



Welcome from Jacky Forster, Director of Education and 14-19 Skills, Cheshire East Council and Chair of the SEND Partnership Board



Hello and welcome to the latest issue of SENDing you the news, with all the latest updates from the 0-25 SEND Partnership.

I hope that you all are safe and well in these challenging times and I want to reassure you that work has been continuing at a pace on improving services identified in our [written statement of action](#), the plan that was put together following our last inspection in 2018.

We had a very positive meeting with parents and carers recently who gave us examples of where things are working well and in a recent SEND Partnerships meeting we reported that Education Health and Care Plan timeliness is improving, a new SEND training plan is in place and we are seeing a high attendance rate at all our schools, including special schools. Watch out for more examples of good progress over the coming months.

We are also working hard to ensure that you receive this newsletter monthly and encourage anyone who has any news to share to get in touch via our [online form](#).

I hope that you find this issue informative and can I take this opportunity again to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to our children and young people with SEND this year and please stay safe.

Letters to parents and carers – Education Update

The coronavirus outbreak has impacted on every aspect of school life. Firstly, I would like to thank all families for the way you have worked with us during the pandemic. I appreciate that the last six months have been difficult for all families in adhering to restrictions to normal life routines and that this will have brought additional challenges to families in continuing to support your child where they have additional needs. Read the full letter [here](#).

Admissions Letter September 2020

I would firstly like to apologise for any miscommunication regarding the September 2021 transition/admission letters sent out during September, due to several queries I wanted to clarify a few [key questions](#).

NASEN widens SEND support with free membership for all

NASEN, a charity that supports and champions those working with, and for, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and learning differences, is offering all individuals across the UK [free membership from January 4th](#), 2021.

Cheshire East's Children's Centre Offer

[Cheshire East Children's Centres](#) currently have a wide range of services, both face to face and virtually, being delivered for children and families during the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

Well done to our Cheshire East Students

We would like to share just a [few of the achievements](#) made by students supported by the Sensory Inclusion Service attained this year.

SEND children and young people's priorities – North West Survey

The North West children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) coproduction steering group would welcome your help in circulating the following [survey link](#) to children and young people with SEND.

Our Family Information Service is here to help

We interviewed Rachel Nesbitt, the manager of the [Cheshire East Family Information Service](#) recently. Rachel tells us a little bit about herself and the team and how they offer free, confidential and impartial information, advice and guidance for families with children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND.

Contact Details

If you have any good news stories you would like to share for SENDing you the news please submit them via our new [online form](#).



The Cheshire East SEND Partnership includes:

- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
- Cheshire East Information
- Advice and Support
- Local community & voluntary organisations
- NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Providers of health services
- Early years providers, schools and further education

