



Inclusion Newsletter



Spring Term 2 2023

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Reigate Park Primary Academy Inclusion and supporting children with Special Educational Needs is the responsibility of all teaching and support staff. We pride ourselves on providing Quality First Teaching (QFT) for all children at Reigate.

In order to keep parents and carers up to date with what is happening in school, we will send out a half termly Inclusion Newsletter informing you of any recent developments in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) as well as key information around important SEND issues.

If you would like to speak to someone about Inclusion/Special Educational Needs, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance.

The following members of staff are responsible for supporting children with SEND throughout the school.

- Mrs. Harrison (SENCO)
- Miss Pearce
- Mr. Heer

They can be contacted via the school office, by telephone on 01332 298969 or using the email addresses:

Sharrison02@reigate.theharmonytrust.org

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For more information on our Special Educational Needs Policy and our SEND Information Report please visit the school's website under the SEND tab.

For further information of the Derby City Council Local Offer please visit:
<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derby-send-local-offer/>

UK's Biggest British Sign Language (BSL) Lesson

On Wednesday 15th March Reigate Park will be taking part in the UK's largest BSL lesson. This will be an online lesson with schools from all over the country, see below for further details around British Sign Language Week.

OFSTED REPORT

We hope you've all had the chance to read Reigate's latest OFSTED report, if not it can be found at:

[Ofsted | Reigate Park Primary Academy](#)

We've very pleased that the report highlights our 'caring and inclusive school' as well as celebrating our provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and disabilities as a 'strength of the school':

'The provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is a strength of the school. Pupils with SEND are well supported by teachers and additional adults to achieve across the full curriculum. Their needs are accurately identified, and teachers use effective strategies well to help these pupils overcome barriers to learning.'

A huge thank you to staff, children and parents for their ongoing hard work to support pupils with SEND.

BSL Badge Design competition

We are very excited to announce that we are going to introduce BSL Ambassadors throughout the school.

BSL Ambassadors will be children who would like to support other children within school to learn BSL. All BSL Ambassadors will need to apply for a role in school and demonstrate excellent BSL skills during an informal interview.

Further details will be shared with parents and children in the coming weeks. We are looking to have the BSL Ambassadors in post by September 2023 after applications, interviews and training.

As part of the process above we are asking **all** children to help with designing a badge for the BSL Ambassadors to wear. The information will be shared with the children during an assembly in the next few weeks.

We will then judge the entries and make a decision on the winner. The winning entry will have their design made into the BSL Ambassador badge, worn by children throughout the school.

British Sign Language (BSL) Week

It is British Sign Language week 13-19th March 2023 and this marks the 20th anniversary of the initiative.

This year the British Deaf Association are working with Signature to deliver the UK's largest BSL lesson online with primary schools across the UK all learning BSL at the same time. Reigate Park have registered to take part in this lesson.

During the week beginning 13th March 2023, Reigate will be taking part in a number of activities to celebrate BSL week.

If you would like to find out more about British Sign Language week please go to: <https://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>

BSL Course for parents of deaf child

NDCS are starting a new online BSL course for parents of deaf children. If you are interested or would like to register please use the link below.

Registration link here <https://form.typeform.com/to/dk2t0UkP>

Job Vacancies at Reigate – please pass the message on to anyone who is interested in applying

Teaching Assistant for the Deaf Reigate Academy, Derby

35 hours per week, 39 Weeks per year
(term time plus 5 days)

Grade F SCP 15 - 20 (£25,878 - £28,371
per annum, pro rata)

For application details and further information
please visit: www.theharmonytrust.org

Closing date: Friday 10th March 2023



The successful candidates will have:

- At least CACPD Level 2 BSL or equivalent or a willingness to work towards this.
- NVQ3 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification or experience

"Pupils are extremely proud that they become proficient users of British Sign Language (BSL)"
Ofsted 2023



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read our SEND newsletter. If you have any questions, or you would like more information to be shared through our newsletter, please contact one of the SEND Team. You can also visit the SEND section of the school's website for further information:

<http://www.reigate.theharmonytrust.org/page/send/46885>