

Dear Families,

This email is for families with SEND children at Arena. If this does not apply to you, please let me know and I will remove you from the mailing list.

Meet the SEND Team

My name is Mr Ahmed, and I am the SENDCo here at Arena Academy. Our SEND team is made up of Ms Hussain, who is our Deputy SENDCo and Medical Lead covering for Mrs Swann while she is on maternity leave, and our teaching assistants: Ms Kaur, Miss Maher, Miss Iqbal, Miss Begum, Ms Kehal, Ms Brookes and Mr Khan. We are also in the process of welcoming three new teaching assistants to strengthen our provision this year.

Settling Back into School

I hope the first week back has gone well for your child(ren). We know it can be challenging to move from the summer holiday routine back into school life, but the students have done brilliantly. Our team has been especially focused on helping Year 7 students settle into secondary school, as well as supporting students who have significant additional needs. We are really pleased with how positively your child has started the year.

Support in Lessons

At the start of each academic year, many families naturally want reassurance that their child is receiving the right support. Please be assured that our teachers use adaptive strategies in every lesson and go above and beyond to support students in their learning. Over the coming weeks, you will receive a copy of your child's updated Learner Support Plan (One-Page Profile). These have been refreshed for the new school year, and your child's voice has been central to this. Ms Kaur has already met with most of our students to gather their thoughts on how we can best support them in school.

Workshops for Families

We are pleased to share information about upcoming workshops for families of children diagnosed with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder). These workshops are delivered by external providers and are not run by Arena Academy, but we believe they may be very useful in helping you and your child learn more about their diagnosis and explore strategies that can make a positive difference. Details are attached to this email.

Further Information and Contact

For further information about how we support students with SEND at Arena, please visit the SEND section on our website: <https://www.corearena.academy/our-academy/send/>

If you have any concerns about your child's SEND provision at Arena, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/BB9XTeCPF7>. This helps us to centralise all feedback and ensures nothing is missed.

Finally, if at any point you are concerned that my team or I are not addressing your child's needs effectively, please contact my line manager Mrs Kilroy (Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion & Safeguarding) so that we can ensure your concerns are fully addressed.

Closing Message

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working closely with you and ensuring your child has a happy and successful year at Arena.

Many thanks,
Mr Ahmed
SENDCo
Arena Academy

Teen Autism Confident Programme

Chelmsley Wood

autism
west midlands

October 20th - Week 1: Online
15 minute introduction to the course & staff

November 4th - Week 2:
Face to face - Autism as a spectrum

November 11th - Week 3:
Face to face - Social & communication

November 18th - Week 4:
Face to face - Anxiety

November 25th - Week 5:
Face to face - Sensory

December 2nd - Week 6:
Face to face - Happiness & wellbeing

December 9th - Week 7:
Face to face - The future & disclosure

December 16th - Week 8:
Online - Feedback & games

Who can attend:

- Teenagers (over 13 years) with an autism diagnosis
- Your post code comes under Birmingham or Solihull council.
- You are able to commit to attend weekly sessions.

Only 8 spaces available as we offer small group settings.

To express interest scan the QR code:



Tuesday evenings
5.45pm - 7.15pm

Exact location will be shared with confirmed attendee's.

Teen Autism Confident Programme **Selly Oak**

autism
west midlands

September 10th - Week 1:
Online 15 minute introduction to the course & staff

September 17th - Week 2:
Face to face - Autism as a spectrum

September 24th - Week 3:
Face to face - Social & communication

October 1st - Week 4:
Face to face - Anxiety

October 8th - Week 5:
Face to face - Sensory

October 15th - Week 6:
Face to face Happiness & wellbeing

October 22nd - Week 7:
Face to face - The future & disclosure

November 5th - Week 8:
Online - Feedback & games

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