Blackpool SEND support team offer to schools and colleges

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All schools within Blackpool are allocated a dedicated Advisory Teacher who works collaboratively with SENCOs, school leaders and staff to identify priorities, plan support, and develop inclusive practice across the setting.

Advisory Teachers and SEND Advisory Officers provide strategic advice, guidance and practical support in a range of areas, including:

- SENCO supervision and professional support
- Development and implementation of the Graduated Approach across all areas of SEND
- Supporting the identification and assessment of pupils with SEND
- Advising on SEND provision planning and effective responses to pupil needs
- Supporting SENCOs with SEND action planning, provision mapping, assessments and interventions
- Delivery of staff meetings, professional development and training
- Identifying and addressing emerging themes and trends relating to SEND within schools
- Supporting priority year groups, classes or cohorts through observations, learning walks and recommendations to enhance learning environments and classroom practice

The team offers specialist support across the following areas of need:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH), including trauma-informed approaches
- Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology

In addition to providing SEND-focused advice and guidance, Advisory Teacher link meetings offer valuable professional support for SENCOs. This collaborative approach helps promote consistency across Blackpool schools, fostering a shared understanding of SEND, effective identification of needs, and the use of assessment to inform high-quality provision and intervention.

Blackpool's SEND support team training offer to schools and colleges.

If you would like to book any of the following training for your setting please email sendsupport@blackpool.gov.uk

Training	Area of SEND	Cost
New to SENCO role	General SEND training	Free
TA use of the graduated approach toolkit	General SEND training	Free
ECT SEND training	General SEND training	Free
Elklan Let's Talk Level 1 for TAs (for 5 to 11-year-olds)	Communication and interaction	£100 pp
Supporting reluctant talkers in the classroom	Communication and interaction	Free
Neuroinclusive Education Network – making sense of autism	Communication and interaction	Free
Neuroinclusive Education Network – additional modules	Communication and interaction	Free
The use of visuals in the classroom	Communication and interaction	Free
BLANK levels of questioning	Communication and interaction	Free

Speech production difficulties workshop	Communication and interaction	Free
Language difficulties workshop	Communication and interaction	Free
Communication difficulties workshop	Communication and interaction	Free
Cygnet for parents	Communication and interaction	Free
Active spellings	Cognition and learning	Free
Colourful semantics	Cognition and learning	Free
Precision teaching	Cognition and learning	Free
Adaptive teaching	Cognition and learning	Free
Identifying and supporting children and young people with mathematical difficulties	Cognition and learning	Free
Dyspraxia awareness	Cognition and learning	Free
Trauma and attachment aware schools	SEMH	Free
Anxiety in the classroom	SEMH	Free
Behaviour is communication	SEMH	Free
Nurture Circles - nurturing trust, attachment and regulation through play	SEMH	Free
Using therapeutic story telling with children	SEMH	Free
Picture your feelings – exploring emotions through images	SEMH	Free
Recognising and responding to sensory seeking behaviours in the classroom	Physical and sensory	Free
An introduction to assistive Technology	Physical and sensory	Free

Course for parents

The team can run any of these training sessions in your setting for parents you think would find this beneficial.

Training	Cost
Cygnet	Free
Recognising and responding to sensory seeking behaviours	Free
Dealing with children's anxiety	Free

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