

Spa Camberwell, Southampton Way, SE5 7EW
A special school for pupils with autism



31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage 4 students had a second week of special visitors to their assembly. We had a paramedic from London Ambulance Service do an assembly today and the students had the chance to learn about what paramedics do. We then had some interesting discussions in classes and the dining hall about jobs.

There have been a number of different bugs and viruses going around this week. We are working with all pupils to support them to wash their hands regularly. Whilst good attendance and coming to school is very important, please do keep your child at home if they are ill.

I want to use this opportunity to think about the Southwark Local Offer, both to share some newer activities that are on offer but also to get your feedback on what is currently available. I had a meeting with someone that I am going to work with to try and increase the opportunities available for our pupils.

Please do check the local offer too as there will be places offering activities for half term <https://eequ.org/southwarkshortbreaks>

I am attaching some information with this letter some new leaflets that I have been sent to share with you. I will be sending out a letter on Monday for some feedback that I will share with Southwark to help them to understand what works well for you and your children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin McCarthy".

Erin McCarthy
Head of School



The Local Support Team

A universal approach to delivering what is **Rightfully Yours**


Our Service can offer you help with,

- Claiming Universal Credit
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If you are vulnerable or are experiencing financial difficulties, please complete our online referral form on the council's website. Alternatively, email or call us to explain your circumstances and we will discuss what support we can offer you.

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AUTISM PUBERTY, SEXUAL WELLBEING AND RELATIONSHIPS



For parents of a child on the autistic spectrum, coping with the onset of puberty and their child's emerging sexuality can be challenging. Knowing what to teach, how/when to teach it and what to expect can be daunting.

These three sessions have a different delivery style to the Cygnet core programme. Because of the nature of the subject matter it was felt that a far more activity-based approach would put parents at ease more quickly and therefore enhance learning and mutual support.

- This is a course for parents – your children do not need to attend
- It is available to parents with children over the age of 9
- It is run face to face 10.00-4.00pm at 160 Tooley St, London, SE1 2QH

The course will run on the following dates

18/12/23
 15/02/24
 17/05/24
 10/07/24
 15/08/24

AutismSupportTeam@Southwark.gov.uk

Book your place [here](#)



Pan Disability sessions

Every Friday evening

17:00 - 17:30 - SLD (Severe Learning disabilities)

17:30 - 18:45 - 12 - 17 year-olds

18:45 - 20:00 - 18+

 The Lions Centre
 Bolina Road, SE16 3LD

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Bolton Crescent Adventure playground

Open term time
 Tue to Fri 3:30 to 6:00
 Saturday 10:30 to 4:00

Open play scheme
 Mon to Fri 10:30 to 4:00

Bolton Crescent adventure playground is a FREE open access service for children aged 6-16.

We provide support for children with disabilities aged 6-25 through short breaks and Stay and Play

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