

Additional Needs Newsletter – Pentecost Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we're in the final term of the school year already? It seems to have flown by!

I'm incredibly proud to share with you the particular section of our wonderful OFSTED report relating to the SEND provision at St. George's. During the inspection, the inspectors were impressed with our SEND offer and how comprehensively we meet the needs of all children in our school, but particularly those with SEND. I am also really pleased that our SEND plans were recognised to be well thought out and planned to a good standard, because this is something we have worked hard on over the past few years.

“Support for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is strong. Clear plans outline the needs of these pupils. Staff receive the training necessary to provide for these pupils. Pupils with SEND are well supported within class. Expectations are high for them and they achieve well.” (OFSTED, March 2023)

Therefore, as we move forward into Pentecost term, it is once again time for these targets and plans to be updated. This coincides with gathering your parental voice, alongside the pupil voice, to discuss strengths and needs. This is something we have recently increased to gathering three times per academic year in the very least: another aspect of our SEN offer that we are proud to have.

If your child has an SEN plan, you will have had the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher and talk through the updated plan and your child's revised targets for this term. This will take place on Wednesday 3rd May 2023. If you know that you will be unable to take a call during this time, please do book an appointment with your child's class teacher to follow this up. You can do this by emailing the class teacher directly via the class email address e.g. class7@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk. The plan is also available via our online system, Edukey via <https://edukeyapp.com/parent> using the log on details previously given to you.

Who can I contact regarding concerns about my child?

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, in the first instance, please speak to your **child's class teacher**. We will always listen and work with you to support your child in whatever way we can. If you would like a meeting, please ring the school office on 01332 766815 or email senco@geo.srscmat.co.uk.

Where can I go for further support?

If you live in Derby City, you can access their local offer [here...](#)

If you live in Derbyshire, you can access their local offer [here...](#)

Alternatively, you can contact an independent advice service, [SENDIASS](#) for Derby City and [DIASS](#) for Derbyshire.

Transition support

The Pentecost term brings with it new challenges with regards to transition to our new classes/year groups. The priority pupil team and I are aware that this comes with high anxiety for many of our children with SEND and have therefore worked closely together to create specific intervention groups to support the children with this.

As always, the children will be receiving a one-page profile of their new classroom, with relevant details to support their transition, including who their new teacher and teaching assistant is, where the cloakrooms and toilets are and where they enter and exit from playgrounds etc.

Additionally, this year, the other side of this profile will have a more in depth look at their teachers and teaching assistants to help them to 'get to know them more!' We hope this will help to alleviate any anxieties and concerns as they can be referred to as and when needed over the summer holidays.

Please continue to share any information with regards to updates for your children, for example medical appointments or letters received from professionals or agencies. This really does help us to support your children as best as we possibly can in school.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mrs Holmes (SENDCo)

Upcoming SEND events at Moorways Sports Village and Water Park



Moorways Sports Village and Water Park Autism Friendly sessions in the water park!

When:

3 May 4.00pm-5.30pm

5 July 4.00pm-5.30pm

What to expect:

- Reduced music levels
- Reduced capacity
- Large separate group changes
- Wristbands not necessary
- Bucket out of action to reduce noise levels
- Increased time in changing area before the session.
- Ear Defenders OK to be used

Carers FREE of Charge

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