

Identifying Needs and Provision for Students with SEND – Do labels matter?

Friday 26 June 2026 9:30 am – 3 pm

A Specialist Masterclass with Lorraine Petersen OBE

With over 25 years in education and an OBE for services to SEND, former Naseen CEO Lorraine Petersen is a renowned consultant providing expert training, policy support, and mental health advocacy.

The world of SEND in mainstream schools is changing. There is a rise in the number of children and young people with more complex needs. The new Ofsted category of Inclusion is being embedded within the inspection process, and the government SEND Reforms have been proposed. This will ultimately have an impact on how we identify, assess, intervene, monitor and track students in the future.

This one-day training will offer an insight into how all these changes will impact on the education of our SEND students in the future.

Who Should Attend?

Primary and Secondary School SENCOs, Assistant SENCOs and those aspiring to the role.

Focus:

- **Identify with Confidence:** Master the tools and strategies to accurately identify students with diverse SEND.
- **Effective Interventions:** Gain practical guidance on implementing evidence-based universal and targeted support strategies.
- **Measure Impact:** Learn how to monitor interventions effectively to ensure tangible progress and improved outcomes for every learner.

Outline of the Day

- **Session 1 | Identifying Needs:** Neurodiversity, the Four Broad Areas, working with parent-carers and external support.
- **Session 2 | Embedding Provision:** Universal vs. specialist support, evidenced based interventions, use of technology to support, and staff deployment.
- **Session 3 | Monitoring & Tracking:** Assessment systems, student progress meetings, communicating with parents and measuring outcomes.

Cost: Secondary SLA members 2 free places; Primary SLA members 1 free place; non-SLA members £150 per delegate. Lunch & refreshments provided.

Venue: GUTP House, Sponne School, Brackley Road, Towcester NN12 6DJ.

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