

2026/7

NASS SENIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE AND NETWORK 2026/27

Closing date for applications: 5pm, Friday 22nd May 2026



Navigating strategic leadership in special schools by providing ongoing training, educational updates and a support network

We are acutely aware of the pressures of being a senior leader in a special or AP setting. We know how little support there is for leaders, their advancement, continued work satisfaction and well-being.

Our course provides a mix of support, networking opportunities, leadership training and up-to-date research information. There will be a strong emphasis on developing your coaching skills and using these with colleagues on the course.

Who is it for?

- Headteachers
- Deputy headteachers
- Assistant headteachers

Participants should be working in special schools or alternative provision.

Delivery method

The course will run two groups, each participating in:

- **3 face-to-face days** (one per main school term)
- **3 virtual meetings** (held between each face-to-face day)

Face-to-face dates

Group 1

- 14th October 2026
- 10th February 2027
- 18th May 2027

Group 2

- 15th October 2026
- 11th February 2027
- 19th May 2027

Course leaders

Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Dominic Salles and Andy Lole

COURSE AIMS

- 1 To create a network of special/AP school leaders.
- 2 To provide a supportive, reflective space so that leadership and school provision can be developed without distraction.
- 3 To develop and use coaching skills to strengthen support within the new network.
- 4 To provide specialist input to address key current issues of leadership and running a special /AP school. All sessions will include updates on the latest educational policy requirements as well as the knowledge and skills required to keep educational and leadership practice current.
- 5 To raise awareness of relevant educational and leadership research and how this can be used to further develop the school.

Costs

NASS member **£1,300** (plus VAT)
Non NASS member **£1,450** (plus VAT)

How to apply

18 places are available for each group. These will be allocated in the order that applications are received.

For more information and to request an application form please contact

admin@nassschools.org.uk

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