



The Bath & Mendip
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Understanding and supporting pupils with Pathological Demand Avoidance

**Wednesday,
October 23rd
9.30am to 3pm**

**Led by
Ruth Fidler
£80**

**Fosse Way School,
Longfellow Road,
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This course will outline the distinctive characteristics of Pathological Demand Avoidance which is best understood as one of the autism spectrum profiles.

It will cover issues for educational settings and promote partnership working. It will introduce Collaborative Approaches to Learning, a flexible strategy to increase engagement with learning and improve emotional wellbeing.

Ruth Fidler is an Education Consultant specialising in complex autism, Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), interactive approaches and emotional well being. She worked at an all-age non-maintained special school for 94 pupils across the autism spectrum for 22 years until 2014 and has worked independently since then.

During her time on the senior leadership team the school sustained Ofsted outstanding status. Ruth worked within the school promoting interactive approaches and emotional well being for pupils with complex autism.

As a member of the leadership team she had a strategic role and contributed to continuing professional development for all



staff. She also led an outreach pilot project working with other agencies to meet the needs of children and young people currently unable to attend school.

As well as providing training, she regularly observes and monitors teaching and learning, supporting staff to embed and refine good autism and SEND practice.

She regularly presents at local and national events and conferences for parents and a range of professionals.

She has contributed to publications in the Good Autism Practice (GAP) journal on the subject of promoting emotional wellbeing and is co-author of the following books; Understanding Pathological Demand Avoidance syndrome in children (2012), Can I Tell You About Pathological Demand Avoidance? (2015) Collaborative Approaches to Learning (2019) and Girls and Autism (2019)

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