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Dingley's Promise Early Years Inclusion Programme

Have you signed up for the FREE Dingley's Promise Early Years Inclusion Programme? As part of the pilot rollout across the UK, Swindon has managed to secure nearly 300 active learners which equates to over 25% of the Early Years workforce in the area, the highest percentage in the UK wide project.

With the support of Comic Relief funding, Dingley's Promise are working with 30 local authorities over 5 years to improve education and learning development of inclusive practice of those working with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Swindon is one of the Local Authorities lucky enough to have been chosen to work on this exciting project. The main aim of the project is to increase the number of young children with SEND accessing early years and childcare places.

This training is primarily for anyone working with young children but the skills are transferable across all age ranges. This also includes those working in any role within the health/childcare sector. Together, we could achieve a Dingley's Promise Inclusion Friendly Setting Kitemark for Swindon Borough Council simply by completing core elements of our Early Years Inclusion Programme. This would be a real asset to reflect the inclusive practice we strive for as a borough.

How do I register?

Register at <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/early-years-inclusion-programme/> 

For queries or support, please contact training@dingley.org.uk 


For further information contact AShaw@swindon.gov.uk

Independent Travel Scheme



Swindon Borough Council believes that children and young people with SEND should be equipped with skills to enable them to live long, happy and fulfilling adult lives.

As part of our commitment to prepare our children and young people to live independent lives we are today launching our new Independent Travel Scheme. The concept of independent travel is not new and many Local Authorities have been supporting successful independent travel for a number of years, and Swindon Borough Council have been working with these Local Authorities and other expert organisations to develop its own Independent Travel Offer. The Council has invested in this scheme and there is a dedicated Independent Travel Hub who are fully qualified to be able to deliver independent travel training to children and young people who are eligible.

To find out more on eligibility and what Independent Travel entails use the QR code below or visit the [Swindon SEND Local Offer Independent Travel Training pages](#) 



Mental Health Awareness Week 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week is from 15th May until 21st May. This year the focus is on anxiety.

Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all. Anxiety is another word for when you feel worried or scared. It can make you feel like your heart is beating too fast, like you feel upset, your breathing feels off or you have pins and needles in your hands and feet, as well as lots of other things. Anxiety can sometimes get out of control and become a mental health problem.

Visit the Local Offer website for information and resources about anxiety: [Swindon Local Offer - Anxiety menu](#). Also click on the [Mental Health Foundation](#) web page for more information.

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