**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Foundation Governors; Ex-officio clergy**

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :               24th November 2020**

**Re           :              Free training on Autism, Mental Health, ADHD and more**

Dear colleagues

We have been in discussion with the AIM Group, who are facilitating **free** training for all **staff, parents and carers** to better understand their children around things like **Autism, Children's mental Health, Dyslexia, Challenging Behaviour, and ADHD, plus many more.**

Adults over the age of 19 who have lived in the UK/EU for the past three years, and not currently undertaking another government funded course can access the following courses free - funded by the government’s adult education budget.

Courses last six weeks (approx. 25-30 hours)  - no final exam. The qualification is a Level 2 Vocational award, equivalent to Grade 5 GCSE.  The only condition of the courses being free is a commitment to complete (otherwise a potential fine of £150 could be levied). NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificates in

* Understanding Autism
* Adverse Childhood Experiences
* Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health
* Specific Learning Difficulties
* Behaviour That Challenges
* Learning Disabilities

There needs to be a point of contact at the school, rather than parents and staff applying direct. There’s a 30-minute zoom run six times a week at 3:50 or 6:30 (Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays). Please call Chris Greenfield on 0203 900 3091 ext 213 [Christopher.greenfield@theaimgroup.co.uk](mailto:Christopher.greenfield@theaimgroup.co.uk)

Best wishes

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