



Building SEND inclusion in the early years

Dear Early Years Professional,

Did you know that settings who have completed a certain amount of the Dingley's Promise Comic Relief Inclusion Training Programme are eligible to apply for a Mark of Achievement (MoA) award! The Mark of Achievement reflects a whole setting approach to Inclusion and has had a significant impact on the early years settings who have achieved this award.

The benefits of a Mark of Achievement to you and your setting are:

- Recognises a settings commitment to inclusive practice
- Increases knowledge and confidence in inclusive practice Educators can effectively support children with a wider range of additional needs
- Encourages learners to improve their personal development
- Creates an opportunity for your settings commitment to Inclusion to be recognised publicly.

To make it easier for settings to track their progress and apply for a MoA we have created a useful tracking tool and criteria document which can be found here:

[Mark of Achievement Criteria and Tracking Document](#)

Here's what our current MoA settings say about the impacts of achieving this award:

*'Effective, informative training that can be completed in your own time and have a **positive impact with all concerned especially the children**'*

*'**All staff** are now trained to the same level and have **taken ownership of their CPD**'*

*'The course have **enabled us to develop as a team**.... We were able to discuss and embed it into our practice'*

*'The training has given our setting the **knowledge and confidence** to support our children with SEND'*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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