

King's Ford Academy SEND & Inclusion Newsletter



The aim of the SEND and Inclusion Newsletter is to inform parents and staff about areas of SEND and to make SEND and inclusion a key priority in our school. If you have any questions regarding things posted in the Newsletter please speak to me.

Louise Harris—SENDCO

Welcome to our SEND and Inclusion newsletter

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Happy half term!

Welcome to our tenth edition of our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and inclusion newsletter. I am sure you are all hoping for some sunshine during the half term and some much needed rest. Here's a little update since the last newsletter:

One Plans

The final review of the year will be during summer term 2. These will be week beginning 30th June. Your child's class teacher will be in touch nearer the time to arrange an appointment.

Social Stories

Our year 3 LSA, who attended a social stories workshop, has been putting this into practice this term. Social Stories and Social Articles are used in the care, education, and support of people of all ages with a wide range of intellectual and social-communication disabilities. LSAs have been using these to support some of our young people with friendship challenges.

Elklan Speech and Language

All of the staff who were on the speech and language training have now successfully passed. I have also completed the tutor course which allows me to train parents. If you would like to achieve a level 1 in speech and language please email the school and I will call you to discuss the offer.

Transition

Next half term will be a busy one with transition and we know that this does cause some worry amongst some of our young children. We are aware of this and have arranged a variety of additional transition activities including extra workshops, meetings and social stories to ensure successful transitions.

If you have any questions or concerns please do ask.

Best wishes

Mrs Harris—SENDCO

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Projects 2024.2025:

- We are also involved with a new pilot project aimed at increasing inclusivity in school and building relationships and communication with parents/carers. **The name of this project is Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS).** We are excited to announce that this will continue for 2025.2026
- King's Ford Academy is now part of the Multi School's Council (MSC). We are excited to announce that we are currently applying for our first bronze award for this.



Transitions between schools can be an exciting time but can cause some overwhelming feelings. To ensure that our young people manage these feelings we offer additional support for our pupils with SEND. This will mean additional transition sessions and workshops. I also spend time with the relevant

SENDCos to handover all information about individuals. There are also some coffee afternoons available for parents to meet. Please keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming dates.

Paxman—I have sent names to Paxman for additional transition. Your child will get a letter if they have been put forward for extra sessions.

Phillip Morant— I have sent names to Phillip Morant for additional transition. Your child will get a letter if they have been put forward for extra sessions.

Transition day for ALL pupils in year 6 is Thursday 26th June (Secondary schools will send this information to you). We will have a transition morning for the rest of the school on this date too.

Multi Schools Council

The Multi Schools Council was started in 2012 to help break down perceptions towards children with SEND and mental health difficulties in schools and their wider communities.

We were very lucky to invite Kierran in school from Multi School Council to talk to some of our young people about their ADHD diagnosis. I was there during the meeting and it was fantastic to hear them asking questions to help their understanding. Kierran is great with the children and he has promised to return.

We have ADHD workshops booked for next time for our year 6s.

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- **SEND Twilight Transition Evening 3.30-5.30pm, Tuesday June 17th.** We would like to welcome identified students with a parent/carer to Paxman Academy to take part in a twilight transition event. We will provide opportunities for families to meet members of the SEND team and take part in a carousel of activities that will include having a short 1:1 appointment to share information, an ELSA taster session, a Sensory Circuits taster session, tour of the school and meet other students joining them in September.
- **SEND Transition Morning 9.30-11.30am Friday, June 20th.** We welcome identified students back for a morning of transition activities with our Peer Mentors and SEND staff. Students will be able to build bonds with their peers, become familiar with our setting and staff and take part in some team building activities.

Uniform Sale - Anglian Tuesday 8th July, 4 - 6pm/ Pre-loved sale Monday 30th June 3.30-4.40pm

- How do parents book into this event-No Sign up required this year
Pre-loved Uniform sale- one week before Anglian- 08.07.24 4pm-6pm