



# WELLACRE

February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Welcome to the January edition of the Wellacre SEND newsletter

### Year 10 Internal Examinations / TA Support

Year 10 students will be taking internal examinations between Tuesday 22nd February and Friday 4th March 2022. Students in Year 10 who have Access Arrangements (AA) in place will take their examinations in an alternative location to other students, so the arrangements can be applied. AA will be provided by our Teaching Assistants. As a result, Teaching Assistants may not be available to support students' in lessons whilst examinations are in progress.

### Catch Up Literacy – Cohort 2

The second Catch Up Literacy cohort started in January. The first cohort of students have made significant progress in their improved reading age, their reading fluency and their confidence. It has also been wonderful to hear these students talking about books they are now reading and enjoying independently as a result.

Catch Up Literacy is an intervention aimed at students with low reading ages and is designed to give them the targeted one-to-one support they require. The programme provides students with a week of assessment (20 minutes per day) followed by 2 x 20 minute one-to-one reading sessions per week. To find out more about the programme visit

<https://www.catchup.org/interventions/literacy.php>

If you are concerned about your son's reading ability and he is not in cohorts 1 or 2 of this intervention, please contact us and we will consider his suitability for the next group which will start after Easter.

### EHCP Annual Reviews

EHCP Annual reviews continue to take place throughout the year. These reviews are now able to take place in person on site, or be held virtually if this is more convenient for the parties involved. Below is the EHCP review schedule for all year groups.

- Year 9 - February 2022
- Year 10 - April 2022
- Year 8 - June 2022
- Year 7 - July 2022



# WELLACRE

## Spring SEND Forum

On Thursday 31st March 4.30-7pm, Wellacre will be hosting the Spring SEND Forum for parents/carers of SEND students in all year groups. This event will take place online via the SchoolCloud software. 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 SEND Updates

### The Sleep Charity

One in four children in the UK are not getting enough sleep, which has an impact on their behaviour and ability to learn, as well as their physical health.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors who can talk to young people directly, or parents (and also talk to parents about their own sleep issues). The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm and the number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

### Trafford SENDIASS Contact Pages

(Trafford Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service)

- [Trafford FIS Facebook](#)
- [Trafford FIS Twitter](#)
- [Trafford FIS Instagram](#)
- [Trafford SENDIASS Facebook](#)
- [Trafford SENDIASS Twitter](#)
- [Trafford SENDIASS Instagram](#)

### Parent/carers sought for Trafford SENDIASS steering group

Trafford SENDIASS provide free, confidential, impartial advice and support to parent carers, children and young people aged 0 - 25 in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) who live in Trafford.

Trafford SENDIASS would like to hear from any parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) from Trafford who are interested in joining their Steering Group. The aim of this group is to guide the work of the service and support the group to make strategic decisions using the members experience, skills and knowledge. The group is made up of parent carers, with a parent carer chair, and representatives from education,



# WELLACRE

health and social care. The commitment would be to attend a meeting three times a year. Currently the meetings are held using a virtual platform but previously have been face to face.

If you are interested or would like to talk to someone about this opportunity please contact the service on 0161 912 3150 or email [sendiass@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@trafford.gov.uk).

## **See, Make and Do. Autism friendly sessions at Manchester Museum**

Join us for our early openings at the Museum aimed at children who have autism and other needs, along with their families and carers, and siblings. Activities take place before the Museum opens to the general public and there will be a quiet room available too. See objects, do activities & make creations inspired by one of the Museum's galleries. A different gallery will be open at each early opening.

Telephone 0161 275 2648

## **Wellbeing Support Group for Parents and Carers of Children with Disabilities and SEN**

The Counselling & Family Centre are offering a free online Wellbeing Support Group for Parents and Carers of Children with Disabilities and SEN.

These are drop in sessions, every Monday 10:30am to 12pm during term time.

Contact group facilitator and counsellor [eleanor.monk@thecfc.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.monk@thecfc.org.uk) for a Zoom invitation or for more information.

Telephone 0161 941 7754

## **Key contacts at Wellacre: The Inclusion Team**

Mr Thomson - Head of Year 7 [mthomson@wellacre.org](mailto:mthomson@wellacre.org)

Mr Asha - Head of Lowry [rasha@wellacre.org](mailto:rasha@wellacre.org)

Mr Whitehead - Head of Pankhurst [awhitehead@wellacre.org](mailto:awhitehead@wellacre.org)

Mrs Irwin - Head of Turing [jirwin2@wellacre.org](mailto:jirwin2@wellacre.org)

Mrs Haymes - TA [whaymes@wellacre.org](mailto:whaymes@wellacre.org)

Mrs Rothwell - TA [lrothwell@wellacre.org](mailto:lrothwell@wellacre.org)

Mrs Tunney - TA [ltunney@wellacre.org](mailto:ltunney@wellacre.org)



# WELLACRE

Mrs Scully - TA [sscully@wellacre.org](mailto:sscully@wellacre.org)

Mrs Lalley - TA [hlalley@wellacre.org](mailto:hlalley@wellacre.org)

Mrs Birney - The Hub/Inclusion Manager [nmcquire@wellacre.org](mailto:nmcquire@wellacre.org)

Mr Ward - The Hub - Pastoral Assistant [lward@wellacre.org](mailto:lward@wellacre.org)

Mr Dougherty The Hub- Pastoral Assistant [wdougher@wellacre.org](mailto:wdougher@wellacre.org)

I hope you have found the information in this newsletter helpful. If you do decide to access any of the external sources of support, please let us know how you get on so that we can continue to develop our knowledge and expertise in signposting our parents/carers and students to services which prove to be helpful.

If you have any feedback on what you might like to see featured in future editions of the newsletter, please let me know via email [scasey@wellacre.org](mailto:scasey@wellacre.org)

Best wishes,

**Steve Casey**  
**SENDCO/Assistant Principal**