



# WELLACRE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Each month I will be sending out information and updates from Wellacre and the Trafford SEN service to parents of Wellacre SEND students.

Hopefully, you will find the information useful and informative, as well as to help you understand what is being done to support your son at school and Local Authority level.

Last week Wellacre launched our Catchup Literacy intervention with students in year 8 & 9. The intervention is aimed at students with low reading ages and is designed to give them the targeted one-to-one support they require. The program provides students with a week of assessment (20 minutes per day) followed by two twenty minute one-to-one reading sessions per week. This program is designed for students to make rapid progress with their literacy. To find out more about the program visit <https://www.catchup.org/interventions/literacy.php>. If you are concerned about your son's reading ability and he is not currently on the program, please let me know and we will attempt to add him to the next cohort to participate on the program after Christmas which will also involve year 7 students.

This year, teaching assistants, as well as supporting students in lessons are supporting departments in ensuring that their classroom resources and materials are more inclusive for our SEND students. It was clear during the lockdown periods that many SEND students suffered without access to school support and that sometimes they struggled to access lesson material. By teaching assistants applying greater focus in this area, SEND students should be able to access more of the content in lessons without support, increasing their independence as well as pro-actively ensuring resources are accessible if future lockdowns occur.

On Thursday 14th October 4.30-7pm, Wellacre will be conducting an SEND parents/carers forum for parents/carers of students in all year groups which will take place online via the SchoolCloud software that was used last year for Parents' Evenings. If you would like to make an appointment to discuss any area of SEND provision, please do so by following the instructions that will be provided to you via email nearer the time.

- **Trafford Parents Forum** allows parents of SEND students to communicate and share information with each other as well as providing information and a range of documents and guidance for parents around a wide range of SEND issues. To access weekly updates from Trafford for parents of SEND students please visit: <https://traffordparentsforum.org/>
- **Starling Charity** - Is a small charity running free creative wellbeing activities for young people aged 13-25 with additional needs/challenging life circumstances (**e.g. mental health, Autism, ADHD, being a carer or being care experienced**). If you are interested, please view the documents attached to this email, or browse through their website:

- [www.starlingcio.org.uk](http://www.starlingcio.org.uk), or follow social media: @starlingcio. To register a young person onto any projects, you can complete a registration form: [www.starlingcio.org.uk/reg-form/](http://www.starlingcio.org.uk/reg-form/)
- **Trafford SEND Newsletter signup** - <https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/special-educational-needs-and-disability/secure/SEND-newsletter-registration-form.aspx>
  - **Trafford Local Offer** includes information and guidance on all SEND services provided by Trafford Local Authority  
- <https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=o2Ean5mXtGQ>
  - **SEND Local Offer – Virtual BiteSize Learning session for parents/carers** - The SEND Local Offer includes all the services and organisations which are part of the support on offer for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or who are Disabled (SEND) in Trafford.
    - Join us on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm for a 45 minute virtual learning session for parents/carers (via Teams) during which we will guide you through the Local Offer and demonstrate ways in which you can use the resource. [Book your free place via Eventbrite](#)

If you would like to discuss anything further, please contact myself or any member of the Inclusion team. Their email addresses and roles are included below.

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Kind regards,



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