



Poulton Lancelyn Primary School

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SEND Newsletter



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Welcome to our termly SEND update newsletter.

What do we mean by the term SEND?

A child or young person has a special educational need if they have significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities generally provided for others of the same age.

4 areas of SEND

- **Communication and Interaction** – This includes Speech, Language and Communication needs (SLCN) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- **Cognition and Learning** - This includes Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) and Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) such as Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia.
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)** – This includes Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).
- **Sensory and / or Physical Needs** – This includes hearing impairments, visual impairments and children with a physical disability.

SEND Events this term

Parent Send Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee morning in school. We will have more parent SEND events in the spring and summer terms.

SENDLO

Wirral introduced their new website <https://www.sendlowirral.co.uk/> and held an event at the Floral Pavilion. Please use this website for more information about Wirral's local offer and advice for parents and schools.

10 Pin Bowling Event

Some of our children represented the school at the Panathlon Competition at Cheshire Oaks. We competed against other schools in Wirral and came 2nd place overall. We are very proud of them.

January 2024

Parents will be invited in to school to meet with Miss Haworth or Mrs Gawne to share their child's Spring support plan.

If you have any SEND suggestions, recommendations or support networks, please use the senco email above.

Please use the school website to find more information about the school SEND offer including the SEND Information Report. This will be updated in the New Year.



These 12 Tips for an autism friendly Christmas have been provided by Autism Together.

1. Have a designated place to relax and retreat, especially, if you plan to have a houseful of guests. You could even label it as a quiet room.
2. Be clear about when friends, family or neighbours may visit. Write up a schedule and stick it on the fridge or somewhere it is easily accessible.
3. Use advent calendars to your advantage – a countdown can be really beneficial to make people aware of upcoming events.
4. Some families opt for a one-day Christmas, when decorations and lights are put up and taken down on the same day.
5. Alternatively, how about decorating a designated 'Christmas room' to limit the impact of changes to other rooms in the house.
6. Look at the world through the eyes of your loved one – what aspects of Christmas do they enjoy? There are no rules- Christmas can be whatever works for you and your family.
7. Have some Christmas-free time away from the festivities – this can be helpful to reduce anxiety. A quiet stroll in the park or feeding the ducks could help, if this is what you normally do to relax.
8. Father Christmas can cause anxiety. Prepare your loved one by showing them pictures, or perhaps Father Christmas could drop off presents at a family members house instead.
9. Find out about local events, such as autism-friendly grottos and pantomimes. Decide which events your loved one would enjoy and book in advance.
10. Christmas dinners can be individual, so stick to what you know will be popular. Who says it has to be roast turkey?
11. On Christmas Day, try and keep to a routine that suits your family. If you need to make changes, then prepare in advance, using photos or social stories to explain what is happening.
12. Christmas is about enjoying yourself. It's your time, too, so always ask for help from family and friends if you need it.

Other websites that may be useful over the Christmas period

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/additional-needs-disabilities/support-home-school/send-christmas/>

ADHD Foundation

If you would like to SEND webinars then please email the SENCo email address. Your child doesn't have to have a diagnosis for you to view the webinars. They are available to all parents who want further advice and support.

1. Understanding and supporting my child's ADHD

-Neuroscience of ADHD

-Sleep and Wellbeing with ADHD

-Stress Response and Self Resilience

2. ASD webinars

-Understanding ASD presentations and sensory sensitivities

-ASD, Co-morbidity and complexity

3. Understanding Behaviour webinars

-Functions of behaviour

-Promoting the behaviour we would like to see

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Partnership Wirral

<https://wired.me.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/wirral-send-partnership/>

<https://wired.me.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Wirral-SEND-Partnership-Flyer.pdf>

