

SEND Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Welcome to our first newsletter dedicated specifically for Special Educational Needs. We hope you find this useful for information and to keep you up to date with all the SEN news that takes place here at Church Hill. If you have any suggestions of what you would like in future SEND newsletters, please let us know.

The Leicestershire Local Offer

The Local offer gives children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and their families information about help and services in Leicestershire. You can access this through their website or Facebook page. The Local Offer brings together in one place information about health, education and social care for: Children and young people from birth to 25 years old who have a special educational need or disability (SEND), parents and carers of children with SEND, professionals working in health, care and education, and providers of services for children and young people.

Website: [Special educational needs and disability | Leicestershire County Council](#)

ChatAutism: Text message support service

ChatAutism is a messaging service that provides a safe and easy way to send a text message to a healthcare professional and get confidential help and advice. Through ChatAutism, diagnosed or non-diagnosed autistic people - or their family and carers - are able to access advice and support directly from the Specialist Autism Team.

Text the Specialist Autism Team on: 07312 277097

Find more information here: [ChatAutism- text messaging support service | Autism Space | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust \(leicspart.nhs.uk\)](#)

Useful Websites

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk
www.dyslexiaassist.org.uk
www.parentchampions.org.uk
www.adhdsolutions.org
www.autism.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN CONTACT A SCHOOL NURSE BY TEXT?

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 382

 ChatHealth

SEND Coordinators



Miss Oakman & Mr Scranage

At Church Hill...

We aspire for children at our school with SEND to:

- Achieve their best
- Become confident individuals living fulfilling lives

Although your first port of contact is your child's class teacher, we are always here to give support and advice when needed.

We are currently noticing more children are not having their eyes tested. The NHS provide free sight tests and are available at opticians for children under 16. We recommend that if your child has not had a sight test within the last 12 months, you make an appointment with an optician.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us via email.

send@churchhill-jun.leics.sch.uk

Free Online Parenting Support Courses

InOurPlace are hosting free online courses to help you understand your child and support their wellbeing. The courses are available to all parents, carers or grandparents. They are designed by clinical psychologists in partnership with practitioners and parents.

[inourplace | Solihull Approach – Leicestershire | inourplace](#)



Intervention Spotlight

In this section we would like to explain a little more about the different interventions your child may receive in school. Our first spotlight is 'Read, Write Inc'.



Read Write Inc. Phonics is the UK's leading synthetic phonics programme. It is designed so all children:

- Reach the expected standard of the phonics screening check,
- Develop reading fluency and read with comprehension
- Develop cooperative behaviour and articulate their ideas and understanding
- Spell and write with confidence

If your child attends this intervention in school, they are likely to receive around 20 minutes, four times a week. As a school, we find this intervention is extremely successful and it shows in children's progress.

ADHD Solutions Support Groups

You can access support and advice from their Specialist Family Support Team who run monthly term time support groups for parent/carers. These groups are a great opportunity to meet new people and share your experiences in an informal environment.



Coalville: Last Thursday of the month. 9.30am to 11.30am at Agar Nook Community Centre, LE67 4TN

Leicester City: Third Wednesday of the month. 10am to 12pm at St Gabriel's Community Centre, LE4 7RG

Loughborough: Second Tuesday of the month. 10am to 12pm at Tesco, Park Road, Shelthorpe, LE11 2EX

Wigston: 3rd Tuesday of the month. 10am to 12pm at Wigston Records Office, LE18 2AH



SEND Glossary

To help with some of those SEN abbreviations...

SEND: Special Educational Needs and Disability

EHCP: Education, Health and Care plan

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

IEP: Individual Education Plan

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