

Outreach Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

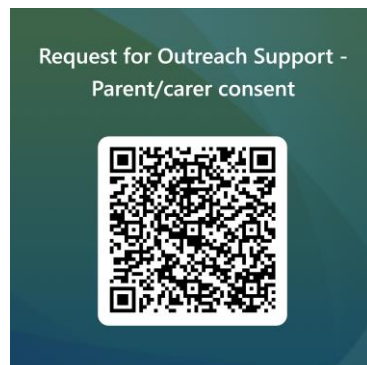
Welcome to our Outreach Newsletter. Any suggestions for topics to cover in the future are greatly appreciated.

We have launched our new online referral system from 1st September 2023. You will all have received links and QR codes and these can also be found on our school website. Once the referral is accepted you will receive an email and then your Outreach Teacher will make contact to arrange the initial observation. The email address for proof of acceptance or diagnosis to be sent to is:

outreach@northcottschool.org.uk

If you are struggling to find either the proof of acceptance on the pathway or the diagnostic report please let us know as we would not want this to prevent any pupil receiving support from our service. Any questions do not hesitate to get in touch.

Links:



OUTREACH TEAM:

Jenny Clark – Part time teacher and Outreach lead, 380 secondary pupils on her caseload across the City. Supported by Sarah Blakey.

Chloe Lawrence – Part-time teacher, 280 primary pupils on her caseload predominantly East Hull.

Catherine Wittey – Part-time teacher, 320 primary & secondary pupils on her caseload East and North Hull.

Hannah Gibson Matthews – Part-time teacher, 270 primary pupils on her caseload predominantly West Hull

Sarah Blakey – Part time support worker within secondary schools.

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Pupil Questionnaire

Last term we sent a forms questionnaire to all schools to share with pupils that we support and work with. This was aimed more at our secondary pupils as we work more directly with them. Here is a summary of the results:

64% of pupils enjoying working with staff from Northcott Outreach

26% of pupils don't know if they enjoy working with staff from Northcott Outreach

68% of pupils would like to continue working with staff from Northcott Outreach

32% of pupils don't know if they would like to continue working with staff from Northcott Outreach

The following were things pupils thought the work had helped them with: School work; make friends; understand themselves; feel happier at school; with their feelings; understand how to behave in certain situations; listen to others; tell other people things and know what help they need at school. I think you will agree it is always reassuring to see that pupils feel we are making positive impact on their lives within school and with their understanding of themselves. Autism Awareness work is a huge part of our support within Secondary Schools.

Staff Changes

Hannah Peterson left us in July to take up a post in Little Blossoms in Northcott School.

We are hoping to recruit another support worker ASAP.

Catherine Wittey is now taking on a few secondary schools.

Sarah Blakey has reduced her hours to 4 days a week.

"It's hard to put Autism into words. For me it is normal but to everyone else it's different. It's just a thing that makes me unique." Year 9 pupil Marvell College

Other Services

In the last newsletter we asked for suggestions of areas to cover in future newsletters. Other services was something suggested. Below are some local services in our area. This is not a recommendation for these services but a sharing of information.

- **Matthews Hub.** We are a support service for autistic people without a learning disability aged 13 or over, living in Hull or East Riding who have, or are waiting for a diagnostic assessment. We provide advice and support in relation to employment, education, housing, benefits, health, and diagnosis.
<http://matthewshub.org>
- **LAFSS.** Run a variety of groups, clubs and activities on evenings, weekends and holiday times for disabled children and young people who are aged 5 to 18 years.
Tel: 01482 715155 email: LAFSS@hullcc.gov.uk
- **Maxi Fun Club.** They organise and subsidise leisure activities for disabled children and families in the Hull or East Riding area. It was set up by a group of parents who were having trouble accessing family leisure activities for their disabled children and their brothers and sisters, so they decided to set their own group up. The regular type of activities they do include swimming, soft play, ten pin bowling, indoor play and so on.
<https://www.maxifunclub.com>
- **Special Stars.** Their focus is to improve the quality of life for people with significant learning and physical disabilities and their families across Hull and East Yorkshire. They achieve this by providing a diverse calendar of creative learning and social activities. They also offer a range of support, social, training and advice services for parent carers.
<https://heyspecialstars.co.uk>

“Everyone has a mountain to climb and autism has not been my mountain it has been my opportunity for victory”

Rachel Barcellona, first beauty pageant contestant with autism to compete in Miss Florida

What we offer:

Some of you have asked what type of support we offer. Here is a list (not exhaustive) of the support we are currently providing in different settings:

- Planning meetings
- Observations
- Group work for pupils e.g. Lego Club, Friends Group
- Autism Awareness work with pupils
- Checks in with pupils
- 5 Point Scale
- Independent work systems
- Social stories
- General advice either face to face or via phone or email
- Training – virtual or face to face
- Reports e.g. EHCP, annual reviews etc
- Attend professionals meetings
- Visuals
- Support for parents

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