

SEND NEWS SPLASH

ISSUE THIRTEEN
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What is the main purpose of the AfA programme?

The main purpose is to develop a small sustainable project or improved practice that can show demonstrable change in outcomes for SEND.

Running over 2 large terms, SENCOs will deliver sharing of their improvement as a result at the July SENCO network event.

We have had a some interest but there are still some spaces available for this funded offer.

For more information and to apply for spaces contact Louise McGinty at LMcGinty@swindon.gov.uk

We are still recruiting...

Don't forget to attend the Swindon Borough Council - Special Education Needs recruitment drop in. Come along on 20th January at Civic Centre anytime between 2.30pm & 8pm to find out more. We would appreciate your help in getting this invitation shared far and wide through your networks. [Click here to see the flyer to put on your noticeboards!](#)

[Click here to register your attendance at the event.](#)

[Click here to view the new roles we are recruiting for.](#)

Swindon working with Achievement for All

We have allocated funding from the School Improvement budget based upon the priorities from the WSOA to fund bespoke Achievement for All (AfA) programmes led by experienced SEN coaches which includes access to the extensive AfA resource library - the Bubble - for 10 schools.

This is what Swindon schools who have completed AfA programmes have to say:

- "This was not just 'another add on which would be more work' but was an amazing opportunity to review existing practice and reach more parents to benefit the children's learning and wellbeing. Together I feel we have made a real difference to some of our most vulnerable pupils." (Head teacher)
- "The training and support you have offered (the school) over the last 2 years has made a real difference to the way in which we view the young people we work with and are developing ways to engage their families."
- "AfA may work with a target group of families but it does, without question, improve the learning and teaching of the wider school too." (Governor)
- "AfA has been the difference between a shoulder-shrugging acceptance that some children just 'can't' make progress, 'won't' engage with school, have parents who 'don't' support them; and a real school-wide commitment towards enabling those children." (Teacher)
- "The programme provides us with a practical and successful approach to develop our work on narrowing the achievement gap between vulnerable children and their peers." (Head teacher)

And finally...

SENDIASS' next coffee and information morning is on the 15th January at the Customer Service Hub, Orbital Shopping Park, SN25 4AN. There will be advice on what you can expect from meetings with your child's school and how to prepare for these meetings so that they are successful. Ten min Surgery Slots will also be available with SENDIASS & SEND officers between 11am and 12. [Click here for more information](#)