



St Andrew's Academy

Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 30th June 2023

Head Teacher's Welcome

It has been a genuine pleasure to read through the fantastic achievements, learning goals and amazing progress by all of our pupils this year. Pupil reports really are a highlight in our calendar. It's a time to reflect on the outcomes achieved at the same time as celebrating the hard work of all of our young people. Please check your young person's bag for a hard copy or your inbox for an electronic copy, which are being sent out today and Monday. Next year, our aim is to enable all of our parents to access the Evidence for Learning (EFL) App, which will enable us to pass on your child's learning highlights, and for you to have access to all of your child's achievements, throughout the year.

St Andrew's have very big aspirations and ambitions for all elements of our offer as we kick start September and into a new school year. However, there are still 3 very valuable weeks to enjoy with continued purpose and resilience to eek out every last drop of learning available as we run up to Summer.

As always, a sincere thanks to you, our parents/carers and school community, who continue to collaborate with us on our shared goal for excellence for all.

Have a safe and restful weekend

David Braybrooke

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Skye Class

Skye class had a fabulous time at the Lea Green Activity Centre along with students from Mull and Fair Isle for their summer trip. Staff were really proud of how well students transitioned on and off the bus and how they explored something different with ease. Students used their communication skills to request which activity they wanted to try next and tell staff which ones they liked. They particularly enjoyed the ball pit and the big slide! A massive thank you to Kris who organised the trip for us!



Sports Day

On Thursday we had our Sports Day, it was great to see all of our students engage with all of the activities as best as they could.

In the morning, we had a carousel of lots of sporting activities, including a penalty shootout, javelin, sprinting, hurdles, and using our new spin bikes. It was lovely to see our classes try their best at everything, and to see some great sporting achievements. An engaging sensory circuit was also set up in the hall for our students to complete which was fantastic and used throughout the day.

In the afternoon, we felt the full St Andrew's team spirit as we all came together to play some staff vs students games. It was amazing to see the determination of our students to beat our staff in dodgeball and kick-rounders, and the competitive nature of everyone.



Mull Class



Mull Class have been making wildflower seed balls this term as part of their Sustainable Summer topic. Look how well they've grown!



Charity Car Wash



SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023

SPONDON CHARITY CAR WASH

**Please join us in raising funds for
Dementia UK &
St Andrew's School Duke of
Edinburgh Fund**

10AM – 2PM

**CENTRAL CO-OP
FUNERAL SERVICE
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Campus

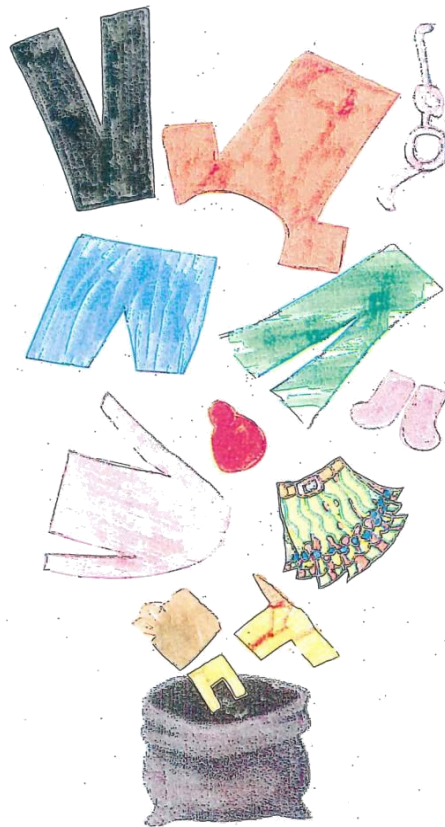


More amazing
photography from
our Campus students!



Fundraising

We are raising money with
Bag2School



The following items can be accepted (in black bags please)

Adult Clothing	Child Clothing	Shoes (tied together please)
Hats	Belts	Handbags
Towels	Curtains	Bed Linen (No duvets/pillows please)

Please bring bags in anytime up to Friday 7th July 2023

Ivy House Summer Fayre



SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY

8th July

11am-3pm

- RAFFLES • GAMES • BBQ AND FOOD •
- ICE CREAM • MUSIC • AND MORE •



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Sign of the week



Stroke fingers
down nose and
close onto thumb -
repeat movement

Strawberry

SALT & PEPPER CAFÉ

Run by our fabulous FE students

Open Wednesday and Friday 10.00 till 11:30am

Find us at Taddington Road Church Hall Chaddesden

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Voluntary contributions welcomed

For more information contact

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Derby City Council Home to School Travel

Applications for travel assistance for 2023-24.

Although the closing date, for on-time travel assistance applications for 2023-24 has now passed (31 May 2023). If your child falls into one of the 5 categories listed below, and you haven't already done so, parent and carers are strongly encouraged to submit an on-line

application for travel assistance for academic year 2023-24 as a matter of urgency.

All late applications, i.e. those which are received after the closing date, will still be assessed and processed, but the Council cannot guarantee that travel assistance arrangements will be in place for the start of the academic year (September 2023).

Who needs to apply?

You will only need to submit a new application for home to school travel assistance if: -

You are applying for home to school travel assistance for the first time.

You will be changing home address.

Your child is starting a new school in September 2023.

You are applying to renew a bus pass (bus passes must be applied for every year).

You are a post 16 student (post 16 students must apply annually)

Please note: If none of the above apply to you, your child's current travel assistance offer will remain in place, however, if this offer is a

seat in a taxi or minibus, the operator, driver and PA (if applicable) may change. Letters confirming your child's arrangements will be sent out to confirm this in due course.

How to apply?

From 01 April 2023, parents must complete an application, using the **online application form**, which can be accessed via the Council's website [Home to School Travel - Derby City Council](#)

Parents will need to attach and upload any supporting information [e.g., evidence of free school meals or medical information] to their online application. Parents will not be able to progress to the next stage of the application until documents have been successfully uploaded when prompted.

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Contacts:

Home to School Travel Service

Tel: 01332 642716
schooltravel@derby.gov.uk

Our phone lines are open 08:30

– 17:00 Monday to Thursday and
08:30 – 16:30 on Fridays

Please note: We are a small team so may be busy at peak times and unable to answer your call straight away. If you are unable to get through, please email us and we will call you back as soon as possible.

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Parents who do not have access to the Internet, via a Smartphone, PC, or tablet device, should use the free computer and Internet access, which is available at the Council House and at all Derby City Council library sites, to submit an online application.

How applications will be assessed

All applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The travel assistance offer for an eligible child will take account of their individual needs and ensure the offer meet those needs. In most cases, the offer will be a 24/7 bus pass, a 24/7 child & adult bus pass, Independent Travel Training, or a mileage allowance.

Eligible pre-16 children may be offered one of the following:

24/7 bus pass

24/7 child & adult bus pass

Mileage allowance (where a family has access to a vehicle to take their child to school)

Independent Travel Training (if appropriate)

A seat in a taxi or minibus may be offered in exceptional circumstances, where there is evidence that

- it would be unreasonable to expect a child to travel unaccompanied, and
- it would be unreasonable to expect a parent to accompany their child to school, due to health or medical needs, or
- A child is placed out of area and the distance means public transport is not feasible and there is no vehicle available for the family to benefit from a mileage allowance.

Mileage Allowances

A mileage allowance is a form of home to school travel assistance, which allows parents and carers of an eligible child, and with access to a vehicle to transport their child to their education setting.

great option for parents:

A mileage allowance enables families to manage the home to school journey independently. The Council will cover fuel costs by paying parents a mileage allowance after the end of each term.

A great option for children and young people:

A mileage allowance enables eligible children and young people to travel to school with their parent or carr, meaning that children and young people arrive at school ready to learn.

Did you know? Parents can claim a mileage allowance and nominate another trusted responsible adult to drive their child to school.

How mileage allowances are calculated

The Council will reimburse fuel costs at the standard Council mileage allowance rates, detailed in the table below.

Derby City Council mileage allowance rates

Total distance (2 return journeys)		£ Amount per mile
Up to 50 miles		£0.45
51-100 miles	2	£0.35
101-200 miles		£0.25

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The mileage allowance is based on a maximum of two return journeys for each school day that the child attends, multiplied by the distance that we measure as being the shortest driving route. Payments are made in arrears, after the end of each school term once attendance has been confirmed by the school.

Example

Child A attends a school that is 5 miles away from the home address.

4 x 5 miles = 20 miles, 20 x £0.45 = £9.00 per day mileage allowance

Autumn Term is 76 days: Child A attends school 70 days during the autumn term

x £9.00 = **£630.00**

Parent will receive a mileage allowance payment of £630.00 for the autumn term.

Further Information

Please follow this link to our refreshed webpage for all the latest information.

[Home to school travel - Derby City Council https://www.facebook.com/DCCLocalOffer/?locale=en_GB](https://www.facebook.com/DCCLocalOffer/?locale=en_GB)

Eligible post-16 students may be offered one of the following:

A personal travel budget

Independent Travel Training (if appropriate)

Mileage allowance (where a family has access to a vehicle to take their child to school/college)

24/7 bus pass

What is a Personal Travel Budget (PTB)

A PTB is not designed to cover the cost of travel assistance in its entirety; rather, a PTB is the Council's contribution towards meeting any travel costs.

A PTB is a discretionary payment designed to help parents and carers to get their young person to school or college. It is available to post 16 learners who have been assessed as eligible to receive Home to School travel assistance by the Council.

The amount of PTB payment that will be received will be determined by the number of days travelling per week and the distance between the young person's home address and their education setting. For fairness and consistency, all PTB distance calculations will be measured to the shortest available walking route using Google Maps. The table below indicates how much could be received with a PTB.

Single journeys miles travelled	Attending 5 days	Attending less than 5 days
0 – 1.9	£1,060	£860
2 – 4.9	£1,590	£1,272
5 – 10.9	£3,180	£2,544
11 – 15.9	£4,240	£3,392
16+	£5,300	£4,240

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Ways in which a PTB can be used include but are not limited to:

Drive your child to school or college

Car share with other parents

Pay for childcare for a younger child so you can take your child to school or college

Work with the school or college to join with other parents to make organise suitable travel arrangements

Pay for breakfast clubs or after school clubs

Arrange for a friend or relative to walk or travel with your child to school or college

The Council recognises that there are learners of sixth form age for whom a PTB will not be suitable. Exceptional circumstances will be considered in line with the revised Post 16-19 home to school travel policy statement and based on any evidence provided by the parent to support the application.

Independent Travel Training (ITT)

Travel training is available for secondary and college aged children and young people who have been assessed as being ready and able to begin learning to travel to and from school independently. With a focus on the individual abilities of the young person, ITT can increase independence by developing personal, social and life skills. By working closely with parent/carers and the school, travel training will contribute to greater independence for the young person.

Travel training may be on a 1:1 basis or some aspects of training might be undertaken with a small group, but there will always be an individual focus in enabling the young people to develop independence on their own route between home and school or college.

Further Information

Please follow this link to our webpage for all the latest information.

[Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

One of the young people who took part in the ITT programme is Miya, here she tells us about her thoughts and feelings about travel training.

"It has helped me to get out to different places, to town, to exercise and to work. It has made me feel happy because I can do things on my own. It has changed my life"

Miya's mum shared with us, *"travel training has been a positive experience. It's really helped to build her confidence"*



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First Digital Newsletter

The July 2023 edition of the Home to School Travel Service newsletter is the first to be sent digitally. In the December and March newsletters we requested that all parents/carers provide up to date telephone and email contact information. Unfortunately, there are still a large amount who have not updated their details so if you are speaking to a fellow parent/carer about this newsletter and they say they have not received it, please ask them to send their name, child's name and DOB, contact number and email address to schooltravel@derby.gov.uk and request a copy of the July newsletter and we will send one out.

Meet the team – Team contacts

Tel: 01332 642716

Email: schooltravel@derby.gov.uk

Michael Samra

Home to School Travel Service Assistant

Contact Michael for any general information, for support with your mileage allowance (previously called fuel re-imbursment), change of address or change of circumstance.

Michael will also be processing mainstream bus pass applications.

Lauren Willis

Home to School Travel Service Assistant Contact Lauren for any general information and any assistance with your transport to The Lighthouse respite.

Lauren also supports with the administration of DBS certificates for drivers and passenger assistants as well as invoices.

Ruta Cema – Ruta will join the team in the next few weeks

Home to School Travel Service Assistant Contact Ruta for support with your SEND application form.

Ruta supports with the administration work around processing applications

Tom Wiggins - Tom will join the team in the next few weeks

Home to School Travel Service Assistant Contact Tom for support with your PTB.

Tom supports the team's spot-checking process as

part of the overall safeguarding work.

Matthew Tristram

Home to School Travel Service Commissioning Support Officer

Contact Matt for support with your bus pass or SEND travel assistance application.

Carole Zajciw

Home to School Travel Service Commissioning Support Officer

Contact Carole for any safeguarding concerns, issues with current travel assistance and The Lighthouse respite transport.

Dawn Barlow School Organisation and Provision Project Manager

Contact Dawn for any information relating to the Post 16 project and PTB's.

Ben Murphy

Home to School Travel Service Senior Commissioning Officer

Ben has overall responsibility for the application process and team data.

Helen Clarke

Home to School Travel Service Principal Commissioning Officer

Helen has overall responsibility for safeguarding as well as being responsible for engagement with parent/carers, schools, and providers to ensure continuous improvement to our services.

Tom Hay

Home to School Travel Service Commissioning Manager

Tom manages the Home to School Travel Service to make sure we are doing things right.

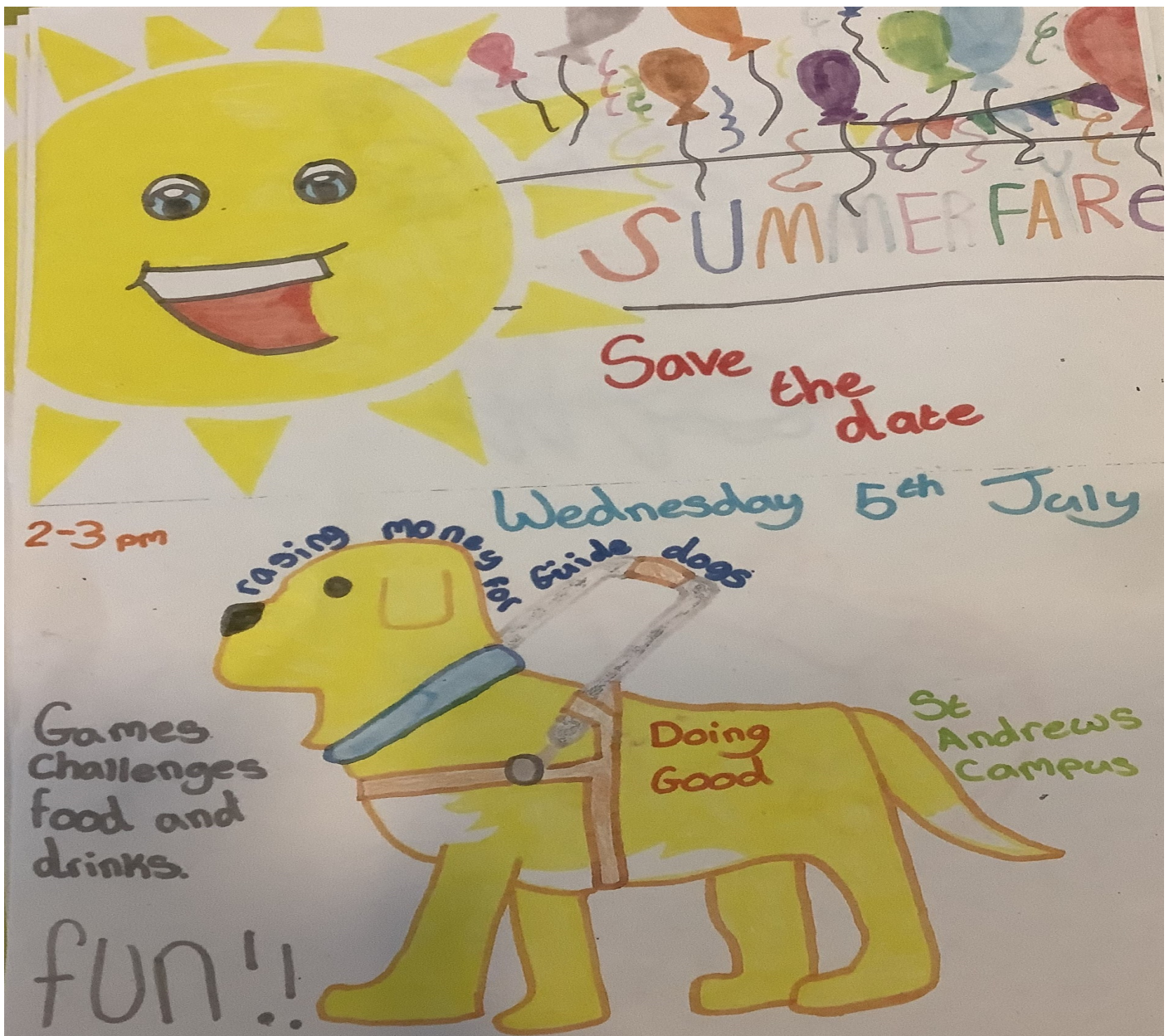
Campus

'Doing Good' is our Summer skills builder topic at Campus. We have been working hard in all areas of our curriculum learning about the Guide Dogs charity and how they help people. We have looked at Guide Dog puppies and how these are specially trained to do wonderful work.

On Wednesday 5th July we are holding a charity fun day at Campus where students are leading a range activities they have planned and prepared such as blindfold obstacles and a dog hunt to raise money for the Guide Dogs.

Suki, Mary and Nahid made 50 biscuits for the event. Here are a few photos showing all our hard work.





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