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The Universal Offer:

Making Sensory Support Work in Mainstream Schools



Introduction

Schools Are Facing Increasing Pressure



Schools face increasing pressure to support pupils with a wide range of sensory, communication, emotional and self-regulation needs.

This webinar explores

How schools can strengthen their universal offer through effective sensory environments, targeted interventions and everyday classroom practice.

The session will challenge

Common misconceptions around sensory rooms and explain where investment can have the greatest impact on pupil wellbeing, engagement and inclusion.

Attendees will leave with

A clearer understanding of inclusive environments, ideas they can use straight away, examples of what works in schools, and greater confidence planning future sensory provision.

Meet Your Hosts

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Kate Whittlesey

Director of Education, AccessHub

Kate is a nationally respected SEND consultant with leadership experience across early years, primary, secondary and post-16 education.

She has held senior roles as a SENCo, Local Authority SEND Advisor, Regional SEND Lead and MAT Leader, and now helps schools embed accessibility into teaching, leadership and whole-school improvement through AccessHub.



Pat McMahon

Managing Director, AccessHub

Pat is a former architectural technician and co-founder of the UK's leading Changing Places provider.

He has designed accessible facilities across the UK and now helps ensure AccessHub delivers practical, effective accessibility solutions that reflect the realities of school buildings and budgets.



Matt Livesey

Sales Manager, Aurora

Matt has more than 25 years' experience supporting schools across the UK and Ireland.

Since joining Aurora in 2015, he has helped shape its sensory and immersive solutions, working closely with schools and partners to develop technology that supports learning, inclusion and wellbeing.




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Understanding
The Universal Offer

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What “Ordinary Available Provision” means in practice



The Inclusive Mainstream Fund and current expectations

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Creating inclusive environments before specialist intervention becomes necessary


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Myth-Busting
Sensory Rooms

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What sensory rooms are, and what they are not

Myth-busting sensory rooms

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Common misconceptions and mistakes



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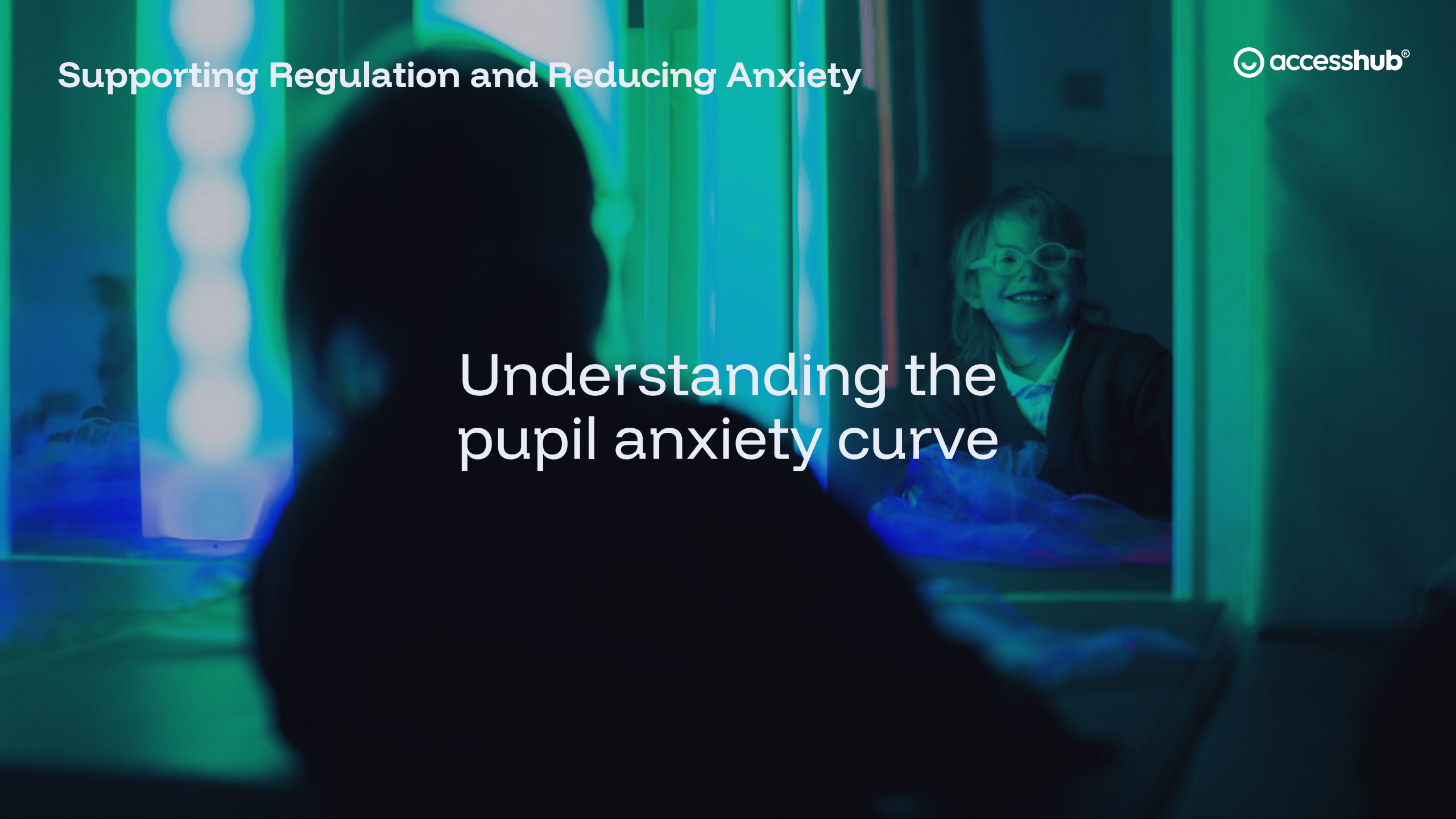


When sensory rooms are the right solution



Alternative approaches that may deliver greater impact


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Supporting
Regulation and
Reducing Anxiety



Understanding the pupil anxiety curve



Recognising the importance of early intervention



Creating predictable and supportive learning environments



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Sensory Circuits and Practical Interventions



The purpose of sensory circuits



Examples of successful implementation



Timetabling and practical delivery



Building staff consistency and confidence


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Creating
Effective Sensory
Environments

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Small environmental changes with significant impact

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Low-cost, high-impact ideas



Practical examples from schools

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Q&A

Any questions?



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Thank you

We will share a recording of this webinar soon.