

SEN Inclusion Update

High Quality Education for Children with SEN in Gateshead

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This is the second newsletter to share with you the progress in taking forward the agreed recommendations from the SEN Inclusion Review agreed by the Council on 15 July 2008.

The SEN Inclusion Review

One of the recommendations of the review was to set up an Inclusion Implementation Team. This team has been created and is made up of the following people:

Kimberly Brown (Communication and Research)

Elaine Boyes (Consultation with Children and Young People)

Deborah Mason (Monitoring and Funding)

Susan Ratliff (Lead Implementation Officer)

The team has been extended to include Catherine Waters, a MSB primary representative, and Sylvia Routledge, a Special School representative.

What has happened so far?

- Visits to all Special Schools have taken place. A day was spent in each setting talking to staff and pupils and looking at the provision for our children and young people.
- Visits to all MSBs (Mainstream Support Bases) for children with moderate learning difficulties have been carried out at primary.

What are the Teams Priorities?

The team's priorities for this term are:

1. Developing the Cedars provision
2. Developing Additionally Resourced Mainstream Schools (ARMS)

3. Looking at the money available to support children and aiming to agree what a child in Gateshead should get in a mainstream school

Communication and Consultation

We need your help to know how we can communicate with as many people as possible - children, families, staff in schools, governors and the wider communities that our schools are in.

We want to ensure that as many people as possible are able to contribute to future consultation, and would welcome any ideas on how we can improve this. Details of how you can contact us you're your suggestions are given below.

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We are hoping to have a text service available in the near future and we are also asking schools who have websites to share this with parents and children or to publish details of how it can be accessed through the Gateshead Council website.

Our next newsletter will be issued in the Summer Term.



**For further information contact Admin Support tel: (0191) 433 8594
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