



SEND NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest SEND Newsletter, aimed at keeping parents and carers informed and updated on all things associated with supporting those with additional needs. I believe that working in partnership with families will produce positive educational and social outcomes for your child as this directly links to supporting learning and development. It was therefore very pleasing to meet with so many of you at the recent SEND Coffee Morning.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you have any suggestions about future agenda items.

Mr A Rackham

SEND Coffee Morning

This term's coffee morning was an opportunity to meet some of the support team and find out a bit more about how pupils with SEND are identified and supported.

Mr Rackham, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, discussed the importance of school, parent and pupil working closely together to achieve the best outcomes. He gave an overview of how the school supports pupils as well as external agencies who work with us.

At these events we take time to ask parents and carers for feedback about the SEN support at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury. Once again we had lots of positive responses about the care the young people receive as well as some constructive suggestions about how to improve the SEN support.

Examples of parent feedback:

"Staff always take on board any concerns"

"There is always someone on hand if I need to talk to anyone"

Don't wait for an event - if you have thoughts about how we can provide more effective support to the students please get in touch. And just like the students, we always appreciate any praise about what we do well!

Parent Support Group

The **Communication Autism Team** are running a support group at Chinnbrook Children's Centre. Fridays 9:15am to 11:15am on the following dates:

6th March, 3rd April, 15th May, 12th June, 10th July



For more information contact:

Katie Price
Communication and Autism Team
0121 303 1792

Or

GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre
0121 464 4772



Midland Mencap are once again running their Parent & Carer Well-Being Workshops. Some parents attended these in the autumn term and found them very helpful. March 5th, 12th & 19th from 9:30^{am} to 2:30^{pm}

More information:
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Independent Travel Training

Solihull Independent Travel Training Team provide training to young people in Birmingham and Solihull.

Is your child moving from school to college this year? Are you concerned about how they will manage the travel? If you think this training may benefit your child contact the ITT programme for more information:

Solihull Independent Travel Training Team

Solihull Council

Email: travel.training@solihull.gov.uk

Phone: 0121 704 8069



Your questions answered

Q How much will the training cost?
A There is no cost to the individual for the travel training sessions.

Q What if I have a problem and need help?
A You will be taught what to do if there is a problem or an emergency.

Q What if I encounter bullying en route to my destination?
A Your trainer will teach you coping strategies to deal with situations like this.

Q Do I need to buy travel tickets?
A We will provide you with travel tickets throughout when you are training with us.

Q Where will I travel train to?
A We will come and meet you to find out where you would like to go to. There may be clubs, shops, cafes, job centres or Solihull town centre, as long as there is a suitable journey.

Who can have travel training?
This free training is for anyone who is not in education, employment or training (NEET). You must live in Solihull or Birmingham, be aged 15-24 and have the right to live and work in the UK.

How can I apply for travel training?
You can train at home or your parent, carer or other professional can make one for you. You can complete an online form at www.solihull.gov.uk/TravelTraining or call the NEETs helpline.

Further information
For more information about the ITT programme, please contact:
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Solihull Independent Travel Training NEETs
Travel on your own with confidence

- Training from home to your destination
- 1:1 Training with a qualified trainer
- Free training

What is independent travel training?
Travel training teaches you how to travel on a specific route on your own in a safe and responsible way. You will learn new skills and build self-confidence. Our aim is to help you increase your independence and go on to access future learning, training, employment and social opportunities.

What are the benefits of independent travel training?

- The ability for you to travel on your own
- Increased independence, confidence and self-esteem
- Access to future learning, training and employment opportunities
- Increased opportunities to participate in social and leisure activities
- Improvement in personal health and being and quality of life
- Increased reliance on family and friends
- The use of sustainable forms of travel

Who will teach these skills?
A dedicated and experienced team of independent travel trainers at Solihull Council deliver travel training across Solihull and Birmingham.

How does travel training work?

- Introductory meeting between you, your parent/carer/professional and travel trainer
- Pre-travel assessment of your needs and route
- Practical training to and from a chosen destination
- 1:1 workshops with your travel trainer
- Regular updates on your progress
- Final assessment and sign-off

What will you learn?

- Road safety
- Personal safety
- Weather awareness
- Public transport skills
- Emergency procedures
- Route planning

Kidz to Adultz Middle

Wednesday 4th March 2020 9.30am – 4.30pm
Ericsson Exhibition Hall, Ricoh Arena
Coventry, CV6 6AQ



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