



## SEND Outreach forum

The Forest Way School Outreach provision is excited to be able to offer a SEND forum for local educational and SEND professionals. This new forum will deliver support to ensure all children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities access the highest quality provision and achieve excellent outcomes.

### The Forum Vision

The forum will encourage greater collaboration between practitioners of special education, offering expertise in delivering a bespoke, flexible and inclusive provision for those aged 5-19 with SEND. The primary function is to provide advice and guidance, offer the opportunity to share best practice, learn from one another and hold a professional discussion in a supportive forum with peers. The panel of Forest Way SEND specialists will provide support to mainstream schools regarding the provision and practice they deliver for children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). It aims to provide an opportunity to network and deliver peer to peer guidance. The focus is, through sharing best practice, to develop an inclusive education system whereby children with increasingly complex needs achieve and succeed within mainstream schools. It will compliment our traditional Outreach offer and has been requested by Heads of local schools.

### Forums Objectives:

- To improve the skills and knowledge of staff by contributing to the professional development of staff in schools, colleges and support services, by signposting resources and training.
- To create a more flexible and broader continuum of provision.
- To ensure the achievement and wellbeing of children and young people with SEND across the local area.
- To support mainstream schools in meeting the precise and specific needs of pupils with complex learning difficulties.

**Accessing the forum:** A forum will be held one afternoon every half term 1:30-3:30pm TBC. A maximum of 5 schools will be invited to share their referral case with the panel, if this service proves popular there can be several forum held over a term. The individual cases will be discussed amongst the panel and other invited schools giving the opportunity to discuss, listen and share good practice on a variety of SEND strategies.

If you are interested in joining us please email Caroline at [Clupton@forestway.leics.sch.uk](mailto:Clupton@forestway.leics.sch.uk) for further details and to book a place.

