



PRIMARY

SECONDARY

Pathological Demand Avoidance Syndrome (PDA) Workshop

PDA is now considered to be part of the autism spectrum. Individuals with PDA share difficulties with others on the autism spectrum in social aspects of interaction, communication and imagination. However, the central difficulty for people with PDA is the way they are driven to avoid demands and expectations. This is because they have an anxiety based need to be in control.

Course Length: 1 day

Course Tutor: Andrew Whitehouse (SEN Consultant)

Audience: All school staff

Aims:

This training particularly focusses on the understanding that individuals with these conditions may communicate/present differently to neurotypical learners but can still achieve their potential with the implementation of appropriate interventions. The training helps colleagues to see through the eyes of the learners as well as giving them strategies to support learners with this condition. Delegates will learn to understand the needs of individuals with PDA and the associated impairments, create differentiated, age and level appropriate interventions, adapt the sensory environment to meet the needs of individuals and groups of individuals and create effective behavioural interventions and strategies.

Content:

- An overview of how the impairments affecting those with PDA may cause difficulties (What is PDA? The key features of PDA).
- Meeting the needs of those with PDA. Some interactive activities and simple and effective strategies designed to meet a range of needs based on the impairments.
- Strategies and interventions for adapting the sensory environment to meet the behavioural needs of individuals with PDA.
- Why individuals with PDA need Visual Interventions and how they can benefit from them.
- How to create a range of differentiated age and level appropriate Visual Interventions for individuals with PDA
- An investigation into the type of language and presentation suitable for the needs of individuals with PDA.
- Promoting positive behaviour through effective practice

Venue: Harlow Study Centre, Netteswellbury Farm, Harlow, CM18 6BW

Dates: 24th February 2017

Time: 9.15am – 4.30pm

Fees: £195 per person non-members – includes lunch & refreshments
£175 per person HEC members – includes lunch & refreshments

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