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SEND Newsletter

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Usual working days: Wednesday at Burton Green, Tuesday to Thursday in the Trust

Welcome to the second issue of our termly newsletter with a focus on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and Inclusion. We hope you will find it useful. You will also find further information on the SEND offer page on the school website: <https://www.bgp.hlt.academy/key-information/send>

Spotlight on Transition

'The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.' (Lao Tzu)

The summer term is always very busy and exciting as we prepare to bring one school year to a close and get ready for another to begin. For children, this means taking a big step to a new school, a new class, and even a new routine for the next six weeks whilst on school holidays.

Using the school website is a good place to start to help your child to prepare to return to school; looking at the photos available on there and talking about what school will be like.

Teachers are busy preparing information which will also be helpful and you could try out some social stories to help your child - see below.

Creating Social Stories

Social stories can be really helpful for all children in understanding certain situations or routines, and preparing for change. You can find out more information here:

<https://therapyworks.com/blog/language-development/home-tips/using-social-stories-improve-childs-development/>

You can now make your own social stories, quickly and easily, using [Chat GPT!](#)

Try using a prompt like: 'Write a social story about going to the dentist for a 5 year old.' and let the computer or your phone do the work!

Provision Map Update

Provision Map is the platform we use to create and share learning plans and/or passports for pupils with SEND. Most parents were sent log in details in November. If you need any help logging in to see your child's passport and learning plan, please ask your child's teacher in the first instance, or contact Mrs Mackay.



Learning plans have been reviewed recently and you should be able to access these on the site. Children had the opportunity to talk about their targets with their teachers and reviewed their progress together. You can request a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their targets or you can add a comment on Provision Map by clicking in the parent/guardian contribution box.

Jargon Buster: Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP!)

Ordinarily Available Provision refers to the support, resources and strategies that schools in a local authority are expected to provide for children with SEND, without an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan).

While schools can vary widely in their space, staffing, and resources, we are proud of the strong core offer we provide at Burton Green. Our approach includes a rich variety of strategies designed to support the diverse needs of all our pupils.

More information is available on the SEND Information Report on the school website: [SEND Information Report](#)

Celebrating Support for All Learners

We hope you have had the chance to read the most recent Ofsted report, of which we are extremely proud. Supporting all learners is a thread that runs through everything we do at Burton Green and we use our best endeavours to provide the best support for pupils, within the resources available to us in our inclusive school. We regularly work with outside agencies to access support and guidance.

Ofsted said: "The school is quick to identify the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities. It ensures that these pupils receive the expert support they need. When necessary, teachers skilfully adapt the curriculum to ensure that these pupils make the best possible progress through the curriculum." Ofsted, March 2025.

Regular Dental Check-Ups

We recently had a visit from a dental team who spent the day with the children. Regular dental check-ups are an important part of supporting your child's overall health. We know it can sometimes be tricky to find a dentist taking on new patients, but the summer holidays might offer a good opportunity to register and book an appointment if you haven't had the chance yet.

Support for Parents and Carers in York

The City of York Local Offer website contains a whole host of information about groups and services that are available in York, including links to activities and things to do: <https://www.yorksend.org/>



Parent Carer Forum York is also available to support parents: <https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org/>

Other Useful Sources of Information

ERIC: Supporting children and families with bowel and bladder issues:
<https://eric.org.uk/>

BBC Tiny Happy People: Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

CBeebies Parenting: A new website with ideas and support from before birth to age 6. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting>

Let's Make Sense Together: Developed by local Occupational Therapists as part of a sensory processing pathway, supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences.
<https://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/therapy-services/occupational-therapy/lets-make-sense-together/>