

Bents Green Learning Community

**Supporting development of a positive sense of self
with pupils with autism**

Half Day Thrive Conference

Thursday 6th April 2017

9.30am to 2.00pm

(Lunch 1.00pm-2.00pm)

Bents Green Specialist Secondary School

Ringinglow Road

Sheffield S11 7TB

Research evidence suggests that pupils with autism experience significant issues in the development of a positive sense of self. Problems with identifying who you are and finding your place in the world can lead to feelings of anxiety, depression, anger and despair. All of these are barriers to learning and achievement. This event will explore how and why these problems might arise and together we will suggest ways of working that might enable the development of a more positive sense of self. Thrive is growing in popularity as an approach to enable children's social and emotional well-being. Together we will evaluate its potential to support pupils with autism

The cost for this event is:

£50.00 Professionals

£10.00 Parent/Carer

£5.00 University/College Student

There are a limited number of free places for people with autism or parents and carers who otherwise could not attend.

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Conference Programme

Audience: Parents/Carers/Family Members and Practitioners in Education, Health and Social Care who support children and young people with autism

9.00 - 9.30 am	Registration and Refreshments
9.30 - 9.45 am	Welcome Amanda Costello, Headteacher, Sally Haslingden, Deputy Headteacher and Andrew Hinchliffe, Assistant Headteacher, Bents Green School
9.45 - 10.15 am	Identifying the barriers to developing a positive sense of self for pupils with autism by Nick Hodge, Professor of Inclusive Practice and Emma Rice, PhD researcher, The Autism Centre, Sheffield Hallam University.
10.15 - 11.15 am	Thrive By Viv Trask-Hall, Regional Development Manager for Thrive Thrive is becoming established as an approach that can support effectively the social and emotional well-being of children. This presentation will set out the history, philosophy, principles and practices of Thrive.
11.15 - 11.30 am	Refreshments
11.30am - 12.15pm	Evaluating the applicability of Thrive for pupils with autism. The session will involve round table discussion for delegates to evaluate whether and how Thrive might be a useful approach for pupils with autism. This will be facilitated by Viv Trask-Hall and Dr. Coral Harper.
12.15 -12.45pm	School engagement with development of a sense of self This presentation will report on a project between The Autism Centre, Sheffield Hallam University and four schools that explored how staff in schools understand and respond to development of a sense of self with pupils with autism.
12.45 -1.00pm	Closing remarks by Amanda Costello and Nick Hodge
1.00 – 2.00pm	Buffet lunch

Booking Form

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Name:	
Contact address with organisation name where applicable:	
State Job Title (if applicable) or if parent/carer or family member:	
Contact Telephone No: Email Address:	
Contact name and address for bookings from professionals and students to send invoices to:	
<u>Bents Green School Parents/Carers</u> please tick to enable payment to be made via Sims Agora once places have been allocated.	<input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE TICK THE BOX
Non Bents Green parent/carers and other non-professional attendees	<i>Details of how to pay will be sent once places have been allocated.</i>

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To reserve a place for this event please return your booking form to:

Andrea Brewin, Bents Green School, Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, S11 7TB

Or please send information requested via Email: abrewin@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk

Or by Telephone: 0114 2363545

Full details are also available on Bents Green School website: www.bentsgreenschool.co.uk

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you wish to cancel your place please inform us at least 5 working days before the event date. There will be a waiting list of participants so it is important that we know of any cancellations as soon as possible.