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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the below information from the Secretary for Leeds SEND Parents/Carers.

Good Morning,

I am the Secretary for Leeds SEND Parents/Carers, a support group for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and am contacting schools in Leeds to share a some information about what we do and how we can help your SEND families. We would be very grateful if you could pass this on to the relevant member of staff who can share the information with families you think could benefit from it.

As I'm sure you are acutely aware, having a child with additional needs can be extremely stressful and isolating. As a group we are committed to helping provide support, friendship and advice to parents and carers who need it. We are also passionate about providing children with SEND opportunities to socialise and meet up with other children with similar needs to themselves in an inclusive environment. The group is organised and run by a small committee of six who all have children with SEND. I just wanted to share a brief overview of what we offer and I have also attached flyers for our upcoming support groups and events.

Online Support

We have a Public Facebook Page, Leeds SEND Parents/Carers Public Page, where we share information about both our own events and support groups as well as other organisations and groups across Leeds. We also share information from services for SEND children, young people and families including from Leeds Local Offer, SENDIASS, Leeds Parent Carer Forum, Carers Leeds amongst others. This is a public page and can be accessed by anyone.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557578146563>

We also have a Private Group , Leeds SEND parents/carers, for parents and carers of children with SEND. This is a confidential, safe space for parents to ask questions, share experience and make connections with other parents and carers. We currently have over 2800 members in the group and it is a quick and easy way to ask for advice.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/587331173189167/?ref=share>

Face-to-face Support Groups

We meet up every Monday morning term-time for our Coffee Mornings. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to get together to chat, ask advice and share their experiences. Our committee members can also help with form filling, sign-posting to services along with practical help with seeking resources etc. We are predominantly East Leeds based but do welcome families from across

Leeds and can also sign-post to other support groups held across Leeds by other organisations and groups.

We alternate weekly between meeting at The Crusader in Garforth (LS25) and The Barnbow in Crossgates (LS15).

We also meet once a month on a Thursday evening at The Briggate Wetherspoons in Garforth (LS25).

Details of dates, times and address can be found on the flyers attached to this email.

On a monthly basis I also collate information of support groups across Leeds and share this in the Monthly Support Group Timetable in hope that parents and carers can find a group accessible to them. This is shared both on the Public Facebook Page and the Private Facebook Group.

Events and Activities for SEND children

On a monthly basis we hold a Stay and Play session at The Newman Centre in Crossgates on a Saturday morning. This is an opportunity for SEND children and their siblings to get together and socialise with other children without the fear of being judged for their additional needs. It is also a great opportunity for parents and carers to socialise with each other. Details of dates, times and address can be found on the attached flyer.

We hold an exclusive SEND session at Monkey Maze soft play in Garforth once a month on a Monday after school. This session is exclusively for children with SEND and their siblings and runs at a reduced capacity. Details of this session and how to book can be found on the attached flyer.

We also hold seasonal parties exclusively for SEND children and their families. We have an upcoming Halloween Party that is sold out and will soon be releasing tickets for our Christmas Party where the children will have the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a gift from Santa. I have attached a flyer with details of how to book once tickets are released. This will be announced in our Private Facebook Group.

We have also held other events such as the Summer Picnic and have lots of plans for future events which will be advertised on our Facebook Group and Page.

Please don't hesitate in getting in touch if you would like any more information or have any ideas how we can help you support your SEND families.

*Kind Regards,
Martyne Jones (Secretary)
Leeds SEND Parents/Carers*

