

Update on Interventions

The re-direction of the £1.5m, to the High Needs Block in 2020/21 has been, and continues to be, paramount for us to deliver the support to primary and secondary schools. The following interventions are now in place as a result of this re-direction of funding from previous years:

- We have continued to develop and grow our **city-wide nurture offer**. This offer has continued with adaptations during COVID, with support given to schools directly as well as face to face provision in the nurture hubs.
- Five nurture hubs and additional outreach support to schools is in place.
- We continue to invest in the Sheffield Inclusion Centre to support the reintegration of pupils to mainstream.
- The Inclusion Gateway fund has been launched to enable access to short term funding for schools to improve the outcomes of children who are at risk of disengaging with education.
- During the school year 2019-20, 92 children were referred to support by the Primary Inclusion Panel (PIP) and permanent exclusion was avoided for 86 of these. 51 children were referred to the Secondary Inclusion Panel (SIP) and for those supported by SIP for a month or more, permanent exclusion was avoided in 46 cases.
- The Speech and Language Therapy input is seen as crucial to the panel as this provides a holistic assessment far beyond just the speech and language input.
- **The SEND Parenting** offer now has the capacity to support around 80 parents each term through intensive support:
 - **Empowering Parents Empowering Communities:** a parenting engagement programme, where parents volunteer to deliver evidence-based parenting interventions within their community, has expanded. This programme enables us to reach those parents who may not normally engage with professionals; and evidence to date in other areas of the country has found significantly greater improvements in positive parenting practices and reduction in child problems.

'Being a Parent ASD' (for parents of children with primary age children) has been successfully implemented and now runs each term with a good success rate of retaining parents through the programme. This is currently being delivered via Zoom.

- **Triple P Online** (parenting programme) is available across the city. This will enable a broader offer of parenting support, maximising the ability to

reach those parents who prefer digital input rather than face-to-face support.

- **The Incredible Years ASD** programme is an intensive programme delivered with support from health professionals at **Ryegate**, offering parenting support programmes for children diagnosed with autism under the age of eight. **The Teen Triple P ASD** is a similarly adapted programme for parents of secondary age children with ASD. These programmes are being well received by parents and the numbers of programmes each term has been increased to cater for demand.
- A new programme to support parents of children with DLD (Developmental Language Disorder) is currently being developed between parenting specialists and SALT service. This will be trailed with a group of parents in January.