



Best
Practice
Network

Proudly part of



Supporting
Education
Group



EYSEN Webinar

Anna Watson and Emma Lee

EYSEN Team



Questions

Please wait until the end of the presentation before you ask any questions in chat or to the presenters as we may well answer them as we go through, and you may miss something whilst you are typing.



Best
Practice
Network

Proudly part of



Supporting
Education
Group



Now taking applications!

BPN are delighted to announce that Early Years SENCo Level 3 qualification is now available again.

Apply today to secure your place.

Settings who have had a place in a previous programme can still apply.

A promotional poster for the Early Years SENCo Level 3 qualification. The top features a pink banner with the text 'Early Years SENCo Level 3' and a light blue banner below it with 'IS NOW OPEN!' flanked by two pink hearts. The background is a photograph of a smiling woman holding a young child's hand on a playground slide. On the right side, there is a white rounded rectangle containing four bullet points, each with a pink checkmark icon. At the bottom, there are three logos: the Best Practice Network logo, the Supporting Education Group logo (labeled 'Proudly part of'), and the Department for Education logo (labeled 'Funded by').

Early Years SENCo Level 3

IS NOW OPEN!

- ✓ Fully funded by the DfE
- ✓ A 6-month, 100% online learning accredited qualification
- ✓ Every setting needs someone to support children with SEND
- ✓ You'll help to create a truly inclusive environment

Best Practice Network

Proudly part of
Supporting Education Group

Funded by
Department for Education

New Contract



9500 **COMPLETERS**



EXPECTED TO BE VERY
POPULAR

Programme Introduction

The DfE want to:

- Increase the number of Level 3 qualified SENCOs available to children in group-based settings and childminder settings, who have the knowledge and skills to properly fulfil the role of a SENCO described in the code of practice and in the role description

It will:

- Support the Department's Best Start in Life Mission, focused on breaking down barriers to opportunity
- Ensuring specialist EY SENCO training continues, contributes to the Government's pledge to increase the proportion of five-year-olds reaching a good level of development (GLD) in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) assessment by 2028, as set out in the Prime Minister's Plan for Change

Minister Bailey

Early education minister Olivia Bailey said:

‘BPN has a strong track record of delivery, and this next phase will help us reach more settings across the country – particularly in the communities that need it most – so every child can get on and succeed.’

Eligibility Criteria



PVI group-based setting - F&R EY L3 qualification



Childminder setting - F&R EY L3 qual **OR** L2 EY qual and completed at least 1 L3 training module and have significant experience of working in EY



Working as an EYSENCo or due to take up role



No maintained settings



Best
Practice
Network

Proudly part of



Supporting
Education
Group

Our Programme includes:



Online facilitated training - Expert facilitation of whole/small group practice activities, discussions, case study analyses (4 x 2hr plus 1hr support)



Mentoring – 2 x 1:1 calls with mentor. Focus on progress/impact on self/setting



Online study - Core content plus optional activities determined by individual/setting need – modules reviewed to enhance childminder content



Online enrichment - Group discussion forum, Communities of good practice, Expert-led recorded presentations, podcasts - NEW



Eportfolio assessments - Assessment of evidence from set assessment tasks demonstrating the 8 LOs



Best
Practice
Network

Proudly part of



Supporting
Education
Group

What's New.....

What's new	
Podcasts	30-minute bite sized episodes led by sector experts, accessible anytime
Virtual Tutor	Non generative chatbot, conversational interface preloaded with programme handbooks, readings, templates and FAQs for out of hours first line support
Childminder Content	Additional training materials targeted specifically at childminder settings, programme must remain as one curriculum but consideration given to specific challenges and circumstances encountered by CM woven through programme – Saturday/evening sessions, SME review materials, CM specific animations and case studies
Reduced Live Session Time	Live taught sessions reduced to 2 hours with optional third hour for group support, evening session change of start time
Digital Skills Support/ALN Support	Bespoke digital skills support from eLearning team, ALN support from ALN tutor

Mandatory requirements

To successfully complete the programme there are a number of mandatory elements that **MUST** be completed:

- Attend the induction session
- Attend all 4 online taught sessions
- Complete all 8 study modules
- 8 assignments which meet all 8 learning outcomes for the qualification

**** This programme requires a personal time commitment****

Deadlines!

As with any qualification you will have deadlines that you are required to meet, and these deadlines will be determined by your start date.

After **each** webinar:

- 2 mandatory assignments - submitted by next webinar
- 2 linked self-study modules – complete by next webinar

Benefits of completing the programme

- Understand legislation underpinning SEND provision – the why
- Understand the role of the SENCo – *SEN Co not SEN Do*
- Understand responsibilities in professional development – your own and the team
- The importance of early identification and action and deepen your knowledge around the graduated approach
- Have a deeper understanding of working in partnership – how and who with
- EHCPs – an overview of the process
- Understand **current** funding and implications

Benefits on practice

- Embed inclusive practice
- Support/upskill your team
- Mitigate challenges of SENCo workload
- Intervene early and effectively
- Positive impact and outcomes for children
- Develop your ordinarily available provision/universal offer
- Develop communities of practice – share best practice

2026 Early Years SEND Roadshows



Early Years SEND Roadshow 2026



Manchester

 25 September, 2026

[Get tickets →](#)

Bristol

 2 October, 2026

[Get tickets →](#)

London

 9 October, 2026

[Get tickets →](#)



Best
Practice
Network

Proudly part of



Supporting
Education
Group

Now taking applications!

BPN are delighted to announce that Early Years SENCo Level 3 qualification is now available again.

Apply today to secure your place.

Settings who have had a place in a previous programme can still apply.

A promotional poster for the Early Years SENCo Level 3 qualification. The top features a pink banner with the text 'Early Years SENCo Level 3' in white, followed by a light blue banner with 'IS NOW OPEN!' in dark blue, flanked by two pink heart icons. The background is a photograph of a smiling woman with red hair holding a young child's hand on a playground slide. On the right side, there is a white rounded rectangle containing four bullet points, each with a pink checkmark icon. At the bottom, there are three logos: the Best Practice Network logo (a pink circle with a white arrow), the Supporting Education Group logo (an orange circle with 'se' in white), and the Department for Education logo (a crest with the text 'Department for Education' below it).

Early Years SENCo Level 3

IS NOW OPEN!

- ✓ Fully funded by the DfE
- ✓ A 6-month, 100% online learning accredited qualification
- ✓ Every setting needs someone to support children with SEND
- ✓ You'll help to create a truly inclusive environment

Best Practice Network

Proudly part of

Supporting Education Group

Department for Education

Any questions?



Best
Practice
Network

Proudly part of



Supporting
Education
Group