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WELCOME

WELCOME to the first edition of our SEN newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform our community about SEN and the range of support available to families.

SEN AT WICKHAM COMMON

As Wickham Common Primary School's Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENCO), I am here to offer support and advice regarding SEND support for your child.

As a school, we value the engagement of our parents so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

You can find further information about our SEND provision on the school website:

<https://www.wickhamcommonprimaryschool.org/>



What's happening?

SEN COFFEE MORNINGS!

Monday 9th June 9am Speaker: Vicki Maher, SEND lead for our trust.

Tuesday 8th July 9am Speaker: Bromley Local Offer representatives

Posters for the above will be sent shortly



Useful links

Did you know that Bromley offer free parenting courses? You can find out more here:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/parental-support/parenting-courses-online-seminars>

Upcoming in Bromley

Bromley SEND Clubs and Events:

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/v7dluzxU4Xr3K>

Bromley Y free webinars:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bromley-y-31612643251>



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The Local Offer

The Bromley SEND Local Offer provides a central hub of information and support for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (0 to 25 years) and their families. It offers clear guidance on educational, health, and social care services, as well as links to local organisations and activities. You can find Bromley's Local Offer here:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disability-send-local-offer>

SPOTLIGHT ON....

In this newsletter, we will spotlight on social communication needs. Social communication needs refers to a child having persistent difficulties with the use of verbal and nonverbal language in social situations. In particular, with social interaction, social understanding, and language processing. Examples can include eye contact, facial expressions, and body language.

Social communication needs may result in a spectrum of need, impacting on participation in social settings, developing relationships, understanding and achieving in education, and being able to recognise the expectations within employment.

In the case of autism, social communication needs are one of the defining features that can lead to an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis.



Autism, did you know?

One in 100 people are autistic and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. Autism is considered a spectrum condition and affects individuals in very different ways. Like all people, autistic people have their own strengths and differences.



Diagnosis

Historically there have been several different titles given at the point of diagnosis. Receiving a diagnosis of Asperger's syndrome, classic autism or even high functioning autism. Nowadays there is one medical diagnosis/description given, autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). To receive a diagnosis of ASD a person will need to present with differences in the areas of:

- Social communication and social interaction
- Repetitive and restrictive behaviours

Bromley have created a new leaflet about ASD diagnosis pathways:

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/downloads/file/3393/bromley-autism-referral-pathway>