

Merton Special Training Association

Continuing Professional Development at Cricket Green School 2024-2025



Course	Trainer/s	Date/s	Cost
<p>Autism and Anxiety (Autism Education Trust)</p> <p>This module explores how autistic youngsters might express anxiety, what can cause anxiety and what you can do to prevent and reduce the anxiety.</p>	Merton Autism Outreach Service	28 November 2024 or 13 February 2025 9:30-12:00	I = £75 G = £150
<p>Good Autism Practice, schools (Autism Education Trust)</p> <p>Practical knowledge, hands on tools and techniques for all staff working directly with pupils on the autism spectrum (e.g. TAs, lunchtime staff, teachers, SENCos).</p>	Merton Autism Outreach Service	24 October 2024 or 6 February 2025 9:30-3:00	I = £150 G = £300
<p>Managing behaviours that challenge in the classroom: Positive engagement</p> <p>The workshop will explore strategies and approaches to support positive pupil behaviour in the classroom.</p>	Merton Educational Psychology Service	14 November 2024 or 30 January 2025 9:30-12:00	I = £75 G = £150
<p>Autism and Eating</p> <p>This training explores the differences that may be observed in the eating behaviours of young people with autism. We will look at different approaches and strategies that can be used to support development and enjoyment in this area.</p>	Merton Autism Outreach Service	21 November 2024 or 6 March 2025 9:30-12:00	I = £75 G = £150
<p>Using social narratives to support learners with autism</p> <p>Social narratives can help children with autism develop greater social understanding. This workshop will look at ways social narratives can be used and the steps to follow to write your own social narratives. All participants are then invited to attend a later follow up workshop to share the narratives that they have written and receive additional specific support and guidance.</p>	Merton Autism Outreach Service	7 November 2024 or 13 March 2025 1:30-3:30	I = £75 G = £150
<p>NAS Parent Programmes (EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus & Teenlife)</p> <p>These parent programmes are designed to support parents and carers of pupils on the autistic spectrum (under 5yrs, 5-9yrs and 10-16yrs, respectively). Sessions cover understanding autism, communication and behaviour. Programme book and individual support included.</p>	Merton Autism Outreach Service & EPS	Programmes are run termly. Parents self refer by contacting 0208 640 1177.	Available to Merton residents in Merton maintained schools and academies
<p>Top tips for supporting students with SLCN in the classroom</p> <p>How best to support the development of early communication skills, attention and listening, talking and understanding using visuals and language strategies.</p>	Verity Woodfield Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist	17 October 2024 9:30-12:00	I = £75 G = £150
<p>Differentiating language effectively in the classroom</p> <p>Introducing the 4 Blank levels of questioning and how to use these to differentiate language and questioning for pupils with SLCN. This will also cover how to administer the Test of Abstract Language Comprehension which can be used to determine a pupil's Blank level.</p>	Heidi Vignalou Speech & Language Therapist	23 January 2025 9:30-12:00	I = £75 G = £150
<p>Transition from primary to secondary school</p> <p>Workshop for school staff to support autistic learners or those with social communication differences with the transition from primary to secondary school. The workshop will share resources and look at ways to adapt and deliver support.</p>	Merton Autism Outreach Service	22 May 2025 9:00-11:00	Free to Merton maintained schools and academies

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<p>Working with pupils with Down Syndrome</p> <p>This training will explore strategies to support communication, behaviour and participation. Sensory processing difficulties that may affect eating, drinking and toileting will be addressed.</p>	Symbol UK	Please register your interest in this training by sending an email to the address below	Available on request
<p>Makaton for Professionals: Foundation Workshop</p> <p>Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people communicate. The workshop provides a detailed introduction to Makaton and combines a practical approach with theory and technical information.</p>	Symbol UK	Please register your interest in this training by sending an email to the address below	Available on request

I = Individual, G = Group (up to 3 participants from one school)

All listed training is face to face and hosted at Cricket Green school unless otherwise specified.

Some courses can be scheduled on alternative dates and/or delivered virtually to suit the needs of an organisation.

Lunch is provided for full day training when face to face.

To make a booking, please complete the booking form attached and send to the email address below.

For further information please email us at: msta@cricketgreen.merton.sch.uk