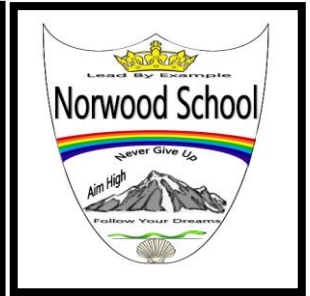


Norwood Primary School

SEND NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 - 2020

SENCo — Mrs J Cockerill



Welcome to Norwood's first Special Educational Needs newsletter which will be distributed each half term. This is to provide parents/carers with support and direction for managing their child's needs as well as giving an insight into how we are working at Norwood to support children with Special Educational Needs.



My name is Mrs Jane Cockerill and I am the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator at Norwood Primary School.

My aim is to make sure all children who show signs of Special Educational Needs are identified early and have the provision they need to learn and achieve their best.

I have always enjoyed working with the children and am passionate about making a difference to support all children in the most appropriate way possible. At Norwood we make every effort to reduce barriers to learning, to ensure that all children can learn to the best of their ability and celebrate effort as much as achievement.

I continue to work closely (socially distanced of course) with staff teams in class bubbles, to understand how children are managing to access the curriculum and checking that we are getting it right.

This year is going to be a very different way of working and not at all what any of us would like but it is sadly necessary for now to keep everyone safe.

Jane Cockerill

Planned alternatives for our new way forward:



- Staff year group team meetings to identify what children are struggling with and identifying resources or timetabling to support
- Virtual observations using Zoom
- Use of email to correspond with parents/carers
- Bookable telephone/Zoom appointments with parents/carers
- Meeting with children in available spaces at a 2 metre distance to carry out discussions/ reviews of their learning

Consultation Evening/ SEN Reviews

Parent/Carer consultation meetings are being planned for next term. SEN reviews will run alongside parent/carers consultation appointments. The aim is to provide a team approach to supporting children's needs. The meetings will be virtual and timings will be extended for children on the SEN register.

Dates available are:

Monday 9th November - Y6 am, Y3 pm, Rec pm

Tuesday 10th November - Y4 am

Wednesday 11th November - Y2 am, Y1 am

Thursday 12th November - Y5 am

The appointments booking system will be open from Tuesday 3rd November.

Parent/Carer Bookable meetings



These 30 minute meetings are for parent/carers who wish to discuss any concerns about their child with Mrs Cockerill.

These will be via telephone/Zoom and can be booked through our email senadmin@norwoodschool.co.uk Your enquiry should state, your child's name, year group and the reason for your request.

This term, these are planned for:

- **Wednesday 4th November 8:30-12:30**
- **Tuesday 1st December 8:30-12:30**

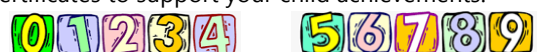
Spotlight on... times tables

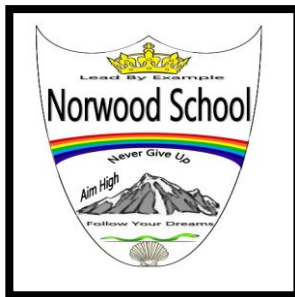
Did you know that once your child is confident with the 2, 5, 10 and 11 times tables, there are only 38 more facts to know? Click here komodomath

Komodo show a short video to explain why there are only 38 remaining facts to learn and offer a free app for practising these. There is no time pressure and allows the child to choose which table to practise. It allows several attempts at the answer until they get it right.

If you can, print out the answer sheet, or make a note of it, so that your child can check if they get frustrated- maybe have a rule of 3- if you haven't got it right after 3 attempts, have a look.

The app will also email parent/carers reports and certificates to support your child achievements.



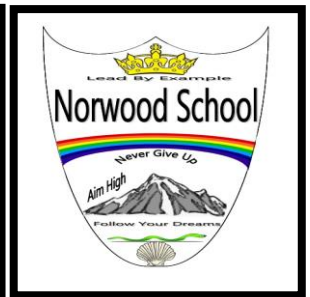


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Spotlight on... anxiety

Lots of people experience anxiety at some time or another in their lives. Children will not necessarily know what this feeling is or how to cope with it.

There is no magic fix but there are some very good strategies for managing these feelings.

Generally, children were excited to return to school but with half term approaching, it may be difficult for some to return after the short break.



Barnardos have a wealth of strategies that you can use at home to help your child manage these transitions.

[Barnardos - Back to school - Coping with Feelings](#)

Peterborough Local Offer

The Local Offer gives children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and their families, information about support and services in Peterborough.

For more information, click on the link below:

<https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/localoffer.page?familychannel=8>

School Office



Our School office is closed to visitors unless you have an pre booked appointment. All visitors must wear a mask. Please contact school with any queries, questions, concerns on 01733 574717 or email admin@norwoodschool.co.uk or office@norwoodschool.co.uk for absence absence@norwoodschool.co.uk for SEND senadmin@norwoodschool.co.uk

What is anxiety and when does it become a problem?

Anxiety is a normal emotion that can be useful, keeps us safe and can enhance performance. It becomes a problem when it is more severe or frequent and interferes with everyday life or stops us taking part in things that we would like to try.



Click here to view the CHUMS [Anxiety booklet](#)

Some useful breathing exercises from anxiety coach. <https://www.anxietycoach.com/breathingexercise.html>

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

CHUMS - Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People provides therapeutic support in a variety of ways. There are downloadable advice leaflets on a range of mental health needs. Parent/Carer can complete a referral form for additional support/ counselling Tel: 0330 0581 657 <http://chums.uk.com/cambs-pborough-services/>

Keep Your Head

Keep Your Head - Information on children's mental health and wellbeing in Peterborough. keep-your-head/welcome-to-the-parents-and-carers-section

Norwood Website

Please check our website www.norwood-school.co.uk for copies of all letters and news updates. Click on Children's Zone to see your child's curriculum.



Our SEND web page is under construction with lots of useful information on the way. Keep checking in to see what's new.

[Special Educational Needs and Disability page](#)

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Miss Stacey Chapman, SEND Governor

Correspondence must be in writing, addressed to the Clerk of the Governing Body. This can be passed on via the school office. Please ring to arrange a time to drop off any correspondence safely.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Half Term Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
Term Finishes Friday 18th December



School is closed Half Term Monday 26th – Friday 30th October