



Family Updates Newsletter

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Updates

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who were able to attend our recent Parents' Evening. Your presence and active involvement in your child's education are greatly appreciated, and your support means the world to us. If you were unable to attend but would like to receive an update, then please contact your child's teacher.

At the heart of any thriving educational community, like ours, is the partnership between teachers, parents, and families. We believe that working together ensures the best possible outcomes for our students, and the recent Parents' Evening was a testament to the strength of this partnership.

Our school is a part of the Shaw Education Trust, which has been dedicated to improving educational opportunities for students across the UK. We recently held a Shaw Education Trust Progress Board meeting, and we are thrilled to share that we received exceptionally positive feedback. The feedback highlighted the remarkable progress our students are making, and it acknowledged the high ambitions we have for them. We believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and we are committed to providing them with the resources, support, and opportunities needed to help them achieve their full potential.

As we move forward, we remain focused on the goals we have set for our students and continue to work tirelessly to ensure that they receive the best possible education. We are genuinely grateful for your continued trust and support in this journey.

We encourage you to maintain an open line of communication with your child's teachers and school staff. We are here to assist and support your child's educational journey every step of the way. Together, we can create an environment where your child can thrive and achieve their goals.

Thank you once again for your participation in parent's evening and for your ongoing support. We look forward to the continued growth and success of our students. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress further, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Have an incredible weekend, your Senior Leadership Team.

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Download the Greenhouse Schools App, enable push notifications, search for Ivy House School, input **code 7920**.

It is important you download it to stay informed.



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Annual Reviews

When a child or young person has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) there is an ongoing requirement for the EHCP to be reviewed by the local authority at least annually. This is referred to as the Annual Review. Jo Willoughby leads the process of Annual Reviews at Ivy House School and wanted to reach out to you all with the following message:

Dear Families,

I have been a teacher at Ivy House for a number of years, but since September 2022, I have had the privilege of being the EHCP Compliance Lead in school. I oversee the Education, Health and Care Plans for each child and lead the Annual Review meetings. My aim is to ensure that the Annual Review process is an effective and positive experience for all involved.

During the year, your child will have an Annual Review of their EHCP. I will contact you to invite you to school for this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to check the accuracy of the plan as well as outline the progress being made and set new targets for the year ahead. Please don't worry about this meeting – it is an important meeting, but it is also an opportunity to celebrate your child's successes as well as discuss any concerns you may have. I am here to guide you through the process and answer your questions. I can link with other professionals or signpost you to other support. We are a team, working together to give your child the best opportunities and you are a very important member of that team.

Feedback from Annual Reviews last year was very positive. A parent emailed to say: *"I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for all your efforts in arranging the meeting. Thank you for reviewing the points you made about L's progress and the new goals for his ongoing improvement. Your insights were incredibly helpful, and I feel much better equipped to support L going forward"*.

I hope I can be the same support for every family in Ivy House. I look forward to welcoming you into school during the year.

Further information on EHCPs and the Annual Review process can be found on the school website [here](https://www.ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk).



Jo Willoughby
EHCP Compliance Lead



The Meeting Room at Ivy House School

Arboretum Café and Changing Places bathroom

We were lucky enough to be invited to the official opening of the new [Changing Places](#) bathroom facilities at Arboretum Park on Thursday 12th October. This was part of 3 openings that day, with new changing places facilities being opened at Markeaton and Alvaston Parks to complement the [existing toilets across derby](#). These new facilities have more space than a standard accessible toilet, have height adjustable changing beds, a hoist and showering facilities.



We're also pleased to share that the [Arboretum Café](#) will soon have a grand opening of its own. The community café will be run by fellow [Shaw Education Trust](#) students and staff from St Martins and St Andrews special schools and will provide incredible opportunities for our students to be able to access and support the running of this truly inclusive facility. We're really looking forward to being able to take our students down to work and engage with the local community and offer real life skills and work experience for our young people. We will be sharing more information and advertising the official opening nearer the time and would love for you to be able to come and support us.



Social Media

Check out some of recent social media posts!

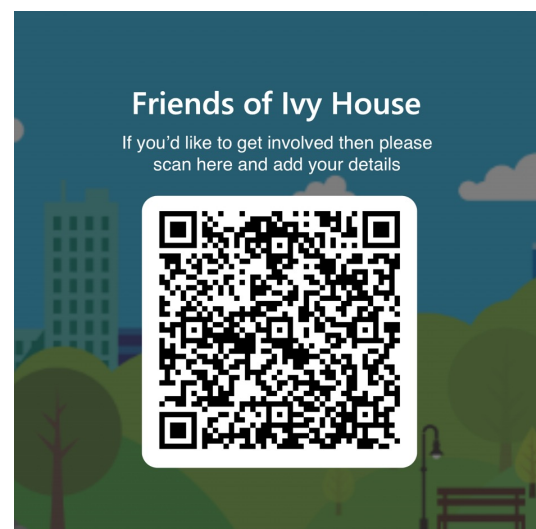


Friends of Ivy House

We are looking for volunteers to help us set up a community group to raise and spend funds to support our amazing students at Ivy House. We are looking to support trips and visits into the community, new equipment, the further development of our memorial garden and much much more.

We would love to welcome family, friends and the local community of Ivy House students past and present in supporting our great cause.

Scan the QR Code below or [click here](#).



Key Contacts



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Important Dates

Rangoli and Dance workshops – Tuesday 17th October

Harvest Festival Assemblies – Friday 20th October

Family Coffee Morning – Wednesday 25th October 9:30am-11:00am

Halloween Disco – Friday 27th October (fancy dress encouraged!)

Half Term – Monday 30th October to Friday 4th November

Diwali Celebrations – Friday 10th November

Remembrance Day Assemblies – Friday 10th November

Anti-Bullying Week begins & Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November



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Family Afterschool Club

A Warm Hub suitable for families in the local community, with children up to the age of 12. Running from October - March providing a warm, safe space and an opportunity for children to be active and socialise.

Starts Wednesday 4th October

4.30pm - 6pm

In our Large Adventure Soft Play

All guests booked in will receive:

Free Hot Meal

Free Hot and Cold Drinks

Free Soft Play for Children

Advice and Support from Local

Organisations

***Pre-booking is essential and spaces are limited.**

Call 01332 414310 or visit the centre and speak to the reception team.

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