**Additional Needs Newsletter – Advent Term 2024**

**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).

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a wonderful summer.

If your child has a SEND 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 **Thursday 19th September 2024**. 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> Don’t forget to ask your child’s class teacher for your log on details.

W*e have had very little take up of this in previous years so please may I stress the importance of using this app as a means of communication regarding the SEND 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. as a way of showing your agreement to the targets.

As always, SEND is of the utmost importance throughout school. Following our success last year, we will continue to enhance our offer across school for children with additional needs.

This year, in particular, we are focusing on adapting the curriculum further using adaptive technologies, such as iPads along with voice dictation and reading software. We will also be utilising support from Derby City Council to develop our knowledge and use of Sensory Circuits. These are specific exercises that can be used to de-escalate children’s emotions and to regulate themselves in order to engage in their learning.

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.

**Where can I go for further support?**

If you live in Derby City, you can access their local offer [here](https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derbys-send-local-offer)…

If you live in Derbyshire, you can access their local offer [here](https://localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/)…

Alternatively, you can contact an independent advice service, [SENDIASS](https://derbysendiass.org.uk/) for Derby City and [DIASS](https://www.derbyshireiass.co.uk/home.aspx) for Derbyshire.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mrs Holmes (SENDCo)

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