

# ST MARY'S CE FIRST ACADEMY & NURSERY

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a federation both St. Mary's C of E First Academy and Brewood Middle Academy, strive to support each and every child in their academic, social and personal development. This includes children who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).

## **St. Mary's Graduated Response**

All schools and academies offer a Graduated Response to SEND support. This begins with quality first teaching and may end with specific funding for individual pupils. Our Graduated Response includes inviting specialists within SEND such as practitioners from other settings, educational psychologists and/or school nurses to come and observe individuals or groups of children. They then offer advice and support to school staff to help meet individual pupil's needs. These visits are completed with open communication between academy staff and parents. However, on occasion, while we have specialists in school we may invite them to observe other children rather than arranging further visits that can delay support coming to individual children. For this to happen I need to have consent from parents for their child/ren to be observed and/or supported by visiting professionals. Please complete the form attached to show your consent, and return it to the school office by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. (Printed versions are available from the school office.)

## **Brewood and Wheaton Aston Federation SENDCO**

During the summer holidays, we have appointed a new Special Educational Needs or Disabilities Co-Ordinator across the federation. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Molloy to both St. Mary's and Brewood Middle Academy. Please see an introduction from Mrs Molloy below.

*"Hello, I am Mrs Molloy and it is lovely to be introducing myself to you all. I have joined you at Brewood CE Middle Academy and St Marys C of E first Academy as your SENDCO this September. I am very much looking forward to meeting all the children and you the parents and guardians as I work alongside both academy teams to provide high quality inclusive practice and the correct, excellent support for all children with Special Educational Needs. My working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.*

*I am a trained Primary Teacher, completing my PGCE in Primary Education after gaining a BA (Hons) degree in Special and Inclusive Education. I absolutely adore being a teacher.*

*Throughout my career so far, I have been lucky enough to work in wonderful schools and a variety of settings: primary mainstream, secondary mainstream and an Autism Specialist school. However, it was always my dream to become a SENDCO and here we are! My first SENDCO role was five years ago, and I completed my NaSENCO (National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-Ordination) qualification in 2019. Being a SENDCO is a very privileged role to hold and I feel extremely fortunate to be able to support children and families in their journey”.*

### **SEND Coffee Afternoon**

Mrs Molloy would like to invite all parents and carers to a coffee afternoon on Tuesday 20th September at 2.30pm where she will introduce herself and explain the Graduated Response in further detail. I would specifically like to invite any parents and carers who have children already on the SEND Register or those who have questions or concerns about their child/ren's learning whether that be academically, socially and/or personally.

I know Mrs Molloy will be made to feel very welcome by the children and students across both academies as well as their families.

Many thanks



Mrs NR Brennan

Graduated response consent form.

I give permission for ..... (Name of child) to be included  
in St. Mary's C of E First Academy graduated response.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....

Relationship to child.....

Date.....