



Building SEND inclusion in the early years



## **Can you help us to help shape the national picture for children in the early years with special educational needs and disabilities?**

As you know at Dingley's Promise we are passionate about change, and we know you are too. We also share your concerns that young children with SEND are not always as welcomed and supported as they could and should be in early years settings and we want to document and quantify the reasons why. Our Chief Executive, Catherine McLeod has been working hard to form partnerships and build a national picture. This work is particularly pertinent as the new entitlements roll out over the next few years and the attainment and access gap is at risk of widening.

To that effect we have created three online surveys below and we are keen to distribute them far and wide. Please complete and share these surveys with your colleagues and friends in the early years sector and parents of children with SEND.

Please note the deadline is **Sunday 8th October 2023.**

Please click to open links below and make sure your voice is heard:



**Dingley's Promise Training Mark of Achievement**

As part of developmental changes to our training programme, we are proud to launch our new **Mark of Achievement!** Early years settings and childminders have the opportunity to earn this award and receive a certificate, window sticker to display in their setting, and notepads and pens to congratulate them on their success.

Settings currently working towards the Mark of Achievement can carry on with the training as usual, there is nothing they need to do differently. We will also be sharing our new branding with settings who have previously earned an award from Dingley's Promise Training, and they will receive a new certificate and window sticker. For more information on requirements see our new leaflet:

[Mark of Achievement Guidance](#)



**Sign up to our new course today!**

This course explores a variety of communication methods and how to effectively understand children and their voices and experiences. The course considers how for a child with SEND, we need to give thought to the unique ways in which they communicate. The range of activities and reflections throughout the course will help you to develop these skills.

**Increase your awareness of the importance of a child's voice, however they**

communicate, and build confidence around relationships with children and their families by effectively listening and taking children's views into consideration. Our The Voice of the Child course is available now, contact the training team for more information:

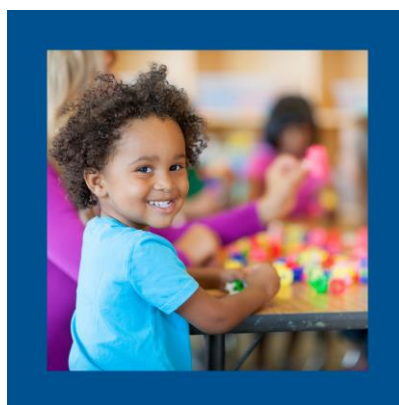
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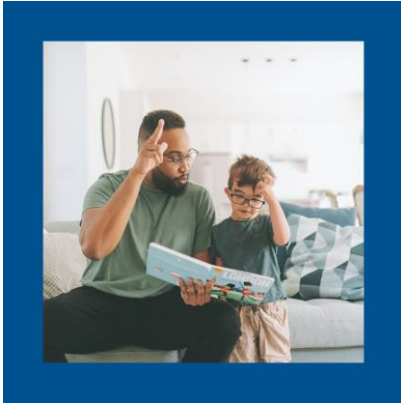
We've selected some articles that you may find useful:



Advice and information from [ERIC, the Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity](#), about potty training for children with SEND



Supporting children with English as an additional language in the early years - tips from [Early Years Educator](#)



Resources for deaf friendly early education from [National Deaf Children's Society](#)



[BBC Good Food](#) has lots of fun sensory play ideas for children



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Here are some ideas of how you can get involved...



*Make Dingley's Promise  
your charity of the year in  
your workplace*



*Have a non uniform or  
themed outfit day at your  
school or organisation*



*Set up a Facebook  
fundraising page to  
celebrate a special occasion*



*Take on a personal challenge  
or host a fundraising event  
of your choosing*



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