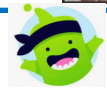




Welcome to the first newsletter for SEND of 2025. This will continue to be issued every half-term to help keep parents informed, know who to speak to with concerns and stay up to date with our school. Mrs Sarah Humpleby



Contact me here: sarah.humpleby@fairfield-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk , 01298 22441 or Dojo.



P.I.N.S. update

We have continued our participation in the *Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools* (PINS) project. The 2nd SEN Stay and Play, in collaboration with DPCV, was last week. Most recently, staff have attended training on Developing Early Communication and Dyslexia. Please look out for further PINS information in 2025.



SEN Support Services

I have continued working with our new Inclusion Support Advisory Teacher (ISAT), Frances Hambleton-Briggs. She has visited the school a few times in the last term, and we are currently focusing on how we record and monitor individual support for pupils and also looking at our 'universal offer' across school. This means reflecting carefully on ways to make our school inclusive for ALL children, and how can we make the environment supportive of everyone's needs and wellbeing.



Transition



It is still a long way off, but we are already busy planning the transition process for our pupils as we know that some children find change more challenging than others. I am really pleased that Fran, our ISAT, will be working with us and Fairfield Endowed junior School (FEJS) to improve transition this year. If your child is going to school other than FEJS, we will also be liaising with them to make things as smooth as possible. I will let you know more once plans are in place.

SEN Drop-in

The next drop-in will be on Thursday 3rd April at 9am. There is no need to sign up-just come along for a chat.



Spotlight on SEN funding!



All mainstream schools receive money for SEN support and resources. Schools can decide how to spend this money.

There are 3 levels of funding:

- 1** Schools get money for each pupil, based on actual pupil numbers. Some of this money is for general SEN provision. At FINS this will include things like small group work, catch-up interventions, delivering Speech and Language support and delivery of some targeted interventions for individuals.
- 2** Element 2 funding is SEN-specific, and is to provide support for children who need it. Government guidance says schools should provide up to the first £6,000 of additional support for those children who need it, **including those with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)**. This does not mean that the school will spend £6,000 on every child with SEN, as children need different levels of support.
- 3** Where a school has children needing very expensive provision which might absorb a lot of the SEN support funding, the school can request additional funding. This is either through Inclusion Panel or an EHCP.

Inclusion Panel funding can only be requested by school.

An **assessment for an EHCP** request can be made by school or parents, though it is always best to discuss options and work together.

Getting an EHCP can be a challenging and frustrating process, and is a big part of my role. If you think your child may need more support than they are currently getting, please give me a call or send a message so we can have a chat.

For more information look here:

Inclusion funding <https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/inclusion-support-advisory-service/inclusion-panel/inclusion-panel.aspx>

EHCP <https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/apply-for-an-assessment/ehc-plan/ehc-plan.aspx>



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