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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.
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| **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.
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| **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.
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| *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**:

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| 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 |