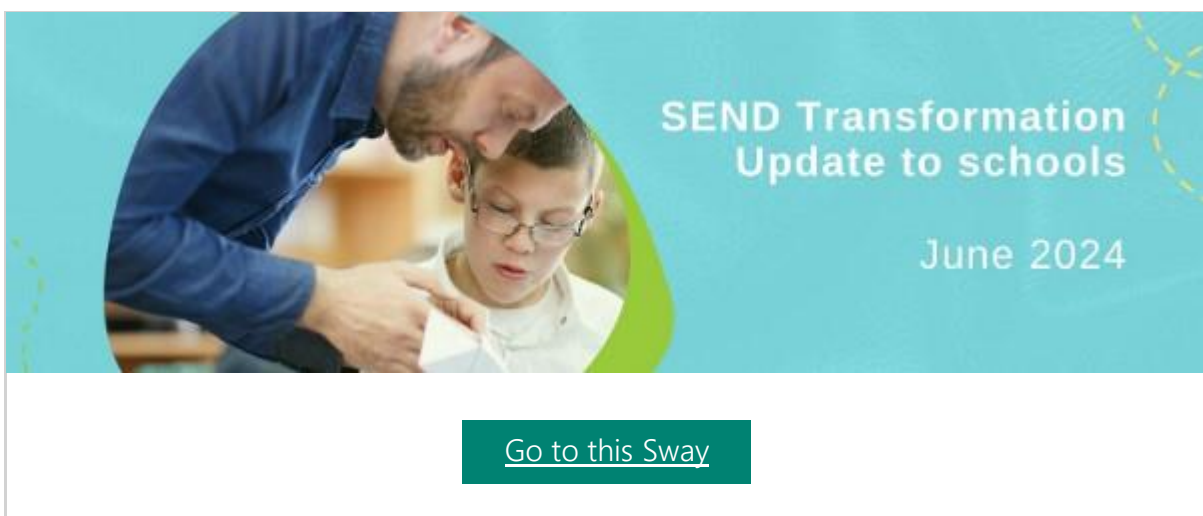


20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear School leader,

Our SEND Transformation team is continuing its work to deliver positive and lasting change for Northern Ireland's SEND system. Thank you to all who participated in our Winter term engagement events. Your feedback and input have been invaluable in helping shape our new model of pupil support. We committed to further engagement with you before the end of term. Due to the busy time of year for our schools, we decided to provide a further update via video, along with a more detailed presentation which you can view by clicking on the link in the graphic below.



We have also included a feedback form which will remain open until the end of September.

We know many of you raised concerns about the timeframe for implementation and the readiness of schools and EA for a September commencement. We have taken this feedback onboard and have decided to implement the new local teams model in phases, using the Autumn term to prepare for the establishment of the local teams, and delivery of the new model in January 2025. The video and presentation will provide further detail on this. We want to make sure we are supporting you and our staff in preparation for this change. We want to get this right so that we can provide the best possible support to all our children and young people reach their full educational potential.

As well as updating you, our schools, we are also planning update events with our parents and carers. We would appreciate your support in promoting these events, taking place over four sessions on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and carers can book the date and time that suits them best by following this link: <https://ow.ly/WxXn50SIVH4>

We have included our social media graphic below should you wish to you promote on your own platforms.

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We will be in touch in the Autumn term with further engagement opportunities for our schools and our parent and carers.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you all have a safe and peaceful Summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hanna".

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