*Nursery World* has partnered with *YPO* to provide a free webinar on [**supporting special educational needs in early years settings.**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/F0bUC579wI34oM2uzfxHkkQUl?domain=email.nurseryworld.co.uk)You can sign up to the webinar [**HERE.**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/qlt8C6WRxc78EPqc6h2H5EsSL?domain=email.nurseryworld.co.uk)

The hour-long free webinar will take place from **12:15pm to 1:15pm on Tuesday 19th November.**

Many early years settings are reporting a rise in the number of children presenting with additional needs, especially after the Covid-19 lockdowns.

Alongside the increasing number of diagnoses for SEN (which include autism and ADHD), practitioners describe children as needing additional support with areas such as personal, social and emotional development and their speech and language. Indeed 1.9 million children are now currently estimated to struggle with their speech and language according to Speech and Language UK.

To explore the key challenges and examine practical strategies that can enable early years educators to support children at a crucial early stage, we have brought together an expert panel that includes:

      • Melanie Pilcher, Quality and Standards Manager, EY Alliance
      • Becky Eckersley, Lead SEND Advisor, Kids Day Planet Nurseries
      • Sarah Mackenzie, CEO, Storal
      • Catherine McLeod MBE, Chief Executive, Dingley’s Promise

Over the course of the webinar the discussion will range across new ideas for creating an inclusive environment indoors and out, how staff can be supported to develop skills that meet children’s current needs – including new training options, and how to work effectively with parents. The webinar will also give you the chance to have your say and ask questions relating to best practice in this area.

We hope you can join us for this informed and thought-provoking discussion. [**Secure your place for free now.**](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/vlabC79LyI2ovzwSBiJHo_syO?domain=email.nurseryworld.co.uk)