



HJS SEND NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the half-termly Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) newsletter for Hillborough Junior School.

THIS MONTH'S TOPICS:

- What support is available to parents?
- Resources available to parents
- Organisations for parents
- Activity to do at home

IMPORTANT!

If your child is on the SEND register and has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), you will find it on the Provision Map Edukey website or app.

You should have had a personalised login from school. Once you have registered with this, you will need to use your own password.

If you forget your password, use this website and select "forgotten password" to reset it.

<https://edukeyapp.com/parent>

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES?

At Hillborough, we will do everything we possibly can to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and their parents. Even so, it can be an anxious time for parents and pupils when you realise that your child needs support and we start the process of identifying a special educational need. We have a process which we follow for all children if staff or parents are concerned and this involves talking to the class teacher, the child and the parents. We may then ask to bring them up at the school liaison meeting with other professionals so that we can discuss the next steps and ask for observations so that we can identify any additional support they may need. In most cases, children with areas of difficulty will have their needs met by quality first teaching in the classroom, but in a few cases we may need to ask for outside support. This may be from the Edwin Lobo Centre (the paediatric centre), Speech and Language, Occupational or Physiotherapy, an Educational Psychologist or other agencies. They will all support the school, the child and families to identify what they need to be able to achieve their very best.

Resources available to parents

We will do everything we possibly can to help your child succeed in school, and we know that you do the same at home. Here are some resources that might be helpful to parents.

Twinkl Parents section

Twinkl is a resource website that has lots of activities that are used to support learning in school, but they also have a wonderful parents section with information about special needs and different diagnoses. It does cost to join the website, but it might be worth a look before you consider it.

Diagnosis support pack (for families following a diagnosis of a neurodiversity)

Search for "Luton Diagnosis Support Pack" on the internet and you will find a pack of information specifically for families that have had a new diagnosis for their child. It's really helpful!

Coming in the summer term for Year 6 parents!

We will be holding a coffee morning for Year 6 parents in the Summer Term with Mrs Whelan (SENCO), the Family Workers, our Educational Psychologist and others.

Parents will be able to come along and discuss any concerns they have about transition to secondary schools, talk to professionals and get advice on how to support their children through the change to a new setting.

Keep an eye on your emails to find out the date.



Organisations for parents of pupils with SEND.

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Helping children, young people and parents/carers to gather, understand and interpret information relating to special educational needs (SEN) and apply it to their own situation, Education law on SEN and related law on disability, health and social care through suitable independently trained staff, Local policy and practice, Support when things go wrong through early disagreement resolution, mediation, routes of appeal and complaints procedures.

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FLAG (Families in Luton Autism Group)

This was formed to address the needs of families affected by autism after an initial survey highlighted the parents' wishes to link with families in similar circumstances, have access to a sympathetic listening ear and user friendly information about the autism spectrum.

South Bedfordshire Dyslexia Association

We are a small group of dedicated parents and teachers, many of us with specialist dyslexia training, who offer practical help and guidance to children and adults. We are an independent registered charity, run by volunteers and entirely self funded. We have been providing the services below, for over 30 years.

Dyslexia Helpline: 01582 752444

Dyslexia screening tests cost £30 for a child.



FLAG is an online support group for parents and carers of children affected by autism living in Luton.

The meeting is hosted by the Autism Spectrum Team, part of the Special Educational Needs Service at Luton Council.

Meetings are held on Zoom, and password protected for your security.

*Osoby zainteresowane spotkaniem z polskim konsultantem mogą zgłosić swój udział emailem
If you would like to talk with our Polish speaking Advisor at the meetings, please notify us by email.*

**Spring/ Summer Term
Meeting Dates:**

Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm
3rd February
17th March
12th May
14th July

How to join:

- Sign up to the FLAG mailing list
- Request to join the Zoom Meeting
- Await the joining instructions.
- For face to face meetings please request information for the SWAN group

Contact: chloe.bishop@luton.gov.uk

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Activity for home

So many of our young people have worries and anxieties that affect them both in school and at home. In school, we have worry monsters or worry boxes where the children can write down their worries and post it in the box or give it to the worry monster to eat up.

This way, the children can rid themselves of their worry by writing it down or telling it to the monster. It helps to physically remove it from their head and as adults, we can also read the worry at a later time and see what they feel they need support with.

You might want to introduce a worry monster or box or something else similar at home if you feel that your child would benefit from it. It might even be a favourite teddy that they talk to or write to. Below are some examples of things you could use.



Some books that might be helpful are...

