



Dear Parent/Carer,

SEND Newsletter – November 2021

Welcome to the November Wellacre SEND newsletter. As we approach the Christmas holidays, we realise this can be a difficult time for students with SEND and their parents. If your son requires any additional support around this time of year, please contact us using the contact details at the end of this newsletter and we will work together to support your son as much as possible. Within this month's newsletter, links to agencies that provide support for students and parents around this time of year can be found.

Catchup Literacy Programme

The first Catchup Literacy cohort comes to an end this term. The progress that students have made with this intervention in terms of their literacy ability and confidence has been wonderful to witness. Catchup 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 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 programme 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 programme, please contact us and we will attempt to add him to the next cohort to participate on the programme after Christmas – this cohort will also involve Year 7 students.

SEND Parent Survey

If you have not yet had the opportunity to respond to the SEND parental survey that was sent out last half term, we would still welcome your feedback. Your feedback will help us to develop the SEND and Inclusion areas of the school. The **survey will close on 10th December 2021**. The link to the survey can be found below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYwyapi0dzraRyYSsJM4Sui7WIArsK4ZuAJKoCh2sr-ejKaw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Local SEND Updates & Events

Trafford SENDIASS Latest coronavirus advice and guidance, help during the upcoming Winter months and how Trafford SENDIASS can help you.

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=FyoN8BVxqlg>

Trafford Activities and What's On

Activities and events, training and conferences. Your handy guide to what's on in the upcoming months <https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=Nnh0rFHn4ps>

The Greater Manchester Autism Consortium

The GMAC currently have sessions on sensory need, understanding autism and managing anger as well as events for parents and students. For more information please visit.

[Events | gmac \(autismgm.org.uk\)](https://www.gmac.org.uk)

Autism Friendly Christmas

Advice and guidance around how to reduce the issues experienced by Autistic children over the Christmas period can be found here:

<https://www.autismtogether.co.uk/autism-friendly-christmas/>

Council for Disabled Children

We work with parent carers in a number of different ways. They are involved in advising us, representing parent views in national forums, co-producing materials, training and in many cases overseeing the work we do.

We have parent carer representatives on the IASP Reference/steering group and many of our members are parent-led organisations. We work closely with local parent carer forums and several of our projects involve working closely with the National Network of Parent Carer Forums.

We will also soon be launching an individual membership scheme, which will allow parent/carers to keep up to date with our work.

If you are interested in finding out how you can be involved in our work please contact our team at cdc@ncb.org.uk or visit <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/> for an in-depth look at how we involve parents in our work.

Play Factore SEN Play Session

Our next Evening SEN Play Session is Thursday 2nd December 2021!

Play Factore's SEN Sessions are held on the first Thursday of the month. Children receive 2 hours of play, having access to all our facilities. Additionally, siblings are more than welcome to come along and join in the fun too!

We welcome children aged 6 months - 16 years with all types of disabilities and special educational needs (SEN and SEND). Play Factore understands everyone's needs are different and we want to make sure your session with us is as relaxed and enjoyable as it can be. The volume of the music is lowered, as well, as adjusting the lighting to make families feel comfortable. <https://allevents.in/manchester/play-factore-sen-play-session/200021900527310>

TSEN Children ONLY Christmas Surprise (all ages) @ Rhyddings 5th December at 3pm

Includes Frozen Sisters singalong, the elf will take you to visit Father Christmas, a present & hot chocolate

www.friendsofrhyddingspark.com/shop

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