

Personalised Plans

Dear Parents/Carers,

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As you know In the last few months we have been looking at ways to further personalise work for our children and young people, - to fine-tune work even further to meet their individual needs, build on strengths and develop interests. We have been using parts of the 'My World' section of children's Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) to guide our work in this area. EHCPs are replacing children's Statements of Special Educational Needs and all pupils at Drumbeat will have them (a few youngsters already have EHCPs). Please find attached your child's Personalised Plan, this will cover the period between now and next January.

Personalised plans are a significant development for the school; and the intention is that they will replace the Individual Education Plans that we have been using up to now. We will continue to have very high expectations for children's learning. Pupils working towards accredited learning pathways and examinations will continue to do so. Personalised plans will run alongside the rich learning programmes that children and young people have been working on. There will be an opportunity for you to learn more about personalised plans when you meet your child's teacher at Parents' Evening this term on 16th March.

Each Department in school will be adapting their timetables in order to provide time to focus on Personalised Plans. In the Primary Department personalised plan aims will be worked on across the week; both within the usual rich and varied timetables in class groups and via separate interventions.

Many classes have added to their timetables by introducing specific sessions where personalised aims can be a real focus. Examples of this would be scheduled independence sessions (focusing on dressing, teeth cleaning or tying shoe laces, for example) or a trip to the park or local shop (focusing on such things as money skills, travel training or coping with new environments).

We will continue to have our Roots and Shoots sessions every Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon when many primary children come together to work with different children and adults to focus on a specific part of their very individual learning goals.

Lastly, we are working to set up very exciting interventions with visiting professionals to enhance learning opportunities even further- focusing on personalised aims based around football, dance and creative arts.

Other personalised targets are worked on during the more formal curriculum times such as during Maths and English lessons.

Please complete and return the attached form so that we have a record of you receiving the plans. Please write any comments / or suggestions you may have about the plan on the return sheet and the class teacher will contact you to discuss them.

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If you have any questions about your child's Personalised Plan please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Head of Department or myself in school.

Yours sincerely,
Scott Jarred – Deputy Headteacher

I have received a copy of the Personalised Plan for (Child's name).....

Any Comments / Suggestions:

