

## Additional Needs Newsletter - Advent Term 2023

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 and away from the weather in Derby! I can't quite believe we are beginning our new school year already! The days and months really do seem to fly by!

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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. 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>

May I give you a gentle reminder to 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](mailto:senco@geo.srscmat.co.uk).

As always, SEND is of the utmost importance throughout school. This year, in particular, we are having a large focus on effective adaptation within the classroom, across all areas of the curriculum in order to support children with additional needs.

Just next week, all staff will be receiving training on recent evidence-based research and recommendations of how to effectively adapt both the classroom environment and lessons for all students. I am confident that this training will enable further developments across school, in addition to the already strong offer. I look forward to seeing this in action.

### **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 their 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 and would suggest you make an appointment should you need any further support at home.

### **A website from DHCFT with many useful links and articles for further support**

This signposting service is aimed at professionals, members of the public and children and young people who wish to access local services or just require further information on the services that are available to them both locally and nationally. The four elements of the website focus on Children and Young People, Adults, Suicide Prevention and Neurodiversity.

**Boulton Children's Centre**  
47b Holbrook Road, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 0DD  
**01332 956500**  
email: [boulton.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk](mailto:boulton.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk)

**Tuesdays between 10 - 11.30am**  
12<sup>th</sup> September  
3<sup>rd</sup> October  
7<sup>th</sup> November  
5<sup>th</sup> December

Telephone appointments and face to face drop in are available, please ring for further information.

**Mackworth/Morley or Derwent Family Hub**  
Telephone appointments are available or contact us to book a face-to-face appointment in one of our locations:

**Wednesdays between 9.30-11.30am**  
13<sup>th</sup> September  
11<sup>th</sup> October  
8<sup>th</sup> November  
13<sup>th</sup> December

For further information ring: 01332 208175 or  
Email: [mackworth.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk](mailto:mackworth.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk)

**Austin/Sunnyhill Children's Centre**  
Browning Street, Derby, DE23 8DN  
**01332 640090**  
Email: [austin.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk](mailto:austin.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk)

**Tuesdays between 1-3pm**  
19<sup>th</sup> September  
17<sup>th</sup> October  
21<sup>st</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> December

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



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