

# SEN INVESTMENT FUND 2025/26

Training Offers and how to book



# Introducing an enhanced support offer for SEMH needs

## What is the SEN Investment Fund?

- The fund has been created from the 25/26 schools block transfer and is being used to introduce an enhanced graduated offer to support children and young people with SEMH needs in mainstream educational settings in Leicestershire.
- Why SEMH? Increase in EHCPs, key driver of attendance concerns, suspensions and exclusions
- Training to support school staff working with pupils with SEMH has been identified as a key area of priority for mainstream schools by a working group of school representatives.



# Training offers for 2025/26

The following fully funded courses are available to all mainstream Primary and Secondary schools in Leicestershire through the SEN Investment Fund for the 2025/26 academic year.

- Trauma informed school leaders (1 place per school)
- Establishing a nurture group (Primary only, 1 place per school)
- ADHD (2 places per Primary, 6 places per Secondary)
- Progressive Masculinity (Secondary only, 1 pupil workshop and staff training session per school)
- Emotion Coaching (1 place per school)
- Zones of Regulation (1 place per school)
- EBSNA (1 place per school)
- Time to Talk SEMH (Virtual sessions, all welcome)
- Reflective Spaces training (whole-school training available on request)
- Further places may be allocated if spaces are available. If you have any queries please email [SIFtraining@leics.gov.uk](mailto:SIFtraining@leics.gov.uk)



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# Details of courses on offer for 2025/26

## Trauma informed school leaders

- A full day session for all senior leaders across education settings run by the Virtual School team, exploring relational practice in education to reduce suspensions, increase attendance and improve staff and pupil wellbeing and outcomes.
- 12 dates – full day course
- 1 place per school
- Lunch provided
- £100 contribution towards backfill paid on return of a completed evaluation form at the end of the course
- Non-attendance fee
- To book, please email [virtualschool@leics.gov.uk](mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk)

## Establish a nurture group – targeted at Primary Schools

- A project supporting schools to develop and maintain Nurture Groups across Leicestershire run by our Virtual School team.
- Initial session below, followed by further support for schools joining the project.
- 25<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am - 3.30pm, Glenfield Parish Rooms
- To book, please email [virtualschool@leics.gov.uk](mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk)



# ADHD Training



**Ian Hall of ADHD Affinity will be leading our ADHD training sessions**

- Dedicated sessions for Primary/Secondary
- 2 places per Primary School
- 6 places per Secondary School
  
- 22 dates – full day course
- Lunch provided
- £100 contribution towards backfill paid on return of a completed evaluation form at the end of the course
- Non-attendance fee

To book, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413>

## Progressive Masculinity – targeted at Secondary Schools



Hear more about the Progressive Masculinity training and workshops offered through the SEN Investment Fund here: <https://youtu.be/v4lHVs199M>

- Practical sessions providing high-impact strategies for schools to promote positive behaviours and attitudes among male students.
- 1 pupil workshop per school, small group from single year level which will be used to drive positive change
- 2hr twilight all-staff training session for each school – in most cases shared between 2 schools. Can be held at County Hall or hosted at one of the schools participating
- Schools will be contacted to arrange their workshop and training dates

# Emotion Coaching training

- Training will provide an introduction to Emotion Coaching from a theoretical and practical perspective. The course, led by Educational Psychology and Virtual Schools, will set out what emotion coaching is and why is it important, and how emotion coaching can be applied in practice in schools
- 1 place per school
- Half-day course
- £50 contribution towards backfill paid on return of a completed evaluation form at the end of the course
- Non-attendance fee
- To book, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363>

## Zones of regulation training

- Zones of Regulation is a social-emotional learning framework that helps children and young people recognise, label and develop a toolkit of strategies around four colour coded "zones". This training, run by our specialist C&I Teachers, will introduce the approach and how to embed this in your setting.
- 1 place per school
- Half-day course
- £50 contribution towards backfill paid on return of a completed evaluation form at the end of the course
- Non-attendance fee
- To book, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383>

# Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance Conference

- An introduction to EBSNA from a psychological perspective run by the Leicestershire Educational Psychology Service. The course will cover an overview of evidence-based approaches to understanding and responding to EBSNA, and opportunities to learn from the practice of others.
- 1 place per school
- Full day course, lunch provided
- £100 contribution towards backfill paid on return of a completed evaluation form at the end of the course
- Non-attendance fee
- To book, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323>

## Reflective Spaces supervision model

- This CPD will introduce teams in schools to an approach called "reflective spaces". This is a structured process of reflection and problem solving that teams can use when situations feel complex or stuck. The training will teach the knowledge and skills required to run "reflective spaces" in your setting. Reflective Spaces is a tool developed to support staff to manage the emotional demands of their role, when working with children and young people who may have experienced trauma and adversity.
- Training will be provided on request to schools through the Leicestershire Educational Psychology and Trauma Informed Schools Teams
- Expressions of interest from schools for whole school training sessions are now open in preparation for sessions starting in January. To book, please add your details on the Microsoft Forms link here <https://forms.office.com/e/KWRRSCW9xg> and the team will be in contact with further information.

## Time to talk SEMH – online sessions



- Online CPD sessions on different aspects of SEMH, including topics such as supporting sensory needs, BERA for SEMH, Foetal Alcohol Syndrome, EBSNA, Exam stress and supporting Transitions
- Sessions will be led by various SEND and Inclusion teams
- Virtual 45-minute sessions open to all
- To book, please visit:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433>



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# Dates and how to book

## Autumn term dates

Date / Time	Name of Event	Venue	How to book
5th Nov, 2-2:45pm	Time to Talk: Supporting Sensory Needs	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
10th Nov, 2-2:45pm	Time to Talk: Challenging Pupils	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
11th Nov, 9.30am-4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	County Hall, Committee rooms	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
13th Nov, 9:30am- 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	County Hall, Room 140	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
19th Nov, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
25th Nov, 9:15am - 3:30pm	Setting up a Nurture Group (Primary schools)	Glenfield Parish Rooms	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
27th Nov, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	Bassett Street, Wigston	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
4th Dec, 9:30-12:30pm	Zones of Regulation (Primary schools)	County Hall, Room 140	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383</a>
11th Dec, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	Bassett Street, Wigston	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>

# Spring term dates

Date / Time	Name of Event	Venue	How to book
8th Jan, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	County Hall, Room 140	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
12th Jan, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: Planning for Change	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
13th Jan, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
15th Jan, 9:30am-12:30pm	Zones of Regulation (Secondary schools)	County Hall, Room 140	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383</a>
20th Jan, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	County Hall, Room 140	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
28th Jan, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: CYP who struggle to attend – an introduction to EBSNA	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
29th Jan, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	Bassett Street, Wigston	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
29th Jan, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
29th Jan, 2pm-2:45pm	Time to talk: Foetal Alcohol Syndrome	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
3rd Feb, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	County Hall, Room 140	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>

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12th Feb, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
24th Feb, 9:30am - 4pm	EBSNA Primary (North)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323</a>
25th Feb, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
25th Feb, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: BERA to SEMH	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
26th Feb, 2pm - 2:45pm	Tim to talk: Staff Wellbeing	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
26th Feb, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	Bassett Street, Wigston	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
2nd Mar, 9:30am - 12pm	Emotion Coaching	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363</a>
2nd Mar, 1pm-4pm	Zones of Regulation	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383</a>
3rd Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	EBSNA Primary (South)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323</a>
5th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>

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9th Mar, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: Exam Stress	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
10th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	EBSNA Secondary (North)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323</a>
11th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
17th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	EBSNA Secondary (South)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/ebsna-conferences-4718323</a>
18th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
19th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	Cedars Academy, Birstall	Email <a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
24th Mar, 9:30am - 12pm	Emotion Coaching	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363</a>
24th Mar, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
26th Mar, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: CYP who struggle to attend – an introduction to EBSNA	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
26th Mar 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>

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14th Apr, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	Bassett Street, Wigston	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
16th Apr, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
23rd Apr, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
30th Apr, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
6th May, 9:30am-12pm	Emotion Coaching	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363</a>
6th May, 1pm-4pm	Zones of Regulation (Secondary schools)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/zones-of-regulation-training-4718383</a>
7th May, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
12th May, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: Anxiety Management	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
19th May, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	TBC	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>

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21st May, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	TBC	<a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
28th May, 2pm-2:45pm	Time to talk: CYP who struggle to attend – an introduction to EBSNA	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
28th May, 2pm-2:45pm	Time to talk: Using the Spectrum Tool	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
3rd Jun, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	Bassett Street, Wigston	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
4th Jun, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>
9th Jun, 9:30-12pm	Emotion Coaching (Secondary schools)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/emotion-coaching-training-sessions-4718363</a>
11th Jun, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	Cedars Academy, Birstall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
17th Jun, 2pm - 2:45pm	Time to talk: CYP who struggle to attend – an introduction to EBSNA	Online	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/time-to-talk-semh-virtual-cpd-sessions-4728433</a>
17th Jun, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Primary schools)	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>

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25th Jun, 9:30am - 4pm	ADHD (Secondary schools)	Thomas Estley Community College, Broughton Astley	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/adhd-training-4718413</a>
25th Jun, 9:30am - 4pm	Trauma Informed school leaders	St Botolphs CE Primary School, Shepshed	<a href="mailto:virtualschool@leics.gov.uk">virtualschool@leics.gov.uk</a>