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## SEND Information Evening for Parents – All Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite you to an open evening that will be held in school on **Wednesday 18th November**, beginning at 6.00pm. This event, that is for adults only, is being held to share information and provide an opportunity for discussion for families in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Attendance is completely optional for all parents of Lytchett Matravers Primary School and Pre-School. **Your child does not need to be on the SEND Register for you to attend this evening.**

During the evening, we will hold a short presentation to explain the Graduated Response to SEND and to share key information with parents regarding different assessments, referral pathways and processes, neurodevelopmental conditions, Educational Health Care Plans, IEPs, Zones of Regulation amongst other avenues of support.

Professionals from other services will also be in attendance to speak with parents and offer advice and information where they can. The following services will be represented during the evening, although we hope that this list will be extended:

- NHS Speech & Language Therapy Services - https://pathway.thebalancedsystem.org
- Local Authority Inclusion Team representatives
- Mental Health Support Services Team
- STARs Alternative Providers & Holiday Club Providers
- School Nursing Team
- SEND Law Parental Advisor
- Family Hub Parental Support Team
- Active Play Therapy - Specialist OT and Advanced Sensory Integration Practitioners - https://activeplaytherapies.com

Before and following the presentation, the evening will be relaxed for parents to mingle round stalls of information and speak with one another, school based and external professionals to ask questions and discuss concerns/seek further information. **The evening will draw to a close at 8pm, so parents are welcome to drop in at any time throughout this time period.**

Although we cannot promise that we will have all of the answers, we can pledge that we will continue to hold the children at the heart of all we do. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening of the 18th November.

Best wishes,

Laura Dominey, Deputy Headteacher, DSL & SENDCo