



## Summer 2019 Newsletter

### SEND INCLUSION AWARD 2019

This term Maricourt SEND department are striving to attain the SEND inclusion award. The SEND Inclusion Award offers mainstream schools the opportunity to gain accreditation for high-quality provisions and outcomes for children with SEND.

The award will help schools develop high-quality SEND provision throughout the school by:

- ★ promoting awareness of SEND issues and inclusion for all staff, parents, pupils and governors
- ★ evaluating and improving classroom practice and interventions
- ★ focusing on pupil outcomes, practice and interventions

Many of you will already have had the opportunity to reflect on our provision and completed the parent/carer questionnaire in the autumn term. We now need you to complete the process again so we can consider your views in going forward. Please can you complete a form using:

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/5c0697b99ae65>

### MARICOURT PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

#### INTRODUCTION

This term has been very busy with GCSEs /A levels and Mock exams. Our SEND department have been working with Curriculum and Pastoral Leaders to ensure that our most vulnerable students are equipped with all they need to enable them to flourish during their exams. I'm sure you will join me in thanking all our Learning Support Assistants for all their hard work and commitment to the students, for their energy and dedication during this difficult period.

This term we also received great feedback from our SEND Quality Assurance process. The external verifier Mike Fletcher-Hunt confirmed that SEND provision overall is "Good with some outstanding features". That the "school has extensive monitoring arrangements to monitor the progress of SEND pupils in each Year Group and Parents consider the school has an open door support policy and highly" (the full report is on our website in the SEND area)

#### Dates for your Diary

- **21-11 June at NEC Birmingham & 28-29 June at EventCity Manchester - The Autism Show 2019**  
<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2019-03-20-autism-show.aspx>
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Supporting Parents & Carers: Learning More about Autism – Preston**  
<https://witherslackgroup.co.uk/events/autism-preston/>
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Sefton Parent/Carers Social Communication Training/coffee Sessions**  
<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/service.page?id=PWET4ty71AY>
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 SEND Parents Workshop – 2pm – Arnold hall, Lower School, Maricourt.**
- **Various dates – Liverpool Autism Training Team**  
<https://www.thelivewelldirectory.com/Services/135/>

#### Useful websites/resources

For up to date national information for parents you may find this website useful

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com>

#### School website - SEND area for parents.

<https://www.maricourt.net/about/parents/send>

- Maricourt SEND Offer
- Sefton Local offer
- Access Arrangements for examinations policy
- Dyslexia and Specific Learning Difficulties resource booklet (2018) from Dyslexia Action

#### Support for ADHD

- <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/>
- <http://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/>
- ADHD Nurses (Sefton) 01704395720

#### Support for Autism

- <https://www.autisminitiatives.org/ossme>

#### Together Trust Autism Support for parent workshops

- [James.Clark@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:James.Clark@sefton.gov.uk)

#### Parents SEND Support

- <https://witherslackgroup.co.uk/events-support/>
  - <http://www.livpac.co.uk/>
- LivPaC is a local parent carer forum in Liverpool

**Step Up  
for  
Autism**



**April saw World Autism Awareness week 2019**

To explore ways to support children and young people on the autism spectrum. We find the following sites useful

<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/autism-awareness-week>

You may find the parent guide particularly useful

<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/shop/parents-guide/>

[HTTPS://WWW.AMBITIOUSABOUTAUTISM.ORG.UK/ABOUT-THE-YOUTH-PATRONS](https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/about-the-youth-patrons)

Youth Patrons make sure that all the work we do at Ambitious about Autism reflects the views and needs of children and young people with autism. They make sure that all the work they do at Ambitious about Autism reflects the views and needs of children and young people with autism. They also act as ambassadors for the charity by directly influencing policy and decision makers, the media and the general public.

If you child is interested in joining Youth Patrons you can contact them on 020 8815 5165

*“Autism ... offers a chance for us to glimpse an awe-filled vision of the world that might otherwise pass us by”*

New National Autistic parent and carer support group in Sefton launched

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2018-06-21-parents-carers-group-sefton.aspx>



**SPECIAL NEEDS JUNGLE**

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ♦ DISABILITY ♦ HEALTH CONDITIONS ♦ RARE DISEASE  
<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/>

Parent-led information, resources and informed opinion about children and young people 0-25

**Review of the National Autism Strategy 'Think Autism'**

In April 2014 the government published 'Think Autism', a strategy for meeting the needs of autistic adults in England. The strategy supports the Autism Act 2009.

This year the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the Department for Education, will review the strategy and extend it to cover children as well as adults. Consultation finished in May. They have promised to use the results to find out where people think progress has been made and where more needs to be done in the future. You can find out more at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-national-autism-strategy-think-autism-call-for-evidence>