



Dear parents and carers,

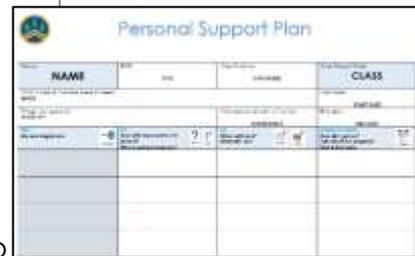
Please find information in this newsletter to support you with your child who has or may have SEND at Highwood Primary School.

What are Personal Support Plans (PSPs)?

Personal Support plans are in place for children who require SEN support within the classroom that require Universal + or targeted support.

Your child's PSPs will have been reviewed in December and new targets set, or continued for the spring term. If you have not done so already, please approach your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting to discuss and collaborate creating this term's targets. We encourage KS2 children to attend and be a part of this process.

Your child will complete a 'One Page Profile', which reflects their voice, alongside their teacher or teaching assistant. This will be shared with you at the meeting where you may wish to add some details.



What is Juniper classroom?

Juniper is a nurture classroom primarily used for our children with SEND requiring specialist provision. It is a working classroom environment for these children and the staff that support them.

Mrs Kenny's (SENDCo) office is based within Juniper and some children may have access to Juniper for emotional and mental health support during their day.



Neurodiversity support hub

01727 833963

supporthub@add-vance.org

Monday – Friday

9am – 1pm

Support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things related to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

SENDIASS



Hertfordshire SENDIASS provides information, advice and support which is accurate and confidential in ways that is accessible for parents.

How can I get in touch with SENDIASS?

01992 555847

e-mail: info@hertssendiass.org.uk

Please visit our school website for further information around the SEND support Highwood has in place for all our children.



<https://highwood.herts.sch.uk/>



Delivering Special
Provision Locally

DSPL9 Support

DSPL9 is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, staff in early years settings and schools, further education colleges, local authority officers and representatives from other agencies, work together as part of an Area Group, reviewing and developing the range of provision and support services available to their local community that :

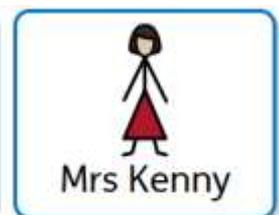
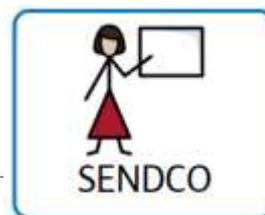
- Meets the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.
- Improves outcomes for wellbeing and attainment
- Widens choice for children and parents/carers
- Removes barriers to learning
- Uses resources more effectively

There are nine DSPL Area Groups across the county that meet regularly to discuss what services are available and to influence how services are shaped and developed to ensure the children and young people with SEND in their area receive the right support in their educational activities.

Please see the most recent **DSPL9 newsletter (attached to this email)** which offers a range of support for families dealing with various needs at home and in school.

Examples of support for families contained in their newsletter:

- EBSA support for parents – online courses. (Emotionally Based School Avoidance)
- Coffee mornings for local parents and carers of children with SEND.
- Information around the SEND local offer.
- Support and courses for separated parents of children with SEND
- Nessie support webinars
- Potential Kids – extra curricular activities aimed at children with SEND
- Promoting Healthy lifestyle course for families
- MANY free workshops supporting children with SEND – from SPACE Herts and ADDvance – ADHD, Sleep, ASD support



School support

If you have any concerns about your child in school, regarding potential SEND or your child receiving SEND support, our team is here.

We would encourage you to make first contact with your child's class teacher to discuss any concerns regarding your child. The class teacher can then liaise with Mrs Kenny (SENDCo) to explore your concerns ready to discuss with you as parents. You can contact the SENDCo to arrange a phone call or an appointment at;

admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk marking it FAO – SENDCo

Please note: Mrs Kenny works Monday to Thursday and most meetings take place on Monday to Wednesdays. In her absence, please speak to our Assistant SENDCo, Mrs Royle for advice or support.