

SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

(special educational needs and disabilities)

Each half-term, I write a section on our school newsletter to keep parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register 'in the loop' about all things SEND related. I highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area.

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Keep updated with all things SEND at Swain House. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Bradford Local Offer

The Local Offer brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/>



Christmas and Autism...

Christmas is a time for joy and fun but it can be a difficult time for pupils with autism. The changes to routine, the lights, the smells and the decorations can all be overwhelming for some children.

The National Autistic Society have some useful information that could support you and your family over the Christmas period.

Please click the image to access the website.



SCIL Team Parents' Workshop Date:

Strategies to support children with autism

**Friday 31st January
2:20-3:00pm**

**Friday 7th March
8:45—9:20**

Please enter via the Community Entrance

Visuals to support children

As adults we use visuals all the times in to-do lists, calendars, DIY instructions and recipes.

Visuals help to build children's independence, as they are able to use them to recall information previously taught and extend their understanding. For many children the use of visuals means that their ability is greater when accessing learning independently.

Visuals take different forms, depending on the child's understanding and purpose. For example: Now and Next boards, supporting a child in understanding what is happening now and the transition to the next activity and lesson breakdown sheets where visuals break down the steps needed to be able to complete a task. If you would like visuals to support with routines at home or Zones of Regulation, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Speech and Language

We are aware of the waiting lists for speech and language sessions via the NHS.

Please [click here](#) to access NHS resources to support your child at home.

If you are concerned about your child's communication skills, you can refer them for support using this link - [Click here](#)