



WELLACRE

SEND Newsletter – October 2021

Welcome to the October Wellacre SEND newsletter. Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended the Virtual SEND Forum on 14th October. If you were unable to attend the evening, or there was a technical error that prevented you from speaking to the member of staff you had an appointment with, please feel free to contact them via the email address provided below and they will be happy to have a chat with you over the phone or arrange a face-to-face meeting if that is more appropriate. There will be another SEND forum taking place next term after the Christmas holidays.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to respond to the SEND parental survey that was sent out on 14th October, we would welcome your feedback. Your feedback will help us to develop the SEND and Inclusion areas of the school. The link to the survey can be found below:

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

EHCP Annual Reviews

EHCP Annual reviews will take place throughout the year. For the time being, these will continue to take place virtually. Students in Year 11 will have their review in November after the half-term holiday. This will take place after their meeting with Jeni Howarth, the careers advisor from Connexions to ensure that a member of the college/apprenticeship provider attends the review meeting. Meetings for Year 11 reviews will be made with parents next week. Below is the EHCP review schedule for all year groups.

Year 11 - November 2021
Year 9 - February 2022
Year 10 - April 2022
Year 8 - June 2022
Year 7 - July 2022

The Hub

During the SEND forum and the Open Evening in September, a number of parents have commented on the amazing support students are/have received in The Hub from the Inclusion team. This was very pleasing to hear, especially as until September 2021, we have not been able to run this provision as originally planned due to Covid restrictions.

The function of The Hub is to provide a centre of student support for whatever issue or difficulties they may be experiencing in, or outside of school. The Hub is staffed by three members of staff at all times, all of whom are mental health first-aid trained and have student-counselling experience and qualifications. Students are able to drop in and speak to staff before/after school or during break/lunch times to speak with members of staff about

any issues they are experiencing. These might range from homework or subjects they are finding difficult to anxiety or issues outside of school.

The Hub also serves as a space where one-to-one and small group interventions take place with teaching assistants and teachers. The Hub is also available to students as a space to visit at break or lunchtime if they would like a quieter area to spend their free time. The Hub also serves as an area for students to work in who are undergoing re-integration back into school or certain subject areas. If you would like to discuss further how your son might best utilise the Hub or how it can support him, please contact myself or any member of the Inclusion team (email addresses are provided at the end of this email), or ask your son to pop in and talk to a member of inclusion staff.

Trafford SEND Updates

Trafford's Virtual School - For students who are Looked After Children, please see Lyndsey Burrige - Headteacher for Trafford's Virtual School updates for how this service is developing.

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=tUIIWsd0DUU>

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=FyoN8BVxglq>

Trafford Local Offer

Update from Sarah Bradley (Local Offer Advisor). Nolan - a young person with SEND - talks about his experience of Annual Health Check.

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=71nOsL2aL3c>

Trafford Parents Forum

What has been happening with Trafford Parents Forum and the STEP - Stronger Together Empowering Parents programme

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

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>

Trafford SEND Drop-In Sessions

Drop In Sessions with Rachel Kemp, Information Skills Officer. Learning Disability Basketball with DOSport and Special Olympics. Our Club at the Hideaway. Gorse Hill Studios Creative Community

https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=TGVHx8_FBXq

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