



SEND

Newsletter Autumn Term 2020



Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the start of what is again going to be a year of hard work, purposeful change and successful working partnerships between pupils, parents and staff. We at St Matthew's truly appreciate the dedication and commitment from parents in our joint efforts to provide the best possible outcomes for SEND pupils within the school.



Mrs R. Wilson
SENCO

For those new to school I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mrs Wilson and I have been the SENCO at St Matthew's for a considerable number of years and oversee the provision for all SEND pupils from Nursery through to Yr6. I am the first point of call if you feel that you have concerns relating to your child's development, learning or progress. We will then work together to provide the best possible support to meet the needs of your child. I also work to support pupils and families to address issues such as attendance, punctuality, challenging behaviour, low self-esteem, lack of confidence and raising academic achievement.

Worry Monster

Due to the current situation in school we are unable to use our worries boxes. This doesn't mean that the things that the children are worrying about are not important. We still want the children to share their worries with us as we believe that talking about worries helps. We are launching a digital version of our worries boxes - The Worry Monster. Your child can email the Worry Monster in school or at home using the email address:



worry.monster@taw.org.uk This is a secure Telford and Wrekin email address that can only be accessed by Mrs Wilson, using a password. I, Mrs Wilson, will read the children's worries and follow these up. The child will receive an email back from the Worry Monster offering them help, guidance and support with the aim of resolving their worry. The children are very aware that the Worry Monster does not keep secrets and their worries will be shared and discussed with relevant adults in school and at home. I will speak to class teachers and will contact parents to discuss worries that the children have shared and explore ways of supporting them. This new digital approach will replace the previous paper-based system, enabling children to continue to share their worries in a safe and secure manner, maintaining Covid rules and regulations.



Individual Target Plans

(ITPs)

Your child's Individual Target Plan format is changing and will now be more streamlined. Information recorded on individual Target Plans will identify the area of focus, the target set and how it can be achieved through tailored support. SEND pupils will continue to be involved in the target setting process and will be asked to share their views on where they think they are at the start of the term and where they are by the end. Teachers will continue to share targets with the children and talk through how they will be supported to achieve them over the course of each term. All targets set will continue to be reviewed with the children at the end of every term and new targets, where necessary, set. ITPs will be sent to parents for you to have an awareness of the targets being addressed within school and wherever possible to support your child at home.

Individual Target Plan						
Child's Name:	ITP No. 1	Date of ITP: September 2020	Date to be reviewed: December 2020			
My Targets	What we plan to do to help me meet my target	Assess and Review (progress toward target)				
		Teacher assessment		Pupil assessment		
		1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5

Attainment															
Summer Term 2020				Autumn Term 2020				Spring Term 2021				Summer Term 2021			
R	W	M	GPS	R	W	M	GPS	R	W	M	GPS	R	W	M	GPS
Signature (Class Teacher): _____				Signature (SENCO): _____				Date: _____							
Pupil signature: _____				Date: _____											
Parent signature: _____				Date: _____											

Key					
1	2	3	4	5	
Not yet able	Beginning with support	Secure with support	Beginning independently	Secure independently	

B - Baseline
 E - Expected by the end of the term.
 A - Achieved at the end of the term.

Secondary Applications

There are only a few days left to complete the forms for secondary school places 2021. All parents of pupils in Year 6 now need to be applying for their choices of secondary school. Forms can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website: https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/13_secondary_school_admissions

You have until **31st October** to get all applications submitted.



Useful Contacts and Websites

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| St Matthew's SEND Team | 01952 386260
01952 386274 |
| Mrs R. Wilson | rebecca.wilson2@taw.org.uk |
| SENCo | |
| Family Connect | 01952 385385
www.telford.gov.uk/info/20223/familyconnect |
| Information Advice Support Service | 01952 457176
www.telfordsendiass.org.uk |
| PODs - Parents Opening Doors | 01952 271532
www.podstelford.org/ |
| SEND Telford | www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php |
| BEAM | 0300 303 7000
https://www.childrensociety.org.uk |

In the future

Parent and pupil questionnaires

At St Matthew's we believe that working with parents and pupils is an essential part of development. We will soon be sending out our parent and pupil questionnaires in order to continue collaborative work and to ensure that the voice of the parent and pupil is heard.

