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Dear parent / carer

Special Educational Needs in South Tyneside

First of all, thank you again to everyone who took part in our communications session last October.

At the event you told us that the following issues were most important to you going forward:

- Getting services working better together so it does not feel like a battle to get what you need for your child
- Making sure you know what help and support is available locally
- Keeping Education Health and Care Plans up to date, including Reviews
- Tackling long waiting lists to access services, particularly CYPS and Speech & Language
- Improving communication between yourselves, schools and services
- Providing more special school places
- Ensuring you know who to go to with any concerns about your child

At the session we talked about a follow up event where we would review progress and refine the plans going forward.

The session has been arranged for **Thursday 2nd April 2020**, at **Hedworth Hall** (35 Dean Road, South Shields, NE33 4EA).

Due to the size of the room there will be two sessions on the day.

Morning session 9:30am – 11:00am	Lunch session 12:00pm – 1:30pm
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Places on either event can be booked via the below link, or by phoning 0191 424 7849. <https://sendeventapril20.eventbrite.co.uk>

On the day you will have the opportunity to share your views and ask any questions about the work to improve SEND provision.

Following the session on the 2nd April we will again write out to all parents and carers, outlining the key points raised.

We look forward to seeing you all on 2nd April.

Yours faithfully

Mike Conlon
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