



## SEND Learning Programme

Willow Dene School is the only special school in Greenwich which meets the needs of children aged 2-16, with a wide range of special educational needs. Their teachers are exceptional practitioners, who work as part of an extensive multi-disciplinary team of specialists to plan learning pathways, that ensure children are given the best opportunities to thrive and become independent. They are National Autistic Society accredited and a MOVE Centre of Excellence.

Willow Dene offer a comprehensive SEND programme at their Swingate Lane site covering the following areas:

**ASD awareness** - Develop your knowledge and understanding of the underlying difficulties experienced by children on the autistic spectrum and explore strategies and interventions that will promote best practise.

**Sensory processing** - Develop knowledge and understanding of children's readiness for learning and how best to implement sensory processing strategies to support self-regulation.

**Enabling inclusion for leaders** - Consider what underpins successful inclusion, for example embedding support structures, realising potential in people, securing funding, identifying strategic priorities, ensuring positive relationships, promoting pupil voice, enabling technologies, capitalising on partnerships, and being aspirational for all.

**Engaging learners at early developmental levels** - Explore how to engage learners working at early developmental levels through strategies that have been implemented, tested and embedded into classroom practice within a special school. The session explores the use of play, sensory exploration, sensory stories, modelling and other methods to overcome barriers to learning.

**Pupil voice** - This session explores how a special school setting encourages, promotes and shares pupil voice for the most complex of learners. It also explores how pupil voice is promoted in the school environment and wider community.

The programme is a hybrid of five virtual and face to face sessions at a cost of £40 per session or £150 for all five sessions.

| Session                                         | Lead                                                                                                                   | Date                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ASD awareness                                   | <b>Claire Bayfield</b> (Deputy Head, Willow Dene)                                                                      | Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 |
| Sensory processing                              | <b>Mandy Baines</b> (Sensory Processing Co-ordinator, Willow Dene) & <b>Claire Bayfield</b> (Deputy Head, Willow Dene) | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 |
| Enabling inclusion for leaders                  | <b>Beth Tornton</b> (SEND & Inclusion Lead, Compass)                                                                   | Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 |
| Engaging learners at early developmental levels | <b>Joshua Garrett-Smith</b> (Assistant Head Teacher, Willow Dene)                                                      | Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 |
| Pupil voice                                     | <b>Kelly Welch</b> (Assistant Head Teacher, Willow Dene)                                                               | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 |