

Welcome back!



Welcome back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable Summer for you all!

As many of you know, but for the new starters (and the change of name), I am Mrs Robinson - formerly Miss Bland. I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO) and Looked After Children Coordinator for both Anthony Curton and Tilney All Saints Primary Schools. This is my second year as SENDCO and I hope that I can continue to support your children with anything they may need.

Role of SENDCO

My role in school is to ensure that all children receive the best provision in order to meet their educational outcomes during their time with us. This may be through observing SEN provision in classrooms, offering feedback to teachers, supplying resources in school or completing referrals to external agencies, as examples.

- I work closely with staff, external agencies and yourselves to coordinate support for individual pupils with additional needs within the classroom setting.
- I monitor the implementation of SEN Support Plans to ensure that those who receive extra provision through these plans are able to meet their SMART targets set by teachers and that these are relevant to the child's progression in their education.
- I have regular meetings with the management team to raise any concerns where we work as a team to plan steps moving forward. These plans are shared with class teachers and support staff, parents and the child.



How can I access SEN support for my child?

If you have a concern regarding your child's provision, your first port of call is your child's class teacher. The class teacher will then liaise with myself if they feel that they need extra support in the concern/matter you have raised. If you feel that you would like further advice or have further concerns then you are more than welcome to email the SENDCO email. The email for Anthony Curton parents is sendco@ant.graceschools.org.uk and the email for Tilney parents is sendco@til.graceschools.org.uk. I will endeavour to respond in 24 hours to your initial email. Following this, I can work with yourself and the class teacher to ensure that your child's needs are being met during their time with us at either school. My SENDCO working days are a Wednesday and a Thursday afternoon but the emails are monitored daily.

Where can I seek advice?

Just One Norfolk: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

SEND and Inclusion Norfolk:

<https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/29799/The-SEND-and-inclusion-team>

Norfolk SENDIASS: <https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/>



Fiddle toys

Appropriate fiddle toys can help some children concentrate and stay calm during lessons. Effective fiddle toys are small, quiet and easy to use, such as stress balls, tangle toys or soft putty. Fiddle toys should be no bigger than palm size, do not make noises and are not cuddly toys as this can distract the child using them or other pupils in the classroom. If fiddle toys are not appropriate or being used effectively they will be replaced with an appropriate item. When used correctly, fiddle toys can support learning by helping children focus on the teacher and the task they are completing. If you feel your child requires a fiddle toy to aid them in school please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Attendance

We're continuing to focus on supporting excellent attendance for all our pupils, as we know how important it is for learning and well-being. If your child's year to date attendance drops below 96%, class teachers will be in touch to offer support and see if there's anything we can do to help. We really value your partnership in this and appreciate all you do to ensure your child attends school regularly.

I look forward to working with your family and being part of your child's educational journey or starting on that journey in the future.

Mrs Robinson
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SENDCO
LAC Coordinator

