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## Parent Communication 20.9.24

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy but successful week here at SAIL, where we have built on the positive start from last week and had many interesting and engaging learning experiences for our young people to be involved in.

### Events at school

As part of building our partnership together we have a number of events coming up that we would love for you to come into school for.

- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00-10.00** – Macmillan Coffee morning. This will be a chance for you to come into school, visit and have some coffee (or tea) and cake, made by our students.

Curriculum events which are about coming into school to talk to the SLT and some of the team who work with your child to find out more about the curriculum, approach and supporting your children in school. These are scheduled to take place as below:

- Primary parent evening – **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** 4.30-5.30
- Key stage 3 parent evening – **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** 4.30-5.30
- Key stage 4 parent evening – **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 4.30-5.30

### Reading and communication at school

At SAIL Academy, we believe that the ability to read is fundamental to students' development as independent learners, during their time at school and beyond. Reading is central to our ability to understand, interpret and communicate with each other and the world around us. Success in reading has a direct effect upon progress in all areas of the curriculum; therefore, reading is given a high priority at SAIL Academy, enabling the students to become enthusiastic, independent and reflective readers across a wide range and types of literature, including different text types and genres, books, posters, magazines, signs and newspapers.

Over these first two weeks we have been doing a lot of work with students to understand where they are at this time in relation to their reading and communication, so we can ensure that we have the right things in place to address the difficulties they are dealing with. In the coming weeks you will hear more about our approach to reading and



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communication development, which we will also talk about in our planned curriculum events.

### **Behaviour at school**

We are in the process of redesigning our behaviour policy to ensure that it is not only based on the latest research but also framed by relational practice and high-quality communication.

To get this right we know that we need to do this in partnership. Therefore, as part of this work we will begin using the mantra: *ready, respectful, safe* and start sharing with you the approaches, strategies and practices that we are using and work together to support their implementation.

### **Pupil Voice Committee**

At SAIL Academy we have a pupil voice committee, and we had our first meeting this week. Pupil voice in schools means a whole-school commitment to listening to the views, wishes and experiences of all children. It means placing value on what children and young people tell school staff about their experiences.

We are very excited about this and look forward to working with the children to get this up and running effectively this year.

### **Annual reviews**

The annual review is the formal meeting to go through the EHCP for each student and focus on any changes that either parents or school wish to change for the next year.

We are in a place where we need to catch up on annual reviews and aim to begin reviews from the week beginning the 7th of October. It does mean to begin with that some of the earlier reviews will be on a very tight turnaround schedule.

In the medium term, we will be sending annual review invites out on Mondays for dates over four weeks in advance. The first email is notification and will contain paperwork for parents, staff and students (in tutor time) to complete. The information needs to be back with the SENCO team in a week, it is then collated, and the updated documents are re-sent two weeks before the annual review date, again on a Monday.

At SAIL we have set aside four appointment times each week, 10.00am and 1.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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## Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Trust (WOLT)

As you are aware the school has a strong relationship with WOLT and we work together every week to provide a breadth of experiences and opportunities that cannot be provided on site.

Students who have been out this week have been fantastic with a whole number of students gaining their paddle start awards!

## Key dates

### September

- **20<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October** – British Food Fortnight
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** European Day of Languages
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00-10.00** – Macmillan Coffee morning.

### October

- Black History Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** 4.30-5.30, Primary parent evening
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** 4.30-5.30, Key stage 3 parent evening
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** National Poetry Day
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 4.30-5.30, Key stage 4 parent evening
  
- **14<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup> October** Recycle Week
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** World Food Day
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Last day of term 1

### November

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – First day of term 2

### December

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term 2