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SEN Newsletter - Autumn 1



Welcome!

Welcome to our first SEN newsletter of the new term!
For those families I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting, I'm Mrs Duffy, the SENCO and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at Edward Pauling. My role is to support our children with special educational needs and disabilities, working closely with families, staff and outside professionals to ensure every child feels supported and able to thrive.

Through our SEN newsletter, I'll be sharing useful information, resources, updates and opportunities for support throughout the year. I look forward to working in partnership with you and your children and wish everyone a happy and successful term ahead.

Mrs Duffy's SENCO Corner



A little reminder for the start of term…

The beginning of a new school year can bring lots of change – new classrooms, routines, expectations and sometimes new adults too. For some of our children, these changes can take a little longer to feel comfortable with.

Keeping routines predictable, talking through what is happening next and giving children time to share any worries can make a big difference.

My tip for this term: Celebrate the small steps! Whether it's coming into school happily, trying something new, asking for help or becoming a little more independent, every achievement matters.

If you have any concerns about how your child is settling in or would like to discuss their additional needs, please feel welcome to get in touch with me.

How to contact the SENCo -

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's needs, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

Mrs Duffy - welfare@edwardpauling.hounslow.sch.uk - I will aim to respond to your email within two working days. Please note I do not work on Fridays.



Upcoming Coffee Morning Date:

14th October 2026 - Catch Up and Build Connections

We're delighted to invite parents and carers to our upcoming SEN Coffee Morning.

This is a relaxed and informal opportunity to come together, enjoy a cuppa and connect with other parents and carers. It's a chance to catch up, share experiences, ask questions and build connections with families who may be navigating similar journeys.

Mrs Duffy will be available for a chat, whether you have a particular question, would like to find out more about the support available in school, or simply want to say hello.

There's no formal agenda – just a friendly space to meet, talk and connect.

Future dates TBC

Pupil Passports

Pupil passports started making their way home at the end of last week, so you should receive your child's targets soon, if you haven't already.

Alongside this, your child should have brought home a paper copy of their 'All About Me' page. When you have a moment, please have a read through and complete this with your child. We'd really value their thoughts and your input, as this helps us to make sure their pupil passport reflects them as an individual. Please return the completed page to school as soon as you can so that we can add the information to their original document.

If you have any questions about your child's targets or the support and provision in place for them, please don't hesitate to speak to their class teacher. We're always happy to help.



Support for Parents & Carers: Hounslow SENDIASS

Did you know that families in Hounslow can access free, impartial and confidential advice and support through Hounslow SENDIASS?
Hounslow SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service) supports parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, as well as young people themselves. Although the service is funded by the London Borough of Hounslow, it works independently of the local authority.

The team can help families to:

- understand how the SEND system works, including Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans
- talk through concerns or questions by phone, email, virtually or in person
- navigate SEND processes and understand their options
- find appropriate services and information, including Hounslow's Local Offer
- provide support at some meetings and mediation processes, subject to availability and appropriateness.

You don't need the school to refer you. Hounslow SENDIASS is a self-referral service, so parents and carers can contact the team directly for support.
Get in touch:

📞 020 8583 2607

✉️ sendiass@hounslow.gov.uk

HOUNSLOW SENDIASS
Information Advice and Support Service

Visit the Hounslow SENDIASS website -

https://hounslowsendiass.org.uk/about-1

If your child already has an EHC plan, SENDIASS advises that your child's EHC caseworker should be your first point of contact.

Secondary Transfer Information

For Children with an ECHP and are in Year 5

Children with EHCP do not apply for secondary schools through the typical application process. Instead, the Hounslow SEN team ask you for your preferences and then consult with schools on your behalf. We will submit preferences for secondary placements during the Annual Reviews this year. All Year 5 Annual reviews will happen before the Spring Term.

New Wellbeing Space for Young People

Think Well, a new space designed to support young people across Hounslow, has now officially opened its doors.

It's based at Beavers Children's Centre, TW4 7NW, and will be open:

- Mondays: 4pm to 8pm
- Wednesdays: 4pm to 8pm
- Fridays: 3pm to 9pm

Young people will be able to access wellbeing support and connect with others in a safe, welcoming and non-clinical space that promotes positive mental health and builds confidence.

Short Breaks Newsletter

The Short Breaks October half term newsletter has been circulated to schools and should have been circulated to registered families today. Bookings are open next week.

Please see the link here for more information - https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/downloads/file/11581/short-breaks-october-half-term-newsletter-2025

New Monthly SEND Drop-In Sessions

Finding the right support for your child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) doesn't have to be an overwhelming prospect.

In addition to the Local Offer website, you can also come and talk to professionals in person at monthly SEND drop-in sessions for advice, guidance, and support.

Join one of the following events in Heston and Hounslow Central:

- Wednesday 14 October, 10am to 12pm, Hanworth Air Park Leisure Centre & Library
- Thursday 12 November, 10:30am to 12:30pm, Hounslow House
- Wednesday 9 December, 10am to 12pm, Clayponds Community Centre

These sessions have team members from: Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), Therapies, School travel assistance, and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).



Family Hubs

Family Hubs are a friendly and safe environment for babies, children, young people, parents and carers to access support and services they need to build thriving lives. They provide a single point of contact for families with children aged 0-19, or up to 25 years old if they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Family Hubs deliver a range of joined-up services, focusing particularly on parenting support, infant feeding support, early language support and perinatal mental health support.

By connecting families with these services, we will help address their needs and enable them to build positive relationships with their children and the people delivering the services.

Family Hub East: Brentford, North Road, Brentford, TW8 0BJ
Tel: 020 8583 5760

Family Hub West: Alf King, 7 Hanworth Road, Feltham, TW13 5AF
Tel: 020 8583 3922

Family Hub Central (Hanworth): Lampton, Neville Close, Hounslow, TW3 4JG
Tel: 020 8583 3720

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