



Additional Needs Advent Term Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!

I hope you are all well and have had a wonderful summer - we were certainly fortunate with the weather this year!

It's been another busy start to our term, but a successful one at that.

All staff returned to school the week before the children for training on supporting our children with SEND using an approach known as HIGH TEMPO. Read more about it below!

HIGH TEMPO

'HIGH TEMPO' is nothing new to our staff but rather reinforcing our original messages and moving forward with making these as powerful as possible.

HIGH TEMPO stands for:

High Expectations

Independent Working with Strong Silence

Growth through Praise & Reward

High Engagement

Task Design

Explanations

Modelling

Practice

Oracy

High Tempo Teaching is clarity, calm, consistency, and inclusion. It ensures every pupil belongs, feels safe, and achieves their best.

STAY IN TOUCH

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

WC 15TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

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 at some point across the wc 15th September 2025. If there is a certain time that would work best for you, please do email your new class teacher to let them know.

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.

EDUKEY

Your child's SEND 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.



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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 using a Google search.



- 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)

STAFF TRAINING

This year, we are focusing on developing our understanding of children who display signs of demand avoidance.

This is often referred to as Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA).

PDA is a profile of Autism where a person feels extremely anxious about everyday demands and expectations, and often avoids them, even if the demand is something they want to do.

We are going to be delving deeper into this and develop effective strategies for support.



THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025



LET'S TALK SEND DERBY

Join us for a conversations around
Mental Health & Anxiety
and the EHCP process

Thursday 11th September
13.00 - 14.30



Derby and Derbyshire
Integrated Care Board



Derby City Council



Let's Talk SEND is a friendly and informative session designed to support parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Derby City. There will be professionals there who will be able to give expert advice on understanding and supporting mental health and anxiety in children and young people, navigating the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process plus Derby SEND Voice Parent Carer Forum will be there for support and to have a chat.

This event is open to everyone, with parent carers of undiagnosed children and young people more than welcome. At **Chapel Street Arts Centre Café, 19 Chapel Street, Derby, DE1 3GU (Formerly Deda Dance)**.

This is a great opportunity for parent carers to: gain practical advice and strategies, ask questions in a supportive environment, connect with others who share similar experiences

It is a **free event** and the link for a ticket is [here](#).