



SEN and Pastoral Team Newsletter - Autumn 2024

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Welcome to the SEN/Pastoral Team Newsletter

This newsletter is circulated to all parents. We want to be able to raise awareness and share any workshops, networks, resources and events that we hope will be of relevance to any parent, whether their child is on the SEN register or not.

We include dates for any updates for those who are on the SEN register e.g. when SEN passports are due to be sent home.

Please note the weblinks on page 3 for useful information, support groups and accessing external help and information for your family.

SEN Passports Autumn 2024

All children with an SEN passport (on the SEN register) have their passports reviewed each term. All the current pupils' passports were passed on to their new teacher at the end of term ready for = their new classes.

They will be reviewed ready to send to parents in November. **Any changes this term to your child's support or adjustments to help them in school will be shown in green.**

As usual, you will get two copies so that any amendments, queries can be written on and sent back via class teacher and/or SENCO to update/address.

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Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

Our first session with this project launched on Thursday 3 October. We held a parent meeting in school (hosted by Family Voice) while school staff met with our Neurodiversity Advisor from Surrey County Council. The PINS team will be supporting the school as we review and develop our inclusive approach to supporting neurodiversity needs within North Downs Primary.

Thank you to parents who joined the focus group - giving their time to share views and experiences and also to those who completed the original questionnaire sent out in July. All these will form part of the project and help develop our approach to supporting children in school.

Planned events for the project over the next 9 months:

- Occupational Therapy school environment audit with our link OT
- Additional training for staff in school to support children with neurodiversity (diagnosed or not)
- Parent coffee mornings/information sharing sessions from our Neurodiversity Advisors around supporting a child with ND and SEND
- Speech and Language audit for communication friendly classrooms
- Family Voice - Coffee Morning for parents 9 January 2025
- Additional training for staff in school to support children with neurodiversity (diagnosed or not)



family voice surrey



Padlet of resources and information accessible via QR code below.



NEURODIVERSITY ADVISOR PADLET

FOR PARENTS/CARERS



We understand that navigating life with a Neurodivergent child can be overwhelming. We have brought together key resources and information in a easy to use format.

Please scan the QR code to access our Padlet for Families.

 NDAvisors@surreycc.gov.uk

Request from Mental Health, Learning Disability, Autism and SEND Team - NHS England – South East Region

Dear parents and carers

We are inviting you to complete this anonymous survey in relation to Strength and Needs Led Support. The deadline of this survey will be by **5th November 2024**.

The survey aims to gather insights about:-

- the main reasons parents and carers seek an autism or ADHD assessment for their child or young person
- the challenges faced by families during the assessment process
- inequities that may be experienced in accessing services
- Understand the barriers to accessing 'strengths and needs' led support for young people with or without a confirmed diagnosis.

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=a2ektcThCEyAqc80otZzJMDBgvl9205Jm7oHQBVi-DNUNkhHUERLSVpTNUhVTDNHRFpJTFNZWIVCUC4u&route=shorturl>

Free online parenting courses

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/search?category=FAMLRN&subCategory=WIDERFAMPA&started=1>



Learning Space is a children's emotional well-being and mental health charity that provides individual and group support for 5 - 18 years olds in Surrey. Learning Space work directly with us as a school but also offer guidance and advice online for parents <https://www.learningspace.org.uk/res>



Details of where families in Surrey can find out what is available locally and where to receive help and support including childcare and parenting courses www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/