

WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you very much for your generous donations to the Tombola Stall for our Summer Fayre, as part of our non-uniform mufti-day. I appreciate it is not easy to continually support events and as a result in recent years I have tried to limit the amount of requests for donations and money for trips to a minimum. I would like to thank the amazing work of the Business Group and Rotarians who support many of the school visits and enable us to attend often without any cost to you.

After School Club

Mr Samm is organising an After School Club, based around activities and sport, outside of the classroom. This is being introduced the week beginning 12th June, running Monday-Thursday up until the summer holidays. The club will run from 3.10pm-5.10pm each evening and costs £4 per hour. For booking information please contact msamm@weatherfield.beds.sch.uk.

If this is successful, we will look to offer a summer club in July/August during the summer break. More details on this will follow.

Farewells and Good Luck

We say goodbye today to a number of key staff - Ms Shaw leaves us today to go on maternity leave and we wish her all the very best from everyone here at Weatherfield. Ms Puddephatt, who joined us for a short while from an agency, will also be leaving us today to start a new role. Mrs Leach leaves us to pursue other opportunities in education. We would like to wish these staff members all the very best in their future.

Urgent – Carers in Beds

Please find attached a link below for Carers in Beds.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/182/young_carers

If you are a carer, don't forget to re-register for their fantastic offer! If you have registered before you are required to re-register to continue receiving the benefits of being a member. The deadline is 31 May 2023. Please check your emails from youngcarers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk to re-register. For information or help, or if you have not received an email to re-register, please email on the young carers email.

Social Media Concerns

I am aware that a number of our pupils still have vulnerability around the use of social media despite numerous lessons in school on protective behaviours. I urge you that if you know your child or young adult has access to the internet that you monitor their usage. For further support and links to recommended advice and guidance, please visit the safeguarding page of our website.

I would like to wish you all a restful half term. It seems the fine weather is here to stay and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Selmes
Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary:

Monday 5th June – Pupils return to school

Friday 23rd June - School Reports

Wednesday 28th June - Parents Evening

Friday 30th June - Year 11 Leaver's Day

Friday 30th June - Weatherfield Charity Golf Day

Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair

Tuesday 4th July - Sports Day

Wednesday 5th July - Transition Day

Friday 7th July - KS5 Leaver's Day (Yr 14 only)

Tuesday 11th July - Reserve Sports Day

Tues 11- Thurs 13th July – KS3 Seaside Visit

Friday 21st July - Last day of term

Why Volunteer?

There are many reasons why you may want to volunteer with us:

- You want to help give young children and babies the best start in life.
- Like us, you feel it's right to support local parents who are in need and are asking for help. Perhaps you even wish you'd had someone there to listen and offer support.
- You enjoy learning new skills, gaining experience and growing in confidence. Voluntary work is valuable for your CV and for many can be a stepping stone toward a career in a relevant field.
- You want a rewarding and interesting way to spend some free time.
- You'd like to invest in your community. Investing in the lives of local children is investing in your community's future.
- You would like to be part of our charity, meet like-minded people and make new friends.



What Does A Home-Start Volunteer Do?

When you help the parent, you help the child. Parents supporting other parents; a simple idea that works.

After your induction, you will be matched with a family and will usually contact them weekly for six weeks. This is usually done by phone or online. The time is arranged between you and the parent, so it is flexible to fit around your life.



The support you offer will depend on the family and could be:

- Being there to listen - someone to talk to who "gets it"
- Offering information about such things as how to navigate the various pathways to get Neurodevelopmental Services
- Information about other support services such as SENDIASS and specialist organisations
- Reassurance that they are not alone.

You are not expected to know everything and will be guided and supported by your Coordinator.



Will I Get Training?

Yes. Home-Start training is known as being amongst the best in the voluntary sector. You will receive training at induction, ongoing one-to-one support as well as training opportunities. Our induction is fun and informal; you will meet other new volunteers like you. There's tea, cake, biscuits (and potatoes! - An inside joke, you will soon understand).

What Kind of Families Would I Be Helping?

The families you support will have a child with a Special Educational Needs or Disability. They may have asked for help because they feel overwhelmed or alone or do not know where to find the information and access the services they need.

Remember your coordinator is here to support you every step of the way.

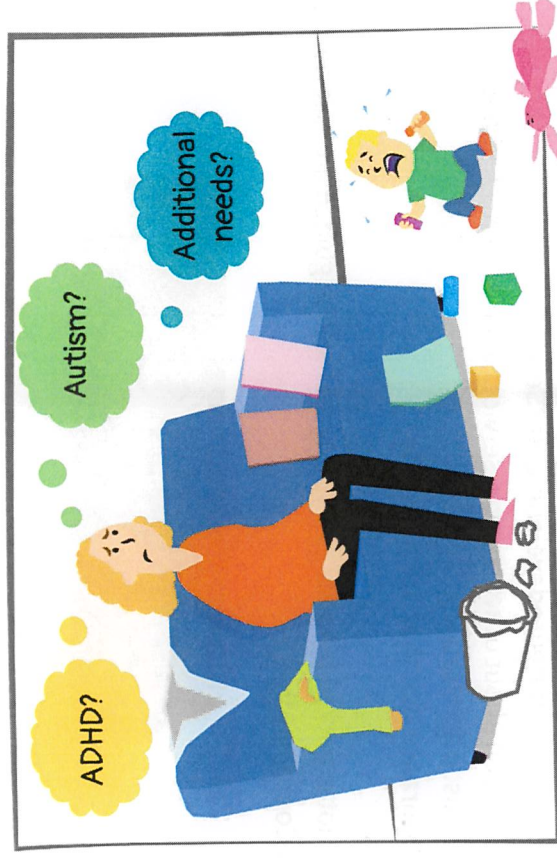


Be there for parents when they need help the most because childhood can't wait.

Email: office@home-startcentralbeds.org.uk | **Call:** 01582 660061

Visit: www.home-startcentralbeds.org.uk

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Do You Have SEND Parenting Experience?

Being a parent of a SEND child can be a rewarding but lonely place to be. Parents may not know where to get information about the condition, how to access further support or simply what to do. They may feel that their child is different and so are they.

By volunteering as a SEND Parent Mentor, you can show a struggling family that they are not alone and help them get the support they need.

Volunteer today because childhood can't wait.