

## Inclusion & SEND Newsletter – Issue 2: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Message from the Inclusion Team:

Hello Sutton Park Primary! Now that we are getting close to the end of term, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about how we will be supporting the children in the transition to their new class and things that you can do to support them during the summer holiday to get ready for school in September. We hope that you are all staying safe and we look forward to seeing you in September. Have a wonderful summer holiday.

**Mrs Shotter & the Inclusion Team**

### Introducing Mrs Runacus

We are very excited that Mrs Runacus will be joining the Inclusion Team at Sutton Park Primary as Lead Practitioner for Inclusion & SEND from September. Mrs Runacus has worked with the Prince Albert Community Trust throughout her teaching career and has been the Lead Practitioner for Inclusion and SEND at one of the other Trust schools for the last two years. She holds the National Award for SEN Co-ordination and is a trained ELKLAN practitioner which means she is very knowledgeable about language development. In addition Mrs Runacus is a Lead Practitioner for Autism and has completed strategic leader training through the Autism Education Trust.

We look forward to being able to introduce you in person in the Autumn Term.

### Transition to your new class

By now, you will all know who your child's new teacher is. Please ensure that your child has some opportunities to watch the welcome vide from their new teacher to help them start thinking about moving to a new class in September. We understand that some children will find it more difficult to return to school in September than others. If you are concerned about how your child will cope with returning to school in September, please do get in touch and we will talk about how we can support you. Some children will be sent a transition book in the post. This is to help them prepare for returning to school in September. Please take some time over the summer holiday to look through it with your child and make sure they have access to it during the summer holiday whenever they want.



Follow us on twitter @Suttonparkpri

*We often re-tweet and signpost things that might be useful from our partners and organisations that we work with. You might find something useful on here too.*

Please keep up your engagement with our Twitter page. We love hearing from you and especially enjoy seeing the home learning and exciting projects that you have been doing.

We will continue to tweet things that we find which might be useful to support our children with additional needs.

If you have any specific concerns or questions about your child's additional needs or Special Educational Needs you can contact Mrs Shotter via the email address below.

She will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible in September to answer any queries.

**[a.shotter@suttonparkprimary.co.uk](mailto:a.shotter@suttonparkprimary.co.uk)**

For all other enquiries, you can contact school during the summer holiday via the email address below.

We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible to answer any queries.

**[schoolclosure@suttonparkprimary.co.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@suttonparkprimary.co.uk)**

### All About Me booklets

To support your child in preparing to return to school in September, it might be useful for them to create an all about me booklet for their new teacher. They could include information about their favourite things, their family, things they like at home and at school or things they are looking forward to in September. The teachers will also love to hear about what you have got up to over the summer holiday.

### Support for Parents and Carers from the Birmingham Educational Psychology Service

Do you as a parent or carer at home with your child during school closures, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families?

Birmingham Educational Psychology service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carer who feels they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families.

These concerns can be related to school or family life. If you would like to access this service, please email your name, preferred contact number, your child's school, any dates or times that you would **not** be available and whether you need an interpreter to [kate.smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:kate.smith@birmingham.gov.uk)

### Advice from the Birmingham SEND Support Services

There continues to be lots of really useful information from the Birmingham SEND Support Services on the Access to Education Website. Here you will find information and strategies to support along with some activities that you can do with your child. There are also links to additional website which might be useful.

<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/parents/>



### Contact details for SEND Parent Link Service

You can contact the Parent link service to talk to someone about your child using the following email address:

[parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk)

### Resources to support your child returning to school

If you are worried that your child might find it a little difficult to come back to school, there are some things that you can do over the summer which might help them. Social stories are a really useful way to talk to your child about returning to school and any worries they may have. They use simple language and pictures to explain what will happen. We have put a couple on the school website and there are more, along with other useful resources that have been produced by the Communication and Autism Team on their website <https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/cat-covid-19-transition-package/>

There are also some lovely resources to support with returning to school after lockdown and moving to a new class on the Reachout ASC website <https://reachoutasc.com/resources/transition-to-new-class>

### Need to talk?

Pause are here to help throughout the summer holiday.

**Pause.** Forward Thinking Birmingham

Need someone to talk to?  
Struggling to cope with feelings?  
We're here for you.

We are operating a telephone-based service while Pause in Digbeth is closed. Drop us an email on [askbeam@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:askbeam@childrenssociety.org.uk) in the first instance.

Or call 0207 841 4470 and we will arrange for one of our friendly staff to call you back but email is much quicker.

**Who can use us?**  
You can use us if you have a Birmingham GP and are:  
- Under 25 years old (If you are under 14 you will need to have a parent / caregiver with you when we call to give consent).  
- Or if you are a parent / caregiver looking for support for their child who is under 25 years old.

**How can we help?**  
We can offer:  
- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.  
- A non-judgemental listening ear.  
- Details for other organisations that might also be able to help you.  
- Each call lasts around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

**Our Opening Hours:**  
Email or Call Us - 10am - 6pm, 7 days a week

### Inclusion & SEND Support Services



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### **Early Years Solutions**

Our colleagues at the Pupil & School Support Service, Communication & Autism Team, Birmingham Educational Psychology, Physical Difficulties Support Service and Sensory Support Service, along with Dr Anita Soni from Early Years Solutions will continue to support us remotely in September for the first half term. They will continue to make calls to parents, take part in Teams meetings and use video footage to support staff to work with children in their class.

School visits are expected to start again after October half term but we will keep parents informed of any updates that we receive.

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