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# Frequently asked SEND questions

# FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions. Please find answers to several FAQs

**What does SEND stand for?**

SEND stands for Special Educational Needs or Disability. A child may be added to the SEND register if they have a learning difficulty or disability which means they require additional support in school.

**How will I know if school have identified my child as having a SEND need?**

Children are closely monitored through their educational journey and we recognise that children go through phases where less or greater progress is made. A child may be added to our SEND register after a clear picture of the child has been built over time, and after consultations with parents and sometimes professionals from outside school, such as a paediatrician or a health visitor. Our register is not fixed or rigid, children can be removed later on in their academic journey.

**What should I do if I am concerned about my child’s learning or progress?**

The first step would be to speak to your child’s class teacher, who will note and discuss the concerns with you. Following this, it may be necessary for the teacher to consult with the SENCO and you would be invited into school to attend an early identification meeting with both the class teacher and the SENCO.

If you have any SEND related questions, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Thompson, SENCO.

# ELSA Support in School

ELSAs are Emotional Literacy Support Assistants who have received specific additional training from Educational Psychologists. ELSAs support children with identifying, regulating and understanding their emotions, whilst respecting the feelings of those around them. ELSA support can be delivered 1-1 or in a small group and parents of children receiving support are consulted prior to sessions beginning and regularly thereafter.

Many local authorities, including Nottingham City, encourage schools to offer ELSA support.

Trained ELSAs are:

Mrs Thompson (SENCO)

Miss Clark ( Class 4 Teaching Assistant)

If you would like to know more about the ELSA programme, please don’t hestitate to ask.



# Welcome to our SEND newsletter

A very warm welcome to the first issue of our SEND newsetter which shares updates, calendar events and information regarding special educational needs and disability, both at our school and in the local community.

Should you require any further information, or if you would like an appointment to discuss your child, please contact the school office and I will be happy to help.

Best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

Mrs Thompson

SENCO & Class 3 Teacher

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# Community News and Local Events

# Supporting Your Own Mental Health

If you are feeling unhappy or stressed, don’t be alone – come and talk to a member of staff in school. We can provide you with support and suggest agencies who can help free of charge.

One such agency is **Turning Point**.

Turning point are available on: 0300 555 0730

Opening hours: 9am-11pm every day

For an adult (or child) who needs out of hours support, Turning Point have an emergency contact number:

0808 196 3779 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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## **This free of charge, accredited course will teach you:**

* How to help your child with their listening and language skills
* How play informs your child’s learning
* Why some children find it difficult to communicate

## **Further details:**

From Thursday 5th January to Thursday 9th February

2 hour sessions (each Thursday) at Broxtowe Children’s Centre, Bradfield Road, NG8 3AY

Available for parents living in the Small Steps, Big Changes wards of Aspley, Bulwell, Hyson Green, St Anns and Arboretum

Suitable for parents of children aged 2 and half years up to their 4th birthday

[David.Mcdonald@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:David.Mcdonald@nottshc.nhs.uk) Tel: 079201381  



# Autistic Spectrum Drop In Sessions

An opportunity for parents to come along for a drink and a chat and a chance to meet other families. At each meeting a paediatrician, often accompanied by a social worker or guest speaker, is available to answer any questions you may have.

Drop In Sessions are held on the third Wednesday of every month between 10am and 12pm in Main Meeting Room, Children’s Development Centre, City Hospital Campus, Hucknall Road, Nottingham.

Contact: 01158831157



# Football and Multisports Sessions for Players with a Learning Disability

Sessions run by coaches experienced in working with children with additional needs.

Thursdays 6pm – 7pm

Only £3 per session.

Melbourne Park, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham, NG8 5HJ

For more information, contact Helen on: 07743862035



Let us end our newsletter with a prayer dedicated to the wonderful children in our care…

*Lord, we give thanks for our children. We are blessed to have them in our lives and know they are a gift from You. Help us to guide them through all that they do and all that they achieve, both at home and at school.*

*Amen.*