

King's Ford Academy SEND & Inclusion Newsletter



New Projects 2024.2025:

- In the new academic year we will be working with **Paxman Academy** and sharing practice from '**Ordinarily Available**' (**Inclusive Teaching Framework**). This will enhance our classroom practice. Our first focus will be our '**Learning Environments**'. This was delivered during our staff INSET day
- 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).**
- King's Ford Academy is now part of the Multi School's Council (MSC).

Welcome to our SEND and Inclusion newsletter!

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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

Important Dates To lookout for:



7.10.24—ONE PLAN Meetings— Teachers to send out invitations.

10.10.24—World Mental Health Day

10.10.24—Hello Yellow

23.10.24— **2-3pm** ADHD Parent Workshop—Run by Multi School Council

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.

Each term, children from mainstream and special schools meet to learn more about each other and put their plans in place for making a difference. Not only does the Council help break down perceptions, it provides young people with an opportunity to improve their confidence, to develop their personal and social skills and to promote important values like democracy and tolerance.



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Feedback from the PINS Project 24th September:

Thank you to all those that participated in the survey and those who attended the meeting. Parent voice is vital for strong school community. I just wanted to share a few points which have been actioned or were already in place:

- We have adapted how we will share information about our school during transition from year 2 to 3.
- All One Plans and one plan meetings have been set in the school calendar so you know when to expect the meetings.
- We have recruited an additional LSA and there are further interviews for another one.
- We already accommodate those pupils who have anxiety with crowds in the morning—we call these our 'soft starts'
- Watch this space for some exciting offers from the PINS project.

Multi School Council Meeting (MSC)

A fantastic start to the year with our pupils attending their first meeting. Our pupils gave some great suggestions, which will be put forward to Essex Council. We discussed these points:

- Raise awareness for Mental Health (We are taking part in mental health day)
- Create a tag line for the MSC bear
- Consider how pupil voice is heard more with one plans (our pupils do complete a form for their views)
- How can a SENDCO help children in school?
- Consider what a local offer would look like for children

