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FAMILY SUPPORT

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS
& GUARDIANS

SCHOOL

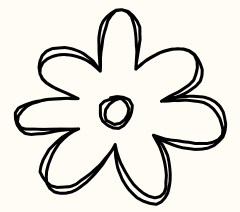


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Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

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School



Schools are a key part of our young people's lives including setting them up well for life. However, when things don't go quite right it can be hard to know how to best advocate for your young person.

Common acronyms and their meanings



EHCP

EHCP stands for Education and Health Care Plan and is a document for a young person where extra support is needed in school and beyond. Not all pupils with SEN require an EHCP. You can request an EHCP referral if you think your child's needs are not being met by the school.

SENCO

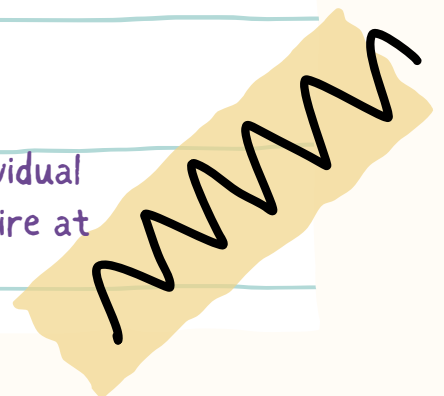
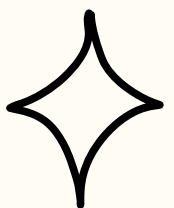
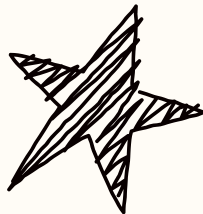
Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Each school will have a SENCO, they are responsible for ensuring that the EHCP's are followed. You can request to speak to them if your young person is struggling or you would like a referral for an EHCP.

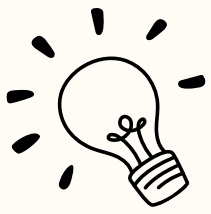
SEND Register

SEN register is simply a list of all of the pupils in the setting who have SEN and or a disability.

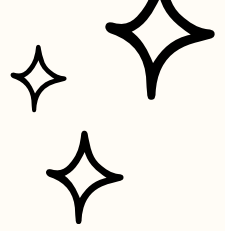
Pupil Passport

A pupil passport is the document for each individual pupil to meet the special need/needs they require at school.





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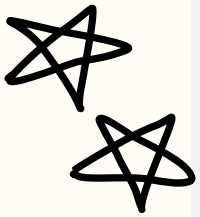


Tips for a positive and prepared relationship with a school.



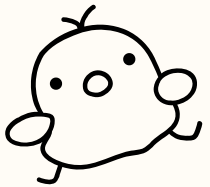
Head of Year & Form Tutor

It is important to know who your young person's Form Tutor & Head of Year is. This may change at the start of each academic year. Many receptionists will ask for the form tutor/head of year of your young person if you call.



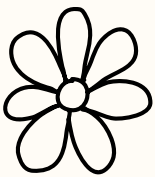
Up to date contact numbers

If you change your phone number or email address it is important to keep the school updated, just call and tell reception.



Sanctions of Negative Behaviours

You need to understand the consequences for negative behaviour/ the school's behavioural system. What is the detention policy? Can they stay after school or do they miss break? This should be found on the schools website, or you can talk to reception or heads of year to get a better understanding.



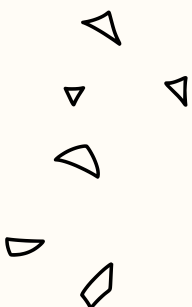
Policies & Procedures

All of the schools policies and procedures can be found on the website, e.g. the antibullying policy. Understanding where these are is a great tool to hold the school accountable for their actions.



Term Dates

Make sure you know when the start and finish dates for each term are, including inset days - this should be found on the school website.



For further support visit:



The school website
(if you are unsure type the name of the school into google)

www.parentkind.org.uk

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk

www.stoke.gov.uk

www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Phone number for Special Educational Needs
and Disability Monitoring Assessment Service
Phone Number (Stoke): 01782 231863



For support for young people visit:



www.youngminds.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

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www.ymcans.org.uk/ymca-go

