

# SEND

## Weekly Newsletter

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## Pop-up shop causes a 'sen.se-sation' in Frome

After popping up in Taunton and Yeovil a sen.se Sational addition to the high street has arrived in Frome.

As before, the new outlet in Bath Street, supported by Somerset County Council, is run by young people with stock created by pupils from special schools across Somerset.

The sen.se Sational shop was a big success in Taunton and Yeovil and was a finalist in the Somerset Education Business Awards 2019.

The aim of the project lead by Special Educational Needs.Somerset Expertise (sen.se), with the support of charity Young Somerset, is to support students leaving education to find vital work experience.

Sen.se is a partnership between special schools and specialist provision within Somerset.

Products include ornaments, jams and upcycled furniture, to beautiful limited edition paintings, cards, sweets and plants, silk scarves, lavender products, candles, bird feeders, printed aprons, bags and mugs.

Frome Town Council had helped the team find the premises and agents Cooper and Tanner negotiated with the landlord Anthony Pang to provide the space for free.



## Big SEND survey reminder

We need your views on the support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities receive in Somerset.

What is working, or not working across Education, Health and Social Care as a whole? You can complete the surveys online:

**For children and young people:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDchildsatisfaction](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDchildsatisfaction)

**For parent carers:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDparentsatisfaction](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDparentsatisfaction)

**For practitioners:**

[www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDpractitionersatisfaction](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDpractitionersatisfaction)

For a paper copy of any of the surveys please contact: Jemma Lang [jxlang@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jxlang@somerset.gov.uk)



## Import schools record keeping info

The Information and Records Management Society has released new guidance on records management and retention, updating the 2016 Schools Toolkit widely used by Somerset schools.

The new guidance can be found at [here](#) but unlike the 2016 version, there is no option to download a handy PDF unless you are an IRMS member, and the guidance must be viewed online.

Part of this guidance refers to SEND document transfer e.g. **Page 14: Transferring pupil records:** much more information about safe transfer and advice that the CTF should be accompanied by paper files for SEND and CP data that may not be included in the CTF. If you buy in to the eLIM Data Protection Officer package and are concerned about your records retention contact DPO [dposchools@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:dposchools@somerset.gov.uk)

## Fun activities for all

There are a couple of great events for children, young people and families this weekend. On Saturday 22 June it's the Conquest Centre Open Day 11am –2pm near Taunton on the A358—TA2 6PN.

There's a Forest School, pets corner, dog show, craft stalls, games bouncy castles, refreshments - and loads more.

[Details here.](#)

There's loads of accessible family fun - including a Sensory Tent on Sunday 23 June at Frome Family Festival - [more details here.](#)

## So what is Developmental Language disorder?

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), is a condition which affects seven per cent of the population, that's two children in every class of 30. In contrast, Autistic Spectrum Disorder affects only one per cent of the population but the public is much more aware of this condition compared to DLD.

It's usually diagnosed in childhood but is a life-long condition, and affects a person's understanding of instructions, questions, conversations or stories, and their talking e.g. they may have a limited vocabulary, have difficulty finding the word they



want to use, have difficulty using grammar correctly or sequencing their thoughts into a logical, easy to follow order. These difficulties can impact how the person interacts with others and how they express their feelings. In addition, they are at risk of difficulties with reading and writing.

Speech and Language Therapists can diagnosis DLD

and offer support to the child, their family and other professionals, such as school staff. The Speech and Language Therapists within Somerset's Integrated Therapy Service (ITS) for Children and Young People have the expertise to diagnose DLD and crucial role to play its management.

Friday 18 October is International DLD awareness day and the Service is proud to be playing a part highlighting the condition to the public.

\*The ITS advice line runs 9-12 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on 0300 333002.

[Visit the website here.](#)

