

## SEND Newsletter November - 2022-23

### A Message from the SENDCo, Mr. Bray:

Hello everyone. November has been a very busy month for us. On a personal note, I have started my National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinators (NASENCO), which is a qualification SENDCO's have to do when they start the role for the first time. I have also been working with several parents this month to support them with diagnosis process and have been filling out forms that go towards helping some of our children to get additional support in school. The referral process is particularly taking a long-time across Leicestershire at the moment, but if you have any questions please let me know about this. Take care.

**75% of parents know who the SENDCo is and how to contact them.**

Mr. Bray (Year 5 Teacher) is the school SENDCo. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher, then any concerns afterwards need to be brought to the SENDCo's attention.

**Every Teacher is a Teacher of SEND Pupils**



### November's theme is... Sensory Spaces

#### What is a Sensory Space?

A sensory space is a designated area within a school which can support children's needs. It is a space which aims to provide children with ways to self-regulate their emotions. In other words, ways for them to think about their learning behaviours. The aim of this is to better prepare them for learning and interacting with others.



#### What we do at school:

**The Studio and Learning Lounge** - the studio and learning lounge are our Sensory Space in school. Children who need 'time out' or 'brain breaks' may use this space. This is something we are looking to develop in the future.



#### What you can try at home:

**Time Out Zone** - some children need a space to 'time out'. At home, this is most likely to be their bedroom. Somewhere that is a safe space for them to go to when they need time to themselves. Consider making the room dark or using lava lamps, to create a calm, peaceful environment. If you have any questions about how you can do this at home, please get in touch with Mr Bray.

#### Useful Information:

**SEND Local Offer Roadshow** - on the 6<sup>th</sup> December in Coalville - Leicestershire County Council will be hosting a FREE event to show parents / carers the support they can offer your child. Please Google 'SEND Local Offer Roadshow Leicestershire' to find out more.

#### Q & A:

##### **What is the SEND Policy for Saint Mary's?**

Under Key Documents, then the SEND tab on our school website, you will find the SEND Policy. This has recently been reviewed and approved by our governing body. The policy is designed for our staff to read, but you might find this useful to know as well.

##### **What training are staff in school receiving to work with SEND pupils?**

As SENDCo, I led whole-school training with teachers on how to work with children with SEND in September. On the Teacher Training Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, I led training for Support Staff as well. So overall, the staff who work closest with the children have received training on what works well for children with a variety of needs. I endeavour to seek the best external training, as and when required, to support our staff too.