



Teaching Assistant / Support Staff Conference 2009

Conferences developed through Strategic Services and members
of the TA Steering Group

Objectives of the Conference:

Delegates at the conference will:-

- Have a chance to network with other delegates on a range of subjects
- Have an opportunity to attend workshops to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom
- Feedback to the organisers of the conference key issues that effect their role in relation to the networking sessions.

Cost of conference: £25.00 per delegate.

This is a subsidised cost, places per school are not limited so early booking is advised.

Programme of the Day	
8.45 - 9.15	Registration and Refreshments
9.15 - 9.30	Welcome & Introduction
9.30 - 10.00	Networking Session One – Tables are set up with topic for discussion, delegates will choose their preferred table
10.00 -10-30	Networking Session Two - Tables are set up with topic for discussion, delegates will choose their preferred table
10.30 - 11.00	Refreshments
11.00 - 12.30	Workshops Delegates attend one of four workshops
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	Workshops Delegates attend one of four workshops
15.00 - 15.15	Refreshments
15.15 - 15.40	Plenary

About the Workshops

As not all workshops are available at each event you will need to carefully check the workshops available at the event you wish to attend. Please select which workshops you would prefer on the booking sheet by putting them in order, your first choice being No.1, second choice No.2, etc. **We cannot guarantee that you will get your first choice due to the numbers allocated per workshop and demand made upon them.** We will endeavour to allocate at least your second or third choice.

Please note

This year we have set aside 24th June 09 for a target audience of secondary phase delegates. This does not suggest that delegates from the secondary phase can not attend other events as the workshops are generic in the principles of support. This change is in response to requests made at last years conferences for a phase related conference.

WORKSHOP A

Bring Fun Back into Maths

Provider: Andrea Pick, AST Priestsic Primary School

This interactive workshop aims to equip delegates with practical ideas to engage even the most reluctant pupils in maths activities. There will be a range of up to date games and the use of IT to bring the maths sessions alive.

WORKSHOP A

Girls and Maths

Secondary Conference (24 June'09)

Provider: Jeanette Bowler, AST Valley Comprehensive

This workshop is designed to look at gender issues in Maths, with the emphasis on activities that will benefit girls in the Maths classroom. Be prepared to take part in some fun activities that you can share/develop with students in your school.

WORKSHOP B

Listen Ear

Provider: Fay Bush and Frankie Musgrove, experienced counsellors working for CASY.

Listen Ear is a fun and interactive look at the skills required to aid communication with young people. The training will explore the art of listening and how body language gives us away (even when we think no one is looking!)

WORKSHOP C

Making Science Fun - The Science Silly Bus Show

Provider: John Whitehead, Science Consultant

Every science lesson has the potential to be fun in the classroom. In this show the alternative approach for many basic physics topics is given with lots of ideas for simple apparatus to take back to school. Come along and be amazed!

WORKSHOP D

Letters and Sounds

Provider: Barbara Kirk, Senior TA Blidworth Oaks

Delegates in this workshop will be able to familiarise themselves with the Letters and Sounds strategy. There will be an opportunity to look at activities and resources that promote speaking and listening and phonological awareness. Delegates will enhance their skills in supporting children to gain a foundation for good reading and spelling skills.

WORKSHOP E

Creative Strategies to Make Learning Fun

Provider: Zoe Fletcher, AST and Kate Lake AST

Delegates at this workshop will be shown ideas on creative activities using film and drama to engage pupils from foundation through to Key stage 2.

WORKSHOP F

Managing Self - Impacting Others

Providers: Derek Blackman & Sue Craggs, Training Consultants

Emotionally Intelligent Behaviour

Working effectively in a school setting demands high levels of personal management, motivation and interpersonal skill. Even when you start the day feeling on top form, handling challenging situations, constant change and external agendas, can take you outside your comfort zone and leave you regretting some of your responses.

It is vital that we take practical steps to maintain emotionally intelligent behaviour ourselves, if we are to work positively and model the behaviour we would want and expect from others. The objectives of this workshop will be;

- To agree what we mean by emotionally intelligent behaviour
 - To explore the benefits of emotional intelligence on our physical and mental health
 - To identify practical ways of increasing our emotional well being
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WORKSHOP G

Social Stories

Providers: Teresa Lester (2.04.09), Mary- Claire Cronin (22.04.09), Deborah Mahar (24.06.09), LA Services

Social stories are a way of helping children understand social situations and how to react appropriately.

In the workshop we will consider what Social Stories are and what makes a good social story. Delegates will also have a go at writing a social story.

2009 Event Venues and Dates

<p>Wednesday 11th February'09 Bestwood Lodge Hotel</p> <p>A) Bring Fun Back into Maths B) Listen Ear C) Making Science Fun E) Creative Strategies to make learning fun</p>	<p>Wednesday 11th March'09 Derbyshire Hotel</p> <p>A) Bring Fun Back into Maths B) Listen Ear C) Making Science Fun F) Managing self – Impacting Others</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th March'09 West Retford Hotel</p> <p>A) Bring Fun Back into Maths B) Listen Ear C) Making Science Fun F) Managing self - Impacting Others</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st March'09 Clumber Park Hotel</p> <p>B) Listen Ear C) Making Science Fun D) Letters and Sounds E) Creative Strategies to make learning fun</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd April'09 Bestwood Lodge Hotel</p> <p>A) Bring Fun Back into Maths C) Making Science Fun D) Letters and Sounds G) Social Stories</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd April'09 Bestwood Lodge Hotel</p> <p>B) Listen Ear D) Letters and Sounds F) Managing self - Impacting Others G) Social Stories</p>
<p>Wednesday 3rd June'09 Old Barn Hotel Marston</p> <p>A) Bring Fun Back into Maths B) Listen Ear C) Making Science Fun D) Letters and Sounds</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th June'09 Derbyshire Hotel</p> <p>Please note that the target audience will be Secondary TAs</p> <p>A) Girls and Maths B) Listen Ear F) Managing self - Impacting Others G) Social Stories</p>	<p>Please note:</p> <p>As conferences are organised in advance we reserve the right to change workshops where providers cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>If enough notice is given we will of course inform delegates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank You</p>

Teaching Assistant/ Support Staff Conferences 2009 – Booking Form

Name

School

School Cost Code (last three digits)

Any dietary requirements

Any Access requirements

Venue Date

Choice of workshops in order of preference:

1st 2nd

3rd 4th

In the event of a conference being full please give a second option

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Choice of workshops in order of preference:

1st 2nd

3rd 4th

<p>Please return the completed booking form to Lynsey Pearce: Fax – 01623 434128 Post – Administration Team, Lawn View House, 40 Station Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Notts, NG17 5GA</p>
