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| **Level 3 Early Years SENCo Award**  Wirral-Council-Logo-730x200 - Safe Water Training Sea School LTDGraphical user interface, application, Teams  Description automatically generatedChild playing with blown bubbles outsideDeveloped by School Improvement Liverpool and delivered by Wirral Early Years SEND Officers |
| **The purpose of the course is to ensure that SENCO’s:**   * Feel capable and confident to effectively support the children and families they work with. * To understand that the quality of provision a child with SEND experiences has major implications for the child and their family. * Are aware that the role of the SENCO is a complex one and how to undertake it effectively. |
| **The programme consists of:**   * 12 full days training (plus half a day celebration event) held in term time. * Visits to other participant’s settings to share and reflect on good practice. * SEND statutory requirements, the role of the SENCO, and exploring processes and pathways. * SENCO’s will be able to hear from the work of other professionals such as Educational Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy, Autism and Social Communication Team and many more. We invite a guest speaker to every session. * Visit to specialist provision. |
| **Participants will need to:**   * Be a minimum of Level 3 qualified practitioner and currently working as a SENCO, or are interested in taking on this role within their setting. If you are new to the SENCO role, you **must** attend ‘The role of SENCO’ training before undertaking this level 3 course. * Involve and commit to completing the programme. * Complete two level 3 written assignments, carry out a planned activity with a child with SEND, observed by the assessor, complete a portfolio of evidence, carry out research and further study in between sessions. |
| *The SEND and Alternative Provision improvement plan: Right support, right place, right time, DfE (March 2023)*highlights the importance of increasing the number of trained and qualified SENCo’s in early years settings. |
| This course is fully funded by Wirral Council and will be FREE to all participants.  **Only one funded place per setting can be offered.**  All sessions are 9.30am to 4.00pm. Session 1, 6 and 12 in person, remainder virtual via Microsoft Teams.  **Dates of training**:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Session | Date | Session | Date | | 1 | 27th February 2024 | 7 | 23rd April 2024 | | 2 | 5th March 2024 | 8 | 30th April 2024 | | 3 | 12th March 2024 | 9 | 7th May 2024 | | 4 | 19th March 2024 | 10 | 14th May 2024 | | 5 | 26th March 2024 | 11 | 21st May 2024 | | 6 | 16th April 2024 | 12 | 4th June 2024 |   Participants **MUST** be able to attend **ALL** sessions prior to booking a place on the course.  A Celebration Event is held a few months after the completion of the course for learners to share their experiences with other SENCO’s and setting managers. Certificates are awarded at this event. |
| Please discuss the course with your manager to ensure you can be fully released on **ALL** course days and that they will facilitate personal study time during the course.  To book a place on this course see <https://wirraleyquality.co.uk/all-courses/>.  You will be required to complete a learning agreement prior to the start of the course.  For further information please contact Joanne France, EY SEND Officer at [joannefrance@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:joannefrance@wirral.gov.uk) |