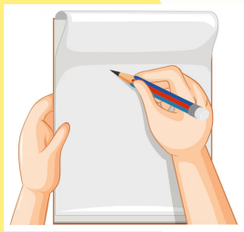
SEND Newsletter

Dear parents & carers,
I hope we will see lots of you at our next SEND cafe - 9-10am Thursday 6th February, at Bure Valley. Please email the office to confirm so that we have an idea of numbers!



Upcoming events

Live Now

SEND Survey



6th February

Next SEND Cafe



14th February

Next session with the Engagement Team

SEND news

Assessments for ASD and ADHD

In yesterday's SEND forum we recieved updated advice from the Neurodiversity Service on the assessment process. They confirmed that schools can refer into the NHS service **only**. The NHS serve does still have long waiting lists.

Therefore, if you want to take the 'Right to Choose' pathway, which involves an external, but NHS approved, assessor - you will need to go to your **Doctor**. This is currently proving much quicker. The Doctors then request information from schools.

https://www.norfolkcommunityhealthandcare.nhs.uk/neurodevelopmental-service/

Parenting Support

Laura Able from the Schools and Communities Team is coming to our SEND Cafe on 6th February to share plans with you for an upcoming Parenting Support course - please do come along and meet her!
Laura is extremely knowledgeable but also very expereienced and keen to hear from families about the challenges they face.

Being a parent of a child with SEND can sometimes feel quite isolating - so contecting with other parents with similar issues can be really valuable.

SEND Survey

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Survey for 2025 is now open until Sunday 23 February. This survey is a crucial tool for gathering valuable insights and feedback to improve the support and services provided to children and young people with SEND across Norfolk.

The SEND survey gives everyone involved in the lives of children with SEND and the child themselves, a chance to give their views about SEND services and support in Norfolk.

We would really appreciate your participation, as well as support in sharing the survey, to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive response from all stakeholders.

Amy Driver, Participation Officer (SEND), is also joining us on Thursday 6th February. She will be showing parents how to get involved in the SEND survey and then supporting children to give their views if the wish to do so.



Support from TACT

Parents of Young Carers are invited to join a Young Carers Parent Workshop on Tuesday 11th March, 1.30 pm - 3 pm at Bure Valley School, Aylsham.

The workshops will offer parents an opportunity to build an understanding of:

Information available on local young Carers groups and activities
Information available about signposting for family support, eligibility for grants, housing and adaptions and one-to-one support through Carers matter Norfolk.
Information on carers matter Parent Caer Service.

Places can be booked by completing the booking form in the link below or e-mailing Monica Harding - mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Family Voice Norfolk:

We are parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) in Norfolk.
Our aim is to improve services for our children and young people by ensuring that families' voices are heard by planners and decision-makers.
www.familyvoice.org.uk/articles-reports/newsletters-4/

SENDIASS

We provide free and impartial information, advice and support about SEND for children, young people, parents and carers.
https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/

Support from the Local Authority One Front Door Number:

Call 0333 313 7165 to get in touch with one of our advisors, where we support families and professionals. This phone line is open on weekdays, from 9am to 5pm.

Volunteering Opportunities:

If you feel that you could spare some time to support us, please email the office and ask to join the SEND volunteers register. Please state whether you would like this to be behind the scenes or with children. If happy to support in school, please state whether you have a current DBS.