

26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear School Leader,

We wrote on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March advising that the EA had launched a Public Consultation on the Enhanced Support Model. In this letter, you were advised that we would be hosting a series of workshops, online sessions and in-person events throughout the consultation period.

A full consultation event schedule is available on the Enhanced Support Model Consultation page: <https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations/enhanced-support-model-public-consultation>. I also include detail of key events, and their registration links at Annex A.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to two conference events on the Enhanced Support Model which will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at the Balmoral Hotel in Belfast. The morning session is open to **school practitioners**, (School Leaders, Classroom Assistants, SENCos and Teachers). The afternoon session is for **all stakeholders**, including any school practitioners that were unable to attend the morning session. This conference is an opportunity for you to hear experts in the field of SEN provision as well as Principals, SENCos and Classroom Assistants from schools across Northern Ireland who have already adopted a different approach to providing Special Educational Needs support. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about why we are seeking to implement the Enhanced Support Model, and ask questions of those who have first-hand experience of the benefits of different models of support.

In addition to this conference, the EA will also be hosting a series of online and in-person consultation events. Some of these will be targeted to particular audiences, including sessions specifically for school staff from different sectors, classroom assistants and parents and carers.

Please share this letter within your school community and with your parents and carers and follow our social media channels during the consultation period for more details of events that are scheduled.

We look forward to meeting with you in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Donnachie', written in a cursive style.

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**Schedule of Enhanced Support Model Consultation Events****Event: Enhanced Support Model – The Case for Change****Date: 16 April 2026****Venue: Balmoral Hotel, Belfast**

Event Times	Links to Register
Morning Session (Practitioners) (Arrival for 9.45am)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-the-case-for-change-school-practitioners-tickets-1985944337975">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-the-case-for-change-school-practitioners-tickets-1985944337975</a>
Afternoon Session (Open Audience) (Arrival for 1.30pm)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-the-case-for-change-all-stakeholders-tickets-1985944870568">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-the-case-for-change-all-stakeholders-tickets-1985944870568</a>

**School Focused Online Consultation Events**

Sector	Date & Time	Links to Register
Special Schools	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 10am – 11:30am	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/1e81d468-0cdd-4d27-84a0-652a59e2b930@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/1e81d468-0cdd-4d27-84a0-652a59e2b930@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Primary Schools	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 12:30pm – 1:30pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e78d0dfc-7559-46a1-86fb-4dd44a335df0@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e78d0dfc-7559-46a1-86fb-4dd44a335df0@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Pre-Schools (both Stat & Non-Stat)	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2:00pm – 3:00pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b5fb7f77-f59c-490f-a885-754dff9b0842@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b5fb7f77-f59c-490f-a885-754dff9b0842@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Post Primary Schools	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm – 4:30pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e0a10530-8675-42c0-9504-7ae89a65e691@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e0a10530-8675-42c0-9504-7ae89a65e691@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>

**Classroom Assistant Focussed Consultation Events**

Date & Time	Venue	Link to Register
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 3:30pm – 5pm	Ranfurly House, Dungannon	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953405095">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953405095</a>

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Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 3:30pm – 5pm	Antrim Board Centre, Antrim	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953655845">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953655845</a>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 3:30pm – 5pm	Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953751130">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953751130</a>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 4:00pm – 5:30pm	Technology Education Centre, Omagh	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953970787">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985953970787</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 4:00pm – 5:30pm	Fermanagh House, Enniskillen	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985954237585">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985954237585</a>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 3:30pm – 5:00pm	EA Dundonald, Grahamsbridge Road	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985983868211">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-info-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985983868211</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 4:00pm – 5:30pm	Foyle Arena, Derry	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985982516167">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-classroom-assistants-tickets-1985982516167</a>

There are also three online sessions scheduled for anyone who is unable to attend in person.

Date & Time	Link to Register
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 12:00pm – 1:30pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6cf7e42c-ce61-4b1f-8d36-05f35d41e96a@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6cf7e42c-ce61-4b1f-8d36-05f35d41e96a@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm – 5pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3378fe20-117f-4971-95a7-3be965f8238d@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3378fe20-117f-4971-95a7-3be965f8238d@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm – 8:30pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a2c73c25-e734-4ea9-9365-7ee8c0804695@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/a2c73c25-e734-4ea9-9365-7ee8c0804695@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>

### Parent and Carer Focused Events

Date & Time	Venue	Link to Register
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 12:30pm – 2:00pm	Ranfurly House, Dungannon	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985947570644">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985947570644</a>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 10am – 11:30am	Antrim Board Centre, Antrim	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985947807352">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985947807352</a>

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Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 10am – 11:30am	Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985948514467">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985948514467</a>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Technology Education Centre, Omagh	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985950855469">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985950855469</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2:00pm – 3:30pm	Fermanagh House, Enniskillen	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985950855469">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985950855469</a>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 10:00am – 11:30am	EA Dundonald, Grahamsbridge Road	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985983683659">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985983683659</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2:00 – 3:30pm	Foyle Arena, Derry	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985982327603">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-parents-carers-tickets-1985982327603</a>

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Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 12:00pm – 1:30pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/68f87ea1-04f1-4647-a824-2d5c41e3f7fd@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/68f87ea1-04f1-4647-a824-2d5c41e3f7fd@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 3:30pm – 5pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4c97a530-1054-46b9-843f-1383b6c102fe@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4c97a530-1054-46b9-843f-1383b6c102fe@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm – 8:30pm	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ef856d19-a40d-4935-8c96-bed9db00ab0f@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ef856d19-a40d-4935-8c96-bed9db00ab0f@4a695096-f56b-42aa-ab88-b69794bfa0c4</a>

### Open Audience Events

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Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Ranfurlly House, Dungannon	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985954616719">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985954616719</a>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 12:30pm – 2:00pm	Antrim Board Centre, Antrim	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985982177153">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985982177153</a>

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Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Antrim Board Centre, Antrim	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985954852424">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985954852424</a>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 12:30pm – 2pm	Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985955002874">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985955002874</a>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Technology Education Centre, Omagh	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985955418116">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985955418116</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Fermanagh House, Enniskillen	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985955519419">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985955519419</a>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 12:30pm – 2:00pm	EA Dundonald, Grahamsbridge Road	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985983343642">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985983343642</a>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm – 7:30pm	EA Dundonald, Grahamsbridge Road	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985983183162">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985983183162</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Foyle Arena, Derry	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985982790989">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhanced-support-model-information-sessions-open-tickets-1985982790989</a>

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