

# CHIEFS

Churchtown Inclusion Effective Family Support

Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Present:

Gemma Midgley (Rec), Danielle Gillette (Y3), Susie Copeland (Y2), Sarah Mawer (Y4)  
Kathryn Threlfall (Y5), Heather Barclay (Y4), Miss Dutton (Y2), Miss Pittam (Rec)  
Mr Borgerson (Y5), Mrs Borgerson, Rachel Newman (Y3), Mrs Evans (Y4)

## Minutes

Parents were welcomed to the group, especially Miss Dutton, Miss Pittam and Mr and Mrs Borgerson who were attending for the first time.

Mrs Anderson outlined the purpose of the meetings which is to allow parents to share experiences, worries, strategies and solutions with each other and also to provide them with information about the services available to them in Sefton. Outside speakers are invited to the group, and Mrs Anderson outlined that Simon Ward (Educational Psychologist), The New Life Foundation, Young Minds, Claire Thornton from the Sefton SEN team will all be invited to attend future meetings.

## Dates of future meetings:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### SEN Policy

Mrs Anderson explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to review and gather feedback from parents on the school's SEN Policy. All parents were given an opportunity to read the SEN Policy and discuss the contents.

Parents present thought that the policy was clear. The following suggestions were made:

- It would be useful to know what is being taught in maths and English lessons, so that parents can support with pre-learning at home before the topic starts and can reinforce.
- Regular meetings between Parents and 1:1 TAs would be useful, as the 1:1 knows so much detail about the child in school. Parents see teachers regularly, but not always the TA
- Home school books are extremely useful for parents, in terms of giving feedback on what happens during the school day for SEND pupils who share little with parents at home

Mrs Anderson discussed the SEN information report and told the group that she was updating it, to ensure that it reflected all new interventions that start this term.

### IDL Intervention

The IDL on-line intervention that targets the development of reading, writing and spelling was discussed. Parents of all relevant children will be given a 'log in' for this programme, so that children can use it at home too.

### Kids Skills

Kids Skills intervention was also discussed. This is a positive intervention that looks at a behaviour issue as a skill the child has not yet learned. Mr Bateman will be acting as mentor for children on this intervention.

### Disability Access Plan

Mrs Anderson told the group that she is also updating the Disability Access Plan. This plan looks at access to the school building, the school curriculum and all information that the school provides for parents. It aims to ensure that over time, the school is actively planning to make sure any pupil; parent or staff member has equality of access to all areas. Feedback was requested over any issues that parents are facing due to their own or their child's disability, so that these items can be focused on and planned for over this school year. Parents were encouraged to share any issues with Mrs Anderson or Mrs Godfrey as soon as possible.

Mrs Anderson confirmed that all policies, including those that focus on SEN or disability are available on the school website, and that paper copies are available on request.

### Fund Raising

Last school year, the CHIEFS held two cake sales in school to raise money for classroom sensory boxes. A total of £420 was raised. Mrs Godfrey outlined to parents that the new sensory boxes were now in

each classroom and were proving very popular with the children. Mrs Godfrey talked about what had been bought to go in the boxes. Parents were pleased with what the group had achieved and were keen to raise more funds through future cake sales. One parent raised an issue around access to the sensory boxes. Mrs Anderson confirmed that any child can access to the boxes and that this would be discussed with all staff.

Parents requested an update on the school's plans to create a sensory room. Mrs Anderson told the group that the funding bid had been amended and was due to be resubmitted this week.

### Chess Club

Parents spoke about Chess Club. Unfortunately there is nobody at present available to take this club. Parents stated that a number of children with autism really enjoyed Chess Club. Mrs Anderson reported to parents that she would try to see if there is another 'Chess Guru' working at Churchtown.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Speaker to be confirmed.