



Travis St Lawrence CE Primary School SEND Newsletter

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Essential for some, Good for All.

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Travis St Lawrence's SEND newsletter. We feel it is important to share more about what we do in Travis to help support pupils with SEND that makes us a special place. We will also share information about staff training, useful links, tips to try at home and changes to school policy relating to SEN. We will also share any SEN awareness days with some information about how to help.

Any queries or questions related to SEND can always be sent to senco@tsl.dsaf.education

Mrs Gill and Miss Tembey



Travis is proud to be part of the Diocese of Sheffield Academy Trust (DSAT). As part of this, we have pledged to uphold their 'Vulnerable Pupil Charter'. This outlines how, by putting things in place that benefit vulnerable pupils, we also benefit the rest of the school community.

Examples of this that you might see in one of our classrooms:

- The interactive board will never have a white background, as this can be challenging for pupils with dyslexic tendencies.
- Every classroom has at least one visual timetable (see overleaf for more info).
- Staff use the PACE approach when dealing with dysregulated pupils – Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity and Empathy.

YOUR WORDS		MATTER
INSTEAD OF...	TRY	
	Be quiet.	Can you use a softer voice?
	What a mess!	It looks like you had fun! How can we clean up?
	Do you need help?	I'm here to help if you need me.
	I explained how to do this yesterday.	Maybe I can show you another way.
	Do I need to separate you?	Could you use a break?
	Stop crying.	It's okay to cry.
	Do you have any questions?	What questions do you have?
	You're OK.	How are you feeling?
	It's not that hard.	You can do hard things.
	We don't talk like that.	Please use kind words.

WE ARE TEACHERS

Useful links:

Doncaster Autism Service

<https://www.autism.org.uk/autism-services-directory/d/doncaster-autism-service>

Doncaster Parent Voice

<https://www.doncasterparentsvoice.co.uk/>

Doncaster Local Offer

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/local-offer-send>

SEN Awareness Days

5th – 11th May

Deaf Awareness Week

14th May

Apraxia Awareness Day

15th – 21st May

Mental Health Awareness Week

If you have any concerns about this, please feel free to get in contact.

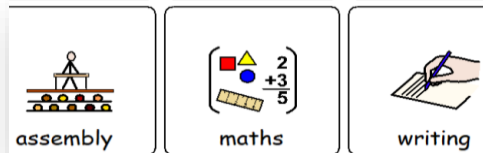


It's not a race...it's a journey

What are.... Visual Timetables?

No one likes to be uncertain about what happens in their day, and children are no different. The use of timetables extends throughout life- and with good reason! Knowing what comes next helps us to mentally prepare for the day. It can inspire us to get through the tough parts in anticipation of the better parts. Additionally, children benefit from this as they have not got a fully developed sense of time yet, and it helps to build their awareness of time passing.

At Travis, every classroom has a visual timetable which the teacher goes through with pupils each day. This particularly helps pupils with attachment-based challenges, autism or anxiety, but all pupils benefit from predictability of the day.



Famous Person of the month... Frida Kahlo



Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, renowned for her vivid, symbolic self-portraits, lived with polio as a child and later survived a severe bus accident that left her with lifelong injuries. Her art often reflect her physical pain and struggles, making her a powerful figure in representing the lived experiences of disabilities.



Makaton Sign of the Month

Makaton is a language support system used by many children and adults with additional needs. It is closely linked to British Sign Language, although it aims to support rather than replace language.

