

Additional Needs Newsletter - Advent Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a wonderful Summer. I hope you managed to get away for a break, although we had some beautiful weather in Derby to make the most of too!

I can't quite believe we are beginning our new school year already! I left you in the trusted hands of Mrs Brunning last academic year, whilst I was busily looking after a newborn (who is already acting about 14!) on maternity leave. I am now looking forward to be back working with you all again this year.

If your child has an SEN plan, you will have the opportunity to speak with your child's new class teacher and talk through the plan and your child's intended targets for this term. This will take place on **Wednesday 21st September 2022**. Please be by your phone between **3.30pm and 4.30pm** on this day. This way, you can also work with your child on some of the targets at home to further support the work we do in school. This plan is available via our online system, Edukey via <https://edukeyapp.com/parent>

Please ask your child's class teacher for your log on details, should you need them resetting, to ensure you have full access to all aspects of the additional support for your child. Here, you can make comments for the teacher to view and respond to. Please look to use this app as a means of communication regarding the SEN plan and to show your agreement to the targets. As always, we work with you and so if you have anything you would like to discuss or change with regards to your child's targets in between your review meetings, please discuss this with the class teacher.

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 and/or the SENDCo**. 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.

New SEND Information Report

As set out in the SEND Code of Practice, all schools are required by law to publish a SEND Information Report for prospective, new and existing parents and carers of their school community. This outlines what SEND provision looks like in the school and how to access additional support in a clear and meaningful way. During last year, Mrs Brunning worked alongside the Trust to update and improve the format of our information report, with the hope of making it more accessible to our parents and carers. I have since updated this further and added additional information for your guidance.

Our new information report can be found on our school website. As always, I would welcome any feedback or thoughts on how I can improve this.

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.

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 helps us to support your children as best as we possibly can in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mrs Holmes (SENDCo)

Derby City ASD Support Appointments

A new parent ASD support service is being delivered by Children's Centre Autism Champions for parents/carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

These sessions will give you an opportunity to talk to an ASD Champion, gain information and support and discover local sources of support (including Umbrella, SENDIASS and Local Offer).

They are now offering a blended service, appointments will be either face-to-face sessions with limited numbers in our Centres, or 1-1 telephone support.

Please contact your nearest centre as listed on the page opposite to book your appointment slot, either in the centre or over the telephone..

I can highly recommend this team of experts would suggest you make an appointment should you need any further support at home.

Boulton Children's Centre
47b Hollbrook Road, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 0DD
01332 956500

To book your place contact Alvaston Children's Centre on 01332 757991 or email: alvaston.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk

Tuesdays between 10.00am - 11.30am

6 September
4 October
1 November
6 December

Becket Children's Centre
35 Stockbrook Street, Derby, DE22 3WR
01332 640250

Email: becket.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk

Tuesdays between 1- 3pm

20 September
18 October
15 November
20 December

Virtual and face to face appointments are available, please request when booking.

Mackworth/Morley / Derwent & Audrey Drive Children's Centres
Telephone appointments are available or contact us to book a face-to-face appointment in one of our 3 children's centres:

Wednesdays between 9.30am – 11.30am

14 September
12 October
9 November
14 December

For further information ring: 01332 208175 or
Email: mackworth.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk