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UNIVERSAL RISE SEND OFFER 26-27

EAST MIDLANDS

STRENGTHENING INCLUSION • BUILDING CAPACITY • IMPROVING OUTCOMES

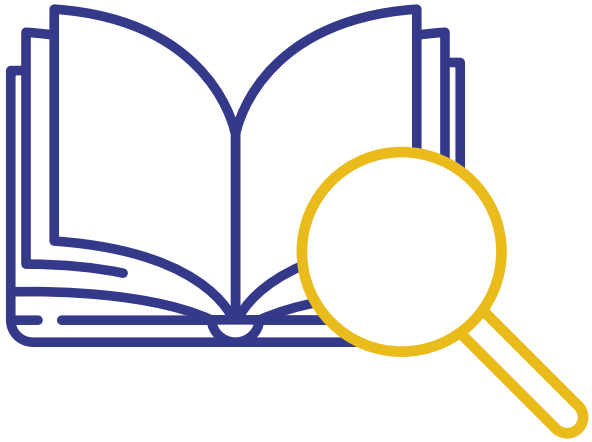
THE CONTEXT & PURPOSE

WHY THE UNIVERSAL RISE SEND OFFER?

Now entering its second year, the Universal RISE SEND Offer builds on the success and learning from the 2025-26 programme. It has been developed in response to regional SEND and inclusion challenges, providing a flexible, tiered programme that supports mainstream schools and Inclusion Bases to strengthen inclusive practice and improve outcomes for pupils with SEND.

KEY POINTS:

- Designed for primary and secondary schools
- Flexible – engage with all or selected elements
- Evidence-informed and practice-focused
- Fully funded through the DfE (time-limited)



WHAT THE OFFER INCLUDES

A TIERED SEND PROGRAMME



SEND & INCLUSION BASE REVIEWS

- 10 fully funded SEND Reviews (mainstream primary & secondary)
- 15 tailored reviews for Inclusion Bases
- Action-focused reports and recommendations



ONLINE CPD

- 18 online SEND CPD modules + 4 new for 2026-27
- 6 online Inclusion Base CPD modules
- Open access for all East Midlands schools



NETWORKS AND COLLABORATION

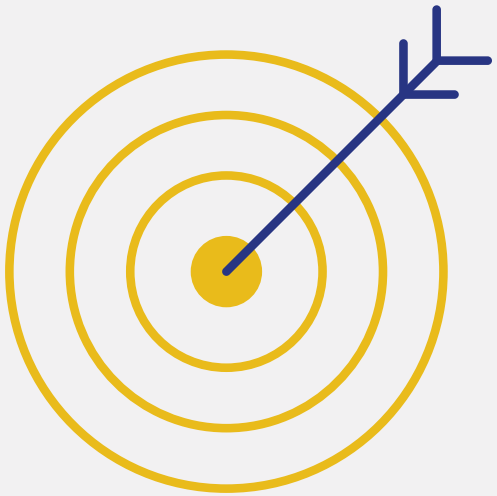
- Regional Inclusion Base network for school funded bases
- Shared learning, resources and system collaboration
- Supporting SEND and AP hubs within schools and MATs

SEND REVIEWS

TARGETED SEND REVIEWS

SEND Reviews support settings to identify strengths, pinpoint gaps and plan targeted improvement actions aligned with statutory requirements and inclusive best practice.

- One-day, in-person SEND Review
- Half-day preparation by reviewer
- Pre-audit, self-evaluation tool
- Following review day, full written report



KEY OUTCOMES:

- Clear priorities for improvement
- Practical, achievable recommendations
- Strong alignment with national priorities and inclusion agenda

ONLINE SEND CPD
(UNIVERSAL ACCESS)

22 ONLINE SEND CPD MODULES – FREE ACCESS

A comprehensive virtual CPD programme supporting leaders, teachers, governors and support staff to develop confident, inclusive SEND practice.

LEADERS AND GENERAL

- Distributed Leadership
- Building Effective Relationships with Parents
- Engagement Model
- Exploring Pre-Key Stage Standards
- New for 26-27 Leading True Inclusion

TEACHERS

- High Quality Teaching - The Inclusive Teacher
- Scaffolding
- Communication and Interaction Needs Toolkit
- Physical and Sensory Needs Toolkit
- Cognition and Learning Needs Toolkit
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs Toolkit
- New for 26-27 Early Communication
- New for 26-27 Person-centred Learning
- New for 26-27 Belonging and Mattering

TAS

- Role of Teaching Assistants Working with Pupils with SEND
- Delivering Effective Intervention Programmes
- Calm and Ready to Learn
- Pupil Interaction - Questioning and Scaffolding

BEHAVIOUR

- Behaviour as a Form of Communication
- Emotion Coaching
- Trauma-informed Practice
- De-escalation



- Recordings hosted on the platform
- Accessible at any time
- Available for all East Midlands schools

To get access, scan the QR code or click here:

INCLUSION BASE SUPPORT

TAILORED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS EXPLORING, DEVELOPING OR STRENGTHENING INCLUSION BASES

WHAT THE SUPPORT INCLUDES:

- **15 tailored Inclusion Base reviews**
  - Bespoke reviews aligned to statutory expectations and local context.
- **6 dedicated online modules, covering:**
  - Statutory requirements
  - Curriculum design
  - Engagement Model
  - Pre-Key Stage Standards
- **Practical guidance to support sustainable development and next steps.**

Discover Where You Are in Your Inclusion Base Journey

The audit will help your school recognise strengths, identify priorities and plan the next steps for developing effective, sustainable and genuinely inclusive provision.

15 Inclusion Base reviews

Your school may be eligible if the inclusion base:

- is funded by the school, trust or LA; and
- provides support for children and young people with SEND, either at SEN Support or with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).



15 Inclusion Base Reviews

Clear evaluation of provision with practical, actionable recommendations.



6 Online Modules

Flexible CPD supporting confident leadership, curriculum design and statutory compliance.



Stronger Provision & Outcomes

Improved consistency, clarity and confidence in Enhanced Provision practice.

INCLUSION BASE MODULES

- From National Context to Local Design
- Belonging as the Anchor
- Design That Works
- People, Practice and Professional Expertise
- Policy, Processes and Partnerships
- Knowing It's Working

INCLUSION UNIT NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

COLLABORATION, CONNECTION AND SHARED PRACTICE

Four online launch meetings and four regional face-to-face development events will connect Inclusion Units and Bases, specialist provisions, local special schools, mainstream schools and trusts across the East Midlands. A final regional conference will bring the network together to share learning, effective practice and key developments from across the programme.

THE NETWORK WILL SUPPORT:

- Sharing effective practice and expertise
- Inclusion Base development
- Curriculum development and implementation
- Outreach between specialist and mainstream settings
- Peer support and collaborative problem-solving
- Stronger regional connections and communities of practice

A COMBINATION OF ONLINE AND FACE-TO-FACE EVENTS

Fully funded through the Universal RISE SEND Offer.

Round 1	Time	Location
Wed 4th Nov	1.15pm - 2.45pm	Online
Wed 4th Nov	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Online
Thur 12th Nov	**3.30pm - 5pm**	Online
Tues 10th Nov	9.15am - 10.45am	Online
Round 2		
Wed 20th Jan	1.00pm - 4.00pm	TBC
Thur 4th Feb	9.15am - 12.15pm	TBC
Tues 23rd Feb	1.00pm - 4.00pm	TBC
Tues 9th March	9.15am - 12.15pm	TBC
Conference		
Mid-March	Full day	TBC

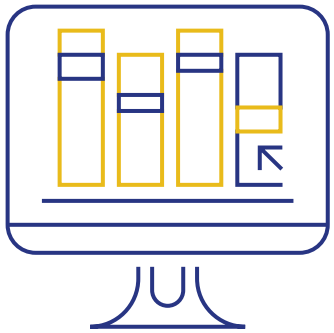


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RESOURCE HUB DEVELOPMENT

QUALITY-ASSURED RESOURCES & EFFECTIVE PRACTICE

A developing regional hub bringing together practical SEND resources, implementation tools and examples of effective inclusive practice from across the East Midlands.



THE RESOURCE HUB WILL INCLUDE:

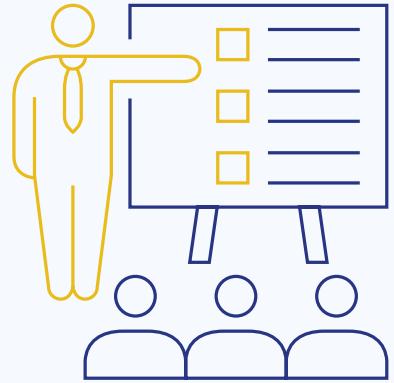
- Quality-assured SEND resources and tools
- Practical implementation guidance
- Adaptive teaching and high-quality teaching resources
- Exemplification of effective inclusive practice
- Learning identified through reviews and regional activity
- Written and filmed case studies from East Midlands settings

SHARING WHAT WORKS

Supporting schools to access practical, transferable approaches and learn from effective practice across the region.

FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

ADAPTIVE TEACHING & HIGH-QUALITY PEDAGOGY



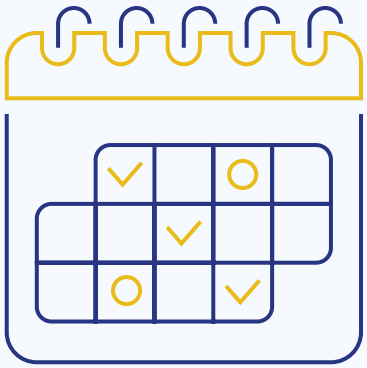
Eight fully funded face-to-face training sessions will be delivered at venues across the East Midlands, supporting practitioners to strengthen inclusive classroom practice.

THE TRAINING WILL FOCUS ON:

- Adaptive teaching
- High-quality teaching for pupils with SEND
- Identifying and reducing barriers to learning
- Responding to diverse learner needs
- Maintaining high expectations for all pupils
- Practical approaches for everyday classroom practice

9 REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Designed for teachers, SENCOs, Inclusion Leads and school leaders.



Session	Date	Venue
Session 1	09/12/2026	Corby, Northamptonshire
Session 2	14/12/2026	Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Session 3	13/01/2027	Skegness, Lincolnshire
Session 4	28/01/2027	Ilkeston, Derbyshire
Session 5	02/02/2027	Birstall, Leicester
Session 6	09/02/2027	Moulton, Northamptonshire
Session 7	10/02/2027	Annesley, Nottinghamshire
Session 8	25/02/2027	Newark, Nottinghamshire
Session 9	24/03/2027	Spalding, Lincolnshire

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PROJECT TEAM

Our Reviewers are carefully selected for each setting based on their experience, expertise and understanding of context.



JAMES ELLIS
Director of SEND

- Strategic oversight of the Universal RISE SEND Offer and alignment with regional and national priorities.



REBECCA WRIGHT
Project & Operational Lead

- Main point of contact for schools
- SEND Reviews and delivery coordination
- School engagement, logistics and review scheduling



KELLY WALKER
Project Manager

- Project management and coordination
- Online SEND CPD modules and platform
- Administration, communications and reporting

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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Inclusion Base Reviews
Email us to express an interest, open to all schools

Online CPD
Open access to all schools:

Networks
Express interest to join:

Adaptive Training
Book here:

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