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Spring Term Newsletter 2017

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

We still hope that this is a useful overview for you on the work this term of your SEND Hub for Area A in West Sussex, along with a picture of what we hope to offer in the coming months in response to the issues you have raised.

Over the last two terms The Novio Working Party has continued to work hard to develop the 'Professional Portal' on the NOVIO website www.noviosupport.org

We have researched a great deal of information and collaborated with key professionals to produce relevant and up to date advice and information. Novio have two dates booked to launch **The Novio Professional Portal** - the first being Monday 27th March 9-12am at St Anthony's School, the second being Tuesday 4th April 1-4pm at Fordwater School. You are all very welcome to attend either the launch, or just to visit the website after it has been launched. A separate flyer has been emailed to all Area A settings.

The final stage of the plan is still to develop an interactive 'Question and Answer' dialogue box within the Professional Portal area of the website.

The Novio Working Party aim to have a direct link to a named person within each professional body to liaise with regarding any queries so that any questions can be dealt with in a timely fashion. The answers to these questions/queries would then go directly to the person asking the question and they would also be anonymized into a scenario and recorded on the Portal. This will become our 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on the Professional Portal.

The Novio Working party, along with Charlotte Smith (SEND Local Offer Officer), are trialing a live webinar session at 1pm on Tuesday 28th March. During this webinar session Novio will take you through the website and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you in cyberspace!

This term Ruth Aspden from Novio has delivered a 'Sleep' workshop for parents/carers at Camelsdale Primary School. The course received positive feedback. *"Just to say a huge thank you for your input on Friday...it really was just right and parents are telling me they found it really useful and have made changes already!!"*

Tracey Orde, from The Academy, Selsey, has just delivered a twilight session on 'Dyslexia' for Southbourne Junior School.

Hilary Freeborough from Novio has delivered both a two day 'Foundation Makaton Workshop' for professionals and a 'Beginner's Makaton Workshop' for parents/carers. Positive feedback included *"interactive with great opportunity to practice/revise, practical sessions were really helpful for reinforcing all the signs taught, very informative and enthusiastic tutor, I was surprised how quickly we learnt the signs"*

The Novio Working Party continues to receive individual requests for support and advice. *"Very good examples of how I could adapt resources to support our pupil"*

In collaboration with 'The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum' www.wspcf.org.uk, Novio hosted a successful coffee morning whereby several stakeholders came along

to share information and advice. These included representatives from WSCC Transport, Challengers and Kids (children's charities offering short breaks). *"Today's event was fantastic, thank you so much! It was so good to meet other parents from the various schools and also have the reps from other support groups"*.

Resulting from this session and requests/feedback from parents/carers, Novio has developed a new feedback area on the Parent Portal area of the website. <http://noviosupport.org/moodle/>

The website continues to be updated on a weekly basis. We hope you are still finding it useful. Please remember to check the website regularly for information on new courses and events.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to working with many of you in the Summer Term.

For further details on any of our courses, or to book a place, just go to our website:

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