



WJPS Parents' SEND Update November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the first of a monthly series of updates for parents and carers of children who are a part of our West Jesmond Special Educational Needs (Register).

In these updates we will share information and advice about supporting our children who have additional needs.

We are also very interested to hear from parents and carers who want to share any great links, resources or advice please get in touch and we will include them in this bulletin.

We are working hard to further develop our support and provision for all children at West Jesmond and want to deepen our partnership with you. Over the year, please look out for opportunities for drop-ins, feedback sessions and our new Ouseburn Learning Trust Coffee mornings.

Support Plans and Reviews

During the school year, we have a number of parent evenings and additional review meetings for our children with additional needs. We will be inviting you to review meetings early in the new year to talk with you about your child's progress over this term and the provision and adaptations we are offering in school. Before and during the reviews, we will be seeking your views.

However, you do not need to wait for these meetings. Please speak with your child's classteacher, to me or to any member of staff at any time about your child and any concerns that arise or questions you have. You can use our new email SEN@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk to contact me and our SEN team directly.

School Priorities 2024-25

One of our key whole school priorities this year is to develop our understanding of the wide range of additional needs of our children, especially SEND. All staff have had a series of training sessions looking at focussing on recognising SEND and adapting our provision, SEMH (Social, Emotional Mental Health) and Trauma awareness. This will be continuing across the year and we are very pleased to be a part of an intensive training programme offered in partnership with the NHS called Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is a new national programme that aims to support the education and health needs of neurodiverse children in schools through a partnership approach working with local authorities and parent carer forums.

Inclusive Swim Gosforth Pool

A great opportunity we have been made aware of by parents is an 'inclusive swim session' at Gosforth pool on Sundays 12:30-13:30. These sessions are inclusive for pool users who have disabilities - parents and carers are welcome! To book your slot please visit either their website, Better UK app or visit centre to have a chat with one of the team

Free SEND Christmas activities in December

Wreath Making on Saturday 7th December!

We have two sessions available:

Family session 10:00 - 12:00

Adult only session: 13:00 - 15:00

Location: Gosforth Civic Theatre

Accessible cinema screening for the full family to watch Polar Express on Sunday 15th December, 11:00am at Cineworld Newcastle

These events are available to families of children with SEND living within Newcastle upon Tyne local authority area. You must also be a member of Newcastle PCF (Parent Carer Forum) - It's free and easy to sign up.

<https://www.newcastlepcf.co.uk/become-a-member/>

To book a place, please send an email to contact@newcastlepcf.co.uk confirming the following:

Event name and time

Name & Address

Number of Adults Attending

Number of Children Attending

Please note spaces are limited - you will receive a confirmation email once your place has been booked. A reserve list will also be created for any last minute availability.

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Useful websites for parents and carers of children with SEND



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0191 2116255

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



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