

CHIEFS

Churchtown Inclusion Effective Family Support

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 4th May 2017

Present:

Heather Barclay, Hannah Thompson, John Thompson, Danielle Gillett, Dave Gillett, Sarah Mawer, Kate Hannon, Rachel Newman, Tracy Magee, Susie Copeland, Gemma Midgley

Apologies:

Mrs Sue Anderson, Mrs Tina Godfrey

Mrs Barclay chaired the meeting.

- Parents attending for the first time welcomed. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month, between 9.00 am and 10:30 am.
Dates for meetings until the end of term:
Thursday 8th June, Thursday 6th July
- On Thursday 6th July, Simon Ward, (Educational Psychologist) will be attending to run a question and answer session for parents.
- Parents were consulted about who they would like to invite to speak at future meetings. Aiming High Team from Sefton and the Mental Health Group "Young Minds" were both mentioned. Mrs Anderson has contacted Sefton's Aiming High Team and they will attend the next meeting on June 8th.

If any parent would like their child referred to the team to access

holiday activities, please come into school to see Mrs Anderson who has referral paperwork. Children can access Aiming High from the September after their 5th birthday, if they have a diagnosed disability or are on the pathway to diagnosis.

- Parents shared information about the out of school clubs they attend with their children:

Presfield High School - After School Play sessions for children with a diagnosis of Autism take place each Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Kinderworld - Aiming High SEN group takes place each Saturday from 9:30 am until 11.00 am. Please ring 0151 934 3841 if you would like to go along.

Jollies Barn- Stay and Play session takes place on the second Tuesday of each month 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

- **Young Carers**

School has a Young Carers Group that is run by Mrs Ascroft, Ms Coysh and a number of other staff who support the group as volunteers.

The group is targeted at pupils who have a family member with a significant health problem or learning difficulty that impacts on their life and may prevent them from taking part in some activities that most children take for granted. Children who attend the group take part in a range of activities both in and out of school and staff are there to support with a listening ear.

Please contact Ms Coysh or Mrs Ascroft if you think your child would benefit from accessing the Young Carers group.

- Parents discussed how children with additional needs can be perceived by their peer group, and how it is extremely important to foster an understanding and acceptance of disability. A question was raised with regard to how school goes about encouraging understanding and

acceptance of children with a disability from their peer group. Mrs Anderson will share current school practice at the next meeting, so that parents can share their thoughts and give feedback.

- Parents were asked what they would like to discuss at future meetings:
 - Transition support
 - Referral journey, what happens next
 - Education, Health and Care Plan, who? Why? When?

- Next meeting: Thursday 8 June at 9.00 am

Agenda Items

- Transition support- Mrs Anderson
 - Disability Awareness- Mrs Anderson
 - Referral Journey what happens next
 - Aiming High Team attending the meeting to talk to parents about their service at 10.00 am
 - -Lots of friendly chat, good ideas and genuine support!
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- Thursday July 6th @ 9.00 am- Question and Answer Session with Simon Ward (EP)