

SENDSational

Half termly newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring 1 newsletter for SEND.



Click the pictures to take you to websites and videos for support.

Family Voice



Thank you to the parents who were able to join for our second Family Voice session about communication. It was a really positive session and certainly there are some things we are able to action quickly and others that will take a bit of time. Highlights include a SEND Suggestions Box (for those ideas that don't require a reply); improved communication around starting/ finishing sessions of ELSA and Drawing & Talking; sharing of the school website and the SEND page.

We will take the ideas and continue to develop our SEND Forum for parents. Stay tuned!



Courses & Support



Making Links

Run by wellbeing charity, Eikon, the Making Links group is for 8-11year olds where you can learn about talking and working with others your age. In this group, you will focus on developing your skills and confidence whilst gaining a better understanding of your neurodivergence. In the group, you'll get to try new things, make friends, and learn more about how your brain works – all through fun activities! It is held in person at the Eikon offices in Runnymede. Please email senco@ashley.surrey.sch.uk if you would like a referral to this group.

Inclusion Team - Who's Who?



Miss Clifford

Assistant Head: Wellbeing & Pastoral
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), behaviour, attendance, disadvantaged pupils, EAL, inclusion and more!

Mrs Athersuch Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Deputy DSL, liaising with external professionals, coordinating and monitoring SEN provision and more!



Miss Porter

LSA & Home School Link Worker
Deputy DSL, HSLW, Nurture Provision, Young Carers (Carers Club) and more!



Mrs McConnell - Drawing & Talking

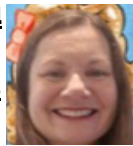


Mrs Murray



Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)

Mrs Kent



Parent Support Programme in partnership with The Eikon Charity

The four week online parenting support group is combined with 1:1 check-ins for up to three months to help support the implementation of tools and strategies covered in the groups. For parents with children aged 5 - 18. Email to find out more: communitywellbeingteam@eikon.org

Navigating the Maze

A set of pre-recorded workshops for parents of children who have needs that may be associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). These six workshops help to support parents in understanding neurodevelopmental needs and how to respond to them. Each workshop explores a different topic from:

- Different presentations of neurodivergence
- The developing brain
- Independence skills and strategies
- The importance of play



These workshops are available to watch on the Mindworks website and you can access and revisit

CARE CHALLENGE EXPLORE



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Book a meeting with the SENCO



After listening to our parent forum about communication, we have set up a bookings page for requesting a meeting with the SENCO. We are trialling whether this will make things smoother for all. Your first port of call should always be your child's teacher. Your feedback is welcome.



Cerebra has a specialist postal library which contains a wide range of books for both adults and children and a selection of toys specially chosen for children with brain conditions. Their service is free for anyone in the UK caring for a child with a brain condition and is easy to use.



Pandas Online



Promoting Acceptance of Neuro Divergence And Support.

A series of online videos and workbook that aims to help autistic learners understand themselves more. There is a fee for this service.



Anxiety: Parent Workshop

An evening, online workshop for parents to learn about strategies for supporting mild to moderate anxiety.

Monday 2nd March 8pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/4c3JsrLagr>



Edukey Provision Map Workshop

Edukey is the online system we use to record our SEND provision across the school. This is where parents with children on the SEND register can access their SEND support plan. Join for an online workshop:

<https://forms.office.com/e/0SvgVtuFnw>



EPILEPSY ACTION

Epilepsy Support South East
Where: Online (Zoom meetings)

When: We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month 7.30-9pm

How to join the group: Email the group to book a space epilepsysoutheast@gmail.com or you can contact us on Facebook [Join our Facebook group](#)

Who's it for?: 18+, anyone living with epilepsy, plus parents and carers. Aimed at people living in Surrey, Sussex and Kent.



We are looking to put Ashley families affected by epilepsy. Please get in touch with Mrs Athersuch via:



Ashley Epilepsy Support Group



Key Email Addresses

We actively encourage parents and carers to communicate with us and sometimes there are important messages to share with key people. Urgent items should always be telephoned through to the school office but below are some of the most useful email addresses for parents to share information

parents@ashley.surrey.sch.uk

head@ashley.surrey.sch.uk

dsl@ashley.surrey.sch.uk

senco@ashley.surrey.sch.uk

hslw@ashley.surrey.sch.uk

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.....headteacher

.....safeguarding concerns

.....SEND concerns

.....Home School Link Worker

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