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Welcome Message



Mrs J King SENDCo (left) and Mrs H Marshall Assistant SENDCo (right) are extremely excited to begin in their new roles. They wish to share some positivity with everyone, as they embark on this journey.

Mrs J King “Relationships are paramount to success!”

Mrs H Marshall “Empowerment, anti-labelling and nurture will be at the forefront.”



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Vision for the department

First and foremost, the vision that will be promoted by the department is to put the child and human being at the heart of every decision by adopting a holistic approach to caring for children. The focus will be on revolutionising support packages for SEND students.

As of September, students on Educational Health Care Plans (EHCP's) have been assigned to key worker staff within the SEND department who will be there to advocate for the young person and be a point of contact for parents and carers.

What is the intended purpose of this newsletter?

To provide a written and visual publication, that keeps parents and guardians informed about any changes, current interventions, key dates, the latest SEND research insights and support services. It will also give WFS an opportunity to celebrate student successes, as well as staff within the department that have really made a difference.



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Lincolnshire Young Voices

The SEND team are working closely with Alfie Alison, chair of Lincolnshire Young Voices for SEND. Alfie is looking at hearing more about the experience of young people with EHCP's first hand and we would love to engage with Alfie on this. If your young person has an EHCP and would like to be involved, please get in touch.

William Farr's very own Lincolnshire Young Voices representative



We are delighted that Liam Medley in Year 10 has become part of Lincolnshire Young Voices representing the voices of SEND students. In July Liam attended the Regional Young People's Assembly to represent Lincolnshire Young Voices where he spoke with eloquence and intuition. According to inside sources everyone was impressed! If any young people have ideas to share, please get in touch with Liam in school.



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External Support Services

Kooth Digital Health

A free online mental health and wellbeing service which provides talking therapy. It has been widely used in Lincolnshire, providing young people with advice around managing emotions and helpful habits through their website, mobile applications and messaging services.



Virtual Autism Hub

This new autism diagnostic pathway for children up to aged 18. With increased demand for diagnosis after covid-19, this pathway has been constructed alongside specialist clinicians and the autistic community with a view to provide advice over the phone or in person, give information about grants and offer information about autism and the diagnosis process.





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Latest Research Insights

The number of children on the SEND register has increased by 140% in the last 9 years across the UK. Therefore, there is a projection of a 13.5% rise in demand over the next 3 years.

A Lincolnshire County Council report reveals that out of approximately 108,725 pupils, 18,549 have an identified special educational need; 15,427 (around 82%) receive SEND support.



Key noteworthy dates

Every Tuesday 3.45-5- drop-in sessions in main hall for SEND parents to have a conversation about any concerns with a member of the SEND department.

Thursday 25th September- Open Evening, and we would love to have SEND students to support during this evening, if you are interested please come and see Mrs King in the SEND department.

Friday 26th September- INSET day

Friday 14th November- Non-Uniform day

Tuesday 25th November- Year 8 parents evening



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The amazing SEND department!

