like to contact us. Avoid sensitive feedback about a child's day on the playground at home time. A private phone call works much better!

Supporting neurodivergent learners with Triple-A: Attention, Arousal & Anxiety at School

PROFESSOR MARY HANLEY

This talk will give an overview of cutting-edge research on attention, sensory arousal and anxiety and school for neurodivergent learners.

It will also provide an overview of the Triple-A online training package for schools and how this can be implemented to support autistic and neurodivergent children young people in school.



13th February 2025

3.30- 5p.m.

Online - MS Teams

REGISTER NOW



Eventbrite registration

This event is brought to you by:



Readiness to Learn Workshops

Barnardo's is working with your child's school on a project called PINS, which provides training and support about Neurodiversity. We would like to invite parents to attend some upcoming workshops.

The 'Readiness to Learn' workshops are for parents, carers, and school staff to learn together about helpful strategies to support children's development and wellbeing. These workshops will cover important areas of a child's life and will give you practical tools to help with challenges at both school and home.

Below are the details for two workshops, Readiness to Learn 1 and Readiness to Learn 2. If you'd like to attend one or both, please click the Eventbrite links below to choose a date that works for you.

Readiness to Learn 1 Workshop

This workshop will explore approaches around:

- Executive functioning
- Regulating emotions
- Setting boundaries and managing demands
- Behaviour management
- Self-management skills

Readiness to learn 1 – Tuesday 4th Feb, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 1 – Monday 10th Feb, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 1 - Monday 17th Feb, 10.00am-12.00pm

Readiness to Learn 2 Workshop

This workshop will explore approaches around

- Speech, Language, and Communication Skills
- Supporting Transitions
- Sleep
- Food Sensitivity

Readiness to learn 2- Monday 3rd March, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 2- Monday 10th March, 3.30-5.30pm

Readiness to learn 2 - Tuesday 25th Feb, 10.00am-12.00pm