

Top Tips to support Whole School Setting Readiness

Guidance on different ways to approach 'Whole School Setting Readiness' based on your capacity, structure, staffing levels and setting type

Example 1:

- ❖ SENCOs complete whole school/setting readiness for each domain.
- ❖ SLT, HT, Teachers & Teaching assistants complete the setting readiness section separately
- ❖ A joint meeting is held where staff are invited to reflect upon their answers and any supporting rationale (this can be done in in departments/ year groups etc)
- ❖ Disparities are discussed and a consensus reached (including on levels of confidence to provide strategies/interventions)

Example 2:

- ❖ SENCOs/HT complete whole school/setting readiness for each domain.
- ❖ SLT, Teachers & Teaching assistants complete the setting readiness section separately and return their ratings to the SENCO
- ❖ The SENCO identifies any areas of disparity with particular staff and 1.) discusses this within a small group meeting or 2.) analyses the range of findings
- ❖ A consensus is then reached (including on levels of confidence to provide strategies/interventions) and the setting readiness scores updated

All examples, next steps :

- The agreed setting readiness is then compared by the SENCO/HT against the school/settings profile of CYP needs and any disparities / gaps in provisions identified.
- The SENCO can then identify three top interventions and decide on how to improve through training, modelling, peer collaboration etc.
- Short- and long-term SEN development and workforce training plans can be updated
- Add LMBL-DIT onto your standard staff meeting agendas so that implementation and feedback can be addressed.

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Example 3:

- ❖ SENCo/HT complete whole school/setting readiness for each domain and identify a representative sample of teaching staff to test this with (i.e. a representative TA, Head of department, MH Lead).
- ❖ The sample group complete a Setting Readiness section on behalf of the wider group they are representing.
- ❖ A joint meeting is held (with all representatives or those that highlighted a disparity in scores) where staff reflect upon their answers and any supporting rationale
- ❖ Disparities are discussed and a consensus reached

Example 4:

- ❖ SENCo/HT/SEN leads complete the whole school/setting readiness for each domain.
- ❖ Agree a timetable for testing with Teachers/TAs/SLT (over a period of 1 month to ensure focus and momentum)
- ❖ Use your insight and knowledge to test first with staff that you feel may be less confident or knowledgeable in the delivery of SEN provision/ strategies/ interventions
- ❖ As Setting Readiness ratings are tested with other staff, ensure any changes in setting readiness and made and that these are fed-back so templates can be amended, and any support required provided.

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Top Tips and Tricks:

- ❖ Reflect upon your current capacity and what model best works for your setting- remember this is a starting point in a journey and your setting readiness ratings can be updated as you go.
- ❖ Are there staff meetings that you already have booked in that a section can be repurposed for LMBL-DIT Setting Readiness discussion?
- ❖ What insight do you have into confidence / provision levels in your school to help you focus on areas / teachers that may need the most support?
- ❖ Please ask for a 1:1 session with Derby's LMBL-DIT Champions for detailed planning on what approach you can use and the steps you can take to implement it

Key Questions to keep in mind when completing Setting Readiness

- ❖ What can be done within my setting, to better prepare ourselves to meet needs?
- ❖ What needs to change in the short term to better enable our CYPs to access education and work towards a fulfilling adult life?
- ❖ What strategies and interventions are working well? How can we build on these?
- ❖ How can the resources I have be used differently to better meet needs?
- ❖ How can our staff be supported to build their confidence, knowledge and understanding of SUN provision and delivery?