



Canon Popham CofE Primary Academy SEND Newsletter

Summer 1, 2025

Thank you for taking the time to read our half-termly newsletter full of information and tips for parents. If you have any questions related to SEND, please contact your child's class teacher or sendco@cpa.dsat.education

Useful Contacts:

Miss M. Simpkin- SENDCO
Mrs L. Slack- With Me In Mind Lead
Mrs J. Shelton- Head of School
Mrs S. Patton- Executive Headteacher

Free for Doncaster Parents!

Free courses for Doncaster parents using the access code STGEORGE

Understanding your child with additional needs- <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>

Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing- <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/56>

Understanding your child's feelings- <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/40>

For parents of children moving up to a new school- <https://inourplace.co.uk/moving-up/>

The Solihull Approach to sleep- <https://inourplace.co.uk/sleep/>

Spotlight Makaton Sign for Summer 1



Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. Lots of children's songs and nursery rhymes often include Makaton. We often use Makaton signs in school when learning new songs and supporting our learners with SEND to communicate.



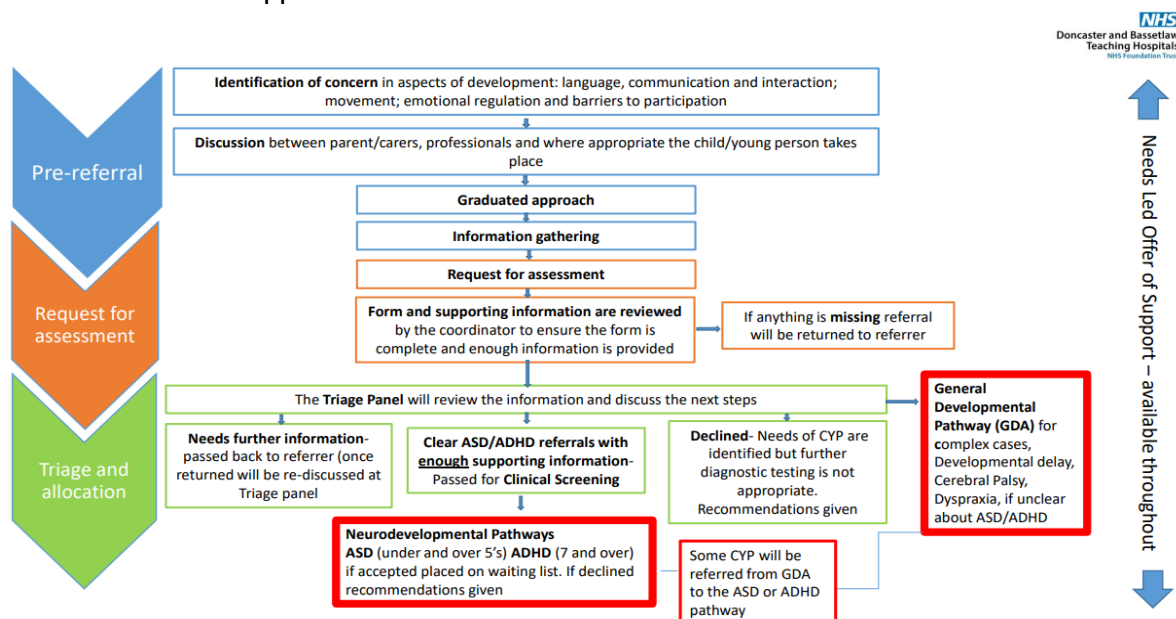
Did you know?

Hearing and vision problems are amongst the most common health issues for school-age children. It is recommended children have their eyes tested every 2 years- is it time your child had a visit to the optician?

Changes to the Neurodevelopmental Assessment Pathway (Previously known as the GDA Pathway)



- The service leading the assessments are **RDASH Children's Care Group Neurodevelopmental Team**
- The service is for children who are in Reception through to College age (18 years)
- The new referral process includes a joint Autism and ADHD assessments (Autism from age 5 and ADHD from age 7).
- The process is an education-based referral
- The introduction of neurodevelopmental practitioners/support workers for pre and post diagnostic support
- Needs Led Offer of Support below:



Upcoming events in the Area & useful SEND contacts & information

The SEND Parent's Handbook has been co-produced with Doncaster parents and carers, Doncaster Parents' Voice (DPV) and other local partners to help parents and carers to navigate the local SEND system in schools.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/sendhandbook> -

Doncaster Local Offer-

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/local-offer-send>



Work behind the scenes in Summer 1

- Mrs Slack and Mrs Eastwood have completed training with our Behaviour Outreach Support Service (BOSS) around the impact of sleep and restorative discussions
- Miss Simpkin has been liaising with our secondary schools around our Y6 transition and any additional opportunities for transition for our learners with SEND
- Our Reception class have had their hearing and vision checks by our Zone 5-19 team in school- children who are identified to need glasses can receive a free pair for in school funded by the vision +2 programme when screened by the screening team

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