

KENNINGTONS SEND NEWS

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What is SEND? A pupil has Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.



Message from Mrs Thomas (SENDCO)

I want to say a huge welcome to all our new pupils and families. It has been a busy start to the school year and the children have settled well into their new classes.

Last Term, I carried out a parent survey and it was great to hear how you feel we are doing. Nearly all parents who responded said their children were happy in school, and that you would recommend us to another parent. Thank you for sending in your views. It is really appreciated.

What has been happening to improve SEND provision in school?

We have changed the way we share information with you about your child's needs and their additional provision in school. You will have received a copy of your child's new Individual Support Plan (ISP) plan with this newsletter. We are hoping that it gives you more information about the additional provision provided for your child and how you can help them at home. I would love some feedback about your thoughts on the new plans. Please email me via the office to let me know your thoughts. enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk

During our second INSET day at the start of the term, we spent the whole day talking about SEND provision. We have increased the amount of support that is available to all children in the school. This means we can respond quicker to any gaps in learning that arise. This may mean that less children need to go on to our SEN register and that some children may be removed from it this term. I will always write to you to explain any decisions that are made about your child being on the SEN register.

The Thurrock SEND Local Offer

This is an important resource for parents of children with SEND as it will help you to understand the range of services and provision in the local area. You can find it on the ASK Thurrock website or click the link on our SEND page on our school website. Our website also has lots of links to signpost you to NHS advice, Parent Advisory Team Thurrock and our school SEN information report.



Did you know?

Simone Biles (Olympic Gold Medallist) was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as a child. She has overcome many challenges to become a gold medal winner at the Olympic games and has won 11 Olympic medals so far.

What do I do if I am worried about my child's needs?

If you have a concern about your child, please arrange to talk to us. Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact and can be contacted by calling the school office or emailing enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk often a friendly chat can reassure you about your worries. I am also happy to speak to you about your child's needs and can be contacted in the same way.