

# Newsletter for parents/carers of students with SEND

December 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

## The APDR cycle

We have now completed our first cycle of Assess, Plan, Do, Review (The APDR cycle). This is to formalise and develop a system that we were already using. Teachers have fed back on the outcomes set in September for each student on the SEND register. We are currently reviewing these, ensuring they are ready to report to parents and carers. As you can imagine, with over 140 students on the SEND register and 10 sets of comments per teacher, this is a huge job. Mr Middleton, our SENDCo, and his team have been working incredibly hard to complete this. He expects to get these out to you before Christmas as part of each student's SEND plan. There will be an opportunity to comment on the process and the information received by completing an attached Google form. We always welcome constructive feedback on where we can improve, as well as what we are doing well. Positive feedback is always a welcome boost to the team. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already taken the time to do this.

## Parent/carer drop in sessions with Mr Button:

Informal drop in held in the Mary Hayes room in North School reception, every Wednesday, 3.10pm to 4.10pm. No appointment required. Ms Brennan, representing the learning support team, will be there.

## Support group for parents/carers of children with SEND:

### Monday 22nd January 2024

The second meeting of the parent/carer support group for children with SEND will be held in the Croft Centre in South School on **Monday 22nd January 2024, 4.00pm to 5.00pm**. We will try to address some of the issues raised in the last meeting. However, this is mainly aimed at being a supportive network for parents and carers to gain information from each other.

## Support programmes for students

In other news, Mr Gordon Hodges and Mrs Lynda Haxell have started their 6 week programmes aimed at supporting our neurodiverse students. The students are invited on a rolling basis and we will try to open the programmes to as many students as we can. Details of the programmes can be

found on the SEND section of the school website. Mrs Wowczynna continues to run an ELSA programme, again on a needs driven basis.

## **Workshop for parents/carers**

I have attached a copy of a workshop run by the Local Authority for parents and carers of children with SEND. If you can attend and are able to offer feedback, we would welcome this. It allows us to gain insight into what the Local Offer provides and how useful it is to our parents and carers.

## **New staff**

We are very fortunate to welcome three new members of staff to our team, joining us in the New Year:

Mrs Sarah Baker: SEND administrator (January)

Ms Sinead Bradbeer: TA (February)

Ms Rosie Paterson-Spir: TA (February)

## **From us all**

From all of the learning support team at Redborne: we wish you a restful Christmas holiday and a happy and peaceful New Year.

With my best wishes,

Nikki Brennan

Assistant headteacher