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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. On Thursday 3rd October, we will be holding our Year 5 & 6 Open Evening, and we are excited to showcase what our school has to offer. The event will begin at 4:30pm. To ensure staff and students have adequate time to prepare for the evening, the school will close at 2pm on this day. We will serve lunch as usual, followed by a short registration, after which students will be dismissed to go home.

A number of students have kindly volunteered to stay and assist with the Open Evening, and I would like to extend my thanks to them. We are planning to order plenty of pizza slices for them, which I'm sure they'll enjoy!

In addition, we are thrilled to announce that next week we will be welcoming Phil Earle, a bestselling author of books and scripts for children and teenagers, to our school. Phil is the author of the award-winning novel *When The Sky Falls*, which won both the Books Are My Bag Readers Award and The British Book Award for Children's Fiction. We are very much looking forward to his visit to The Lowry Academy and the opportunity for students to meet such an accomplished writer. Next week I'll share with you some photos of this.

Finally, if your Year 7 child has received a trip letter, please complete this and send back to school asap. If you are a parent of a Year 11 student who is invited into Saturday School, please do encourage them to attend (free hot breakfast on offer!).

As always, please feel free to get in touch with any questions or comments. I'm excited about the year ahead and look forward to a fantastic term with our students.

Kind regards,
Claire Coy
Principal





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KS3 Food and Nutrition Contribution

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Years 7, 8 and 9

As part of the making element in Design Technology, your child will get the chance to experience different cooking skills and techniques. To cover these, they will cook a variety of products. Ideally, we would like to provide all the ingredients for you, saving both time and money.

Therefore, we have planned a way to provide the ingredients for your child at a lower cost.

The ingredients will be prepared in school ready for your child and this would reduce the cost for you to just £10 that covers all the practical lessons for the term. Your child will need to bring a container to school to carry the finished product home.

If you have not already done so, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10. This can be done through Parent Pay online, paid up-front or in instalments. Alternatively, your child can bring in £1 cash each cooking lesson.

Due to the current climate, we understand this could be a difficult time for you, therefore we do ask that if there are any issues at all to please contact the school.

If your child has any food allergies, please ensure the school is informed ASAP.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Maddocks, Cooking & Nutrition Teacher & Mrs K Boulter, D&T Subject Lead.

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K Boulter

ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk

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School Information

Sept 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

Imms.team5-19@nca.nhs.uk

0161 206 8821

Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination (HPV) is usually offered to children in Yr 8 approx. age 12-13. During recent years we have widened the programme to now include boys and girls, through the extension of the programme it has already started to strengthen the protection offered to young people of Salford and will continue to prevent more cases of HPV related cancers in the future.

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the School Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver this first high school age vaccinations. This vaccination is not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and this is to ensure that your child is protected later in life, The HPV vaccination is a **ONE DOSE course** of injections and will be offered to your child, in school by nurses.

The School Nurses are now using an electronic platform for consenting and information delivery, which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information back to the team.

STEP 1: Please either register for an account if this is your first time using the Thomson parent portal or login if you have already created an account. If this is your first time registering, you will receive an email to confirm your account and set a password.

STEP 2: Once you login you can read the information on this year's HPV vaccination campaign and submit the form so that you can receive your electronic results letters. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the vaccination program, if you do not complete a form telling us YES or NO, we will not be able to vaccinate and protect your child.

The electronic consent form allows you to refuse the **ONE DOSE course** of HPV vaccine for your child however, if you are thinking of taking this step please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your school nurse first, it is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against this very serious disease.

It is vital the consent form is completed as soon as possible, or on receiving this link, as we will be visiting your child's school during this term.

If you have any problems with the above consent form link, please contact School screener parent support line on 020 3958 4181 or email parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com

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Please click the link below.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SiHPV2425>

All health-related information is kept confidential however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse's will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the School Age Immunisation Programme please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

Yours faithfully,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thursday 26th September is European Day of Languages.

We will be marking the occasion at the Lowry Academy with various activities throughout next week.

We have many different languages spoken by both staff and pupils and this is an amazing opportunity to celebrate and learn a little bit about some of those languages.

There will be a special menu available in the canteen, competitions to take part in, and we will be doing something a little bit different during Spanish lessons this week.

Kind Regards,

Mrs K Hartshorne
Teacher of MFL

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Community Information

Please see the flyer below that has been sent to us from The Salford Foundation Trust offering financial help for families who are unable to afford training, equipment or other costs involved in developing skills and talent:



FUNDING YOUNG DREAMS

DOES A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY HAVE A PASSION OR INTEREST THAT CAN'T BE SUPPORTED DUE TO COST?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING! LIMITED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE - CHECK THE CRITERIA NOW.

THE SALFORD FOUNDATION TRUST



**FUNDING ROUND OPEN FROM 17TH SEP – 4TH OCT.
APPLY VIA THE QR CODE OR AT
WWW.SALFORDFOUNDATIONTRUST.ORG.UK**

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The Salford Big Device Giveaway

The Salford Big Device Giveaway supports eligible residents who lack digital access with free refurbished laptops, tablets, SIM cards and digital skills and learning opportunities.

100 devices will be gifted to eligible Salford residents at this event on:

Wednesday 2 October, 2pm - 4pm

[Little Hulton Library](#), Longshaw Drive Worsley, Cadishead M28 0AZ

Are You Eligible?

If you would like to apply for a device you must meet the below criteria and provide evidence of this:

- Be **over 18 years old**, with photo ID
- Be a **Salford resident**, providing proof of address, dated within the last two months.
- Have **no access to a suitable device** (either a laptop or tablet)
- Be in receipt of one of the following **income based benefits** (you will be asked to provide a copy as proof):
 - **Income Support:** This benefit is no longer open to new claims. Existing claimants can continue to receive it, but new applicants should apply for Universal Credit instead.
 - **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA):** This is available for those who are unemployed and actively seeking work.
 - **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA):** Available for those who have a disability or health condition that affects how much they can work.
 - **The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit:** This is for people over State Pension age on a low income.
 - **Universal Credit (not working):** Available for those who are out of work or on a low income.
 - **Universal Credit (working):** Eligibility depends on your earnings. The thresholds you mentioned are correct for assessing eligibility.
 - **Child Tax Credit:** Available for those with children, provided they are not also receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.
 - If you get support under **part VI** of the **Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**.

Please note, you will be asked to provide evidence of the above criteria at the event. If you're unable to provide copies you will not be able to receive a device.

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Support for Families – Parent / Carer Neurodevelopmental Offer

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Please see on the pages that follow a list of the support offer available to families for this academic year (September 2024 – July 2025). This guide aims to provide parents and carers the overview linked to an areas of need they feel a child may require help and support with.

The support offer is set out as follows;

- Information on the area of need the parent / carer may want support with and an overview of what the session involves.
- The service / team who will deliver the session.
- How the support can be accessed i.e. via an online booking system, telephone number or referral process. The contact information and clickable links to the relevant booking system are included as hyperlinks.
- The dates of the sessions for the next year.

It is categorised into areas such as self care, sensory, learning, speech, language and communication and understanding behaviour.

Should you have any addition support not included in the document, please email AdminNeuroDevelopment@salford.gov.uk

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PARENT / CARER SUPPORT OFFER SEPTEMBER 2024-AUGUST 2025

Topic	Details	Team	Accessed via and links	From September 2024
SLEEP SUPPORT				
Promoting Good Sleep for Neurodivergent Children and Young People	Understanding why sleep may be difficult alongside practical strategies to support good sleep.	Learning Disability Nursing Team	Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)	23rd September 2024 1-2pm 11 th November 2024 1-2pm 13 th January 2025 1-2pm
SELF-CARE				
Toileting, eating, sleep, behaviour	Initial advice and guidance on these areas.	0-19 Team	0-19 Team Duty Line North Locality: 0161 206 7525 South Locality: 0161 206 3819 Central Locality: 0161 206 6081 West Locality: 0161 206 2085	Available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm
UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING BEHAVIOUR				
Positive Parenting for a CYP with a disability – SEND 0-12 years	This workshop considers a range of strategies to use to support positive interactions.	Family Relationships Team	Relationships Portal	Rolling programme of seminars
Helping your child reach their potential – SEND	This workshop considers a range of strategies to support	Family Relationships Team	Relationships Portal	Rolling programme seminars
0-12 years	CYP to thrive.			

Changing Problem Behaviour into positive behaviour – SEND 0-12 years	This workshop looks at understanding and responding to different behaviours.	Relationships Team	Relationships Portal	Rolling programme of seminars
Triple P: Stepping Stones	This is a group programme for parents of pre-adolescent children and young people and considers the range of behaviours observed and the reasons for this.	Relationships Team	Relationships Portal	Group programme as required
Riding the Rapids	This is a 10 week intervention course focusing on understanding and supporting behaviours. It is for parents / carers of children who have autism and or a learning disability or who are under assessment for social interaction difficulties. There are 3 different courses: primary mainstream, secondary mainstream and specialist setting.	Multi-professional delivery	The following professionals can make a referral; Paediatrician, CAMHs, LD Nursing, 0-19 Team, Early Help worker. Accessed via a referral form completed by one of the above professionals.	2-3 groups run every term Parents / carers must attend the pre-course assessment appointment so that consideration is given to whether the group is suitable.

SENSORY

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Sensory workshops - Early years, primary, secondary	Workshop that explores each of the senses, how CYP may seek out sensory exploration depending on their	Occupational Therapy	Zipporah system Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)	Rolling programme of workshops – see booking system for dates.
	preferences.			
Self-regulation - Early years, primary, secondary)	Workshop that explores what role sensory needs have on a CYPs ability to regulate their behaviour	Occupational Therapy	Zipporah system Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)	Rolling programme of workshops – see booking system for dates.
Sensory Resource Making	Practical, hands-on workshop where you can make your own sensory resources for your child.	Learning Support Service	Via Zipporah system Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)	There is one session per term - see booking system for dates.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND REGULATION



<p>Reducing Barriers to Attendance/ Education</p>	<p>Opportunity to meet others parents and carers and understand what support is available in Salford if your child is struggling to attend school.</p>	<p>Educational Psychology, Primary Inclusion Team and Salford Parent Carer Forum</p>	<p>Monthly drop-in sessions, alternating virtual and in person meetings</p>	<p>Tuesday 15th October 2024 10-12pm Community Room 2 Broughton Hub Wednesday 13th November 2024 10-12pm Community Room 3 Broughton Hub Wednesday 4th December 2024 10-12pm Virtual, Microsoft Teams Wednesday 15th January 2025 10-12pm Community Room 3 Eccles Gateway Wednesday 12th February 2025 10-12pm Virtual, Microsoft Teams Wednesday 12th March 2025 10-12pm Community Room 3 Eccles Gateway Wednesday 2nd April 2025 10-12pm Virtual, Microsoft Teams Wednesday 7th May 2025 10-12pm Community</p>
				<p>Room 3 Eccles Gateway Wednesday 11th June 2025 10-12pm Virtual, Microsoft Teams Wednesday 9th July 2025 10-12pm Community Room 3 Eccles Gateway</p>

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<p>Overcoming Your Child's Fears and Worries</p>	<p>Group programme for parents of children aged between 5 and 12 years old where the main concern is anxiety. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) based approach to focus on changing the way adults around the child respond to anxious feelings by problem solving and creating shared goals and rewards.</p>	<p>Educational Psychology Service</p>	<p>Parents / carers are unable to refer but they can discuss concerns with a professional who is working with their child.</p> <p>Access to Education - information for professionals•Salford City Council</p>	<p>Access to Education - information for professionals•Salford City Council</p>
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LEARNING

<p>Understanding how my child learns</p>	<p>Workshop focused on how neurodivergent CYP may learn and what strategies approaches can be used to support their learning at home.</p>	<p>Educational Psychology Service</p>	<p>Via Zipporah Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)</p>	<p>EYFS/Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th October 2024 10-11.30am • 20th November 2024 6.30-8pm • 16th January 2025 10-11.30am • 13th February 2025 10-11.30am • 19th March 2025 6.30-8pm • 10th April 2025 10-11.30am • 15th May 2025 10-11.30am • 11th June 2025 6.30-8pm <p>Secondary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th October 2024 6.30-8pm • 14th November 2024 10-11.30am
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SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION				
An Introduction to Speech, Language and Communication skills in neurodivergent children	Workshop delivered by SLT for children over 5.	Speech and Language Therapist	Via Zipporah system Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th October 2024 at 4pm • 4th December 2024 at 1pm • 5th February 2025 4pm • 3rd April 2025 at 2pm • 14th May 2025 at 1pm • 14th July 2025 at 4pm

4 Stages of Communication training	Online training sessions for parents/carers of under 5s with social communication difficulties.	Speech and Language Therapist	Via referral to SLT service Speak Up Salford How to Request Support	Parent training 1: Explorer and Requester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th September 2024 2pm • 29th October 2024 6:30pm • 29th November 2024 9:30am • Friday 17th January 2025 2pm • 25th February 2025 6:30pm • 26th March 2025 9:30am • 7th May 2025 9:30am • 10th June 2025 6:30pm • 11th July 2025 2pm Parent training 2: Early Communicator and Partner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th October 2024 9:30am-10:30am • 11th February 2025 6:30pm-7:30pm • 20th May 2025 9:30am-10:30am
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WORKING WITH MY CHILD'S SETTING

Working with my	Workshop focusing on how to	Learning Support	Via Zipporah Events Booking	See events booking system for dates
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child's school	have successful conversations with settings to meet CYP needs.	Service	System (zipporah.co.uk)	
Understanding SEND drop-in sessions	Drop-in sessions to discuss any your child's education, the SEND Code of Practice and what should be in place to support their learning.	Salford Information and Advice Service (SIASS)	SIASS drop-in sessions	Weekly sessions available – see link for upcoming dates

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS / CARERS & FAMILY HUBS

Salford Parent Carer groups	A range of sessions run by parents / carers for parents / carers	Salford Parent Carer Forum	What's on Salford Parent Carer Forum (salfordpcf.com)	Range of sessions are available
Salford Action for Autism (SAFA)	Parents / carers of autistic children	Voluntary group	SAFA Coffee morning - 07716868514	Coffee mornings Saturday (except 1 st Saturday of the month) 10.45am-12.45pm at Swinton Gateway Family Hub
Polka Dots	Children with Disabilities Play & Stay sessions 0-10 years	Voluntary group	Book a place via polkadots_cwd@hotmail.co.uk	Every Saturday of the month apart from 1 st Saturday 10.30am-12pm, Swinton Gateway
First Steps	Children with additional needs or disability 0-3 years	Early Help: Family Hub North Swinton Gateway	Register interest 0161 686 7235	Register interest by calling 0161 686 7235

NEURODEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT PATHWAY

Understanding the Assessment Pathway	Information session explaining the diagnostic assessment process and what happens once a CYP has been accepted for a neurodevelopmental assessment.	CAMHs and Community Paediatrics	Via Zipporah Events Booking System (zipporah.co.uk)	Booked via Zipporah events system once a child is progressed for a neurodevelopmental assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th September 2024 1.30-2.30pm 10th October 2024 9.30-10.30am 11th November 2024 1.30-2.30pm 12th December 2024 9.30-10.30am
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Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates, further information will be sent to families closer to specific events:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Thursday 26th September	Year 7 – 9	Author Phil Earl visit to School
Thursday 3rd October	All Families	Open Evening for Primary School children in Years 5 & 6
Friday 4th October	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 7th October & Friday 11th October	Year 7	Trip to Haigh Hall – see letter for your child’s visit date
Wednesday 16th October	Year 8	Nurses in School – HPV vaccination
Friday 18th October	All Families	School closes for half-term at 3pm
Monday 21st – Friday 25th October	All Families	Half-Term
Monday 28th October	All Families	School re-opens, all students to be in school for normal registration time
Wednesday 30th October	Year 7 – 9	Key Stage 3 Halloween Disco
Thursday 31st October	Year 7	Settling in Evening

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