

SEN parent group – 24.02.23

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs Sands, Mrs Greenaway, Mrs Smith, Ms Bruton and Mrs Jenner.
<b>Housekeeping:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be respectful to others' ideas and opinions, be positive and confidential.</li> <li>2. Be representatives for all of the children with SEN (Cognition and Learning, Physical and Sensory, Communication and Interaction, Social, Emotional and Mental Health). We discussed all the different SEN in school.</li> <li>3. We will meet 6 times in the year, each time covering a different topic. Focus on 'Even better if'.</li> </ol>
<b>Parental support:</b>	<p><b><u>What we already do:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parent meetings 3 times a year. Additional meetings when necessary.</li> <li>2. Being available. On the gate on a Wednesday.</li> <li>3. Being available on parent's evening.</li> <li>4. 1:1 TAs coming to the end of parent consultations for children with SEN.</li> <li>5. SEN parent meeting at the beginning of the year.</li> <li>6. Create visual packs for parents.</li> <li>7. Annual SEN parent questionnaire.</li> <li>8. SEN update on newsletter.</li> <li>9. New link with SENS hub. Inviting them in for a walk/share what they do and their support. 2 parents in the group have already had good support from the SENS hub.</li> </ol>
<b>New ideas/feedback:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More opportunities for parents of children with SEN to get together. Also, with external support to show what local offer is available/a different voice.</li> <li>2. A fortnightly regular online drop-in slot (with same zoom link) so working parents could speak to VJ, ask questions etc.</li> <li>3. Parent mentioned another helpful charity – Ipsea. SENCo to investigate.</li> <li>4. SENCo to introduce herself when prospective parents are shown around. Showing SEN is integrated in everything we do.</li> <li>5. Is there a SEN child representative on the School Council? HG has SEN, but he is perhaps too young to be the voice of SEN. An older child?</li> </ol>

**Agreed topics to cover in future:**

1. How to let your child know that they have ASD/ADHD. I said that this is a topic I could ask SENS hub to cover.