



Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Online Safety Meeting-

Please be reminded of the Online Safety meetings taking place in October. There are two opportunities for you to attend the presentation.

Both information sessions will take place on **Wednesday 16th October 2024**. The first option will take place between **2-3pm and can be joined virtually** using the following link:

<https://meet.google.com/svr-phav-uvc?hs=122&authuser=0>

Alternatively you can attend your child's school for 2pm, where the presentation will be streamed. Staff will also be present if you have any questions.

For working parents the presentation will be repeated at **6pm on Wednesday 16th October 2024**. This will be a virtual opportunity to join the presentation. You can join using the following link:

<https://meet.google.com/afg-wtce-mow?hs=122&authuser=0>

The presentation will be led by Mrs Steer, Head of Leeds and Broomfield who leads on online safety for Aspire. Miss Hickling will also be in attendance.

Kent Adult Education Course-

Kent Adult Education are offering an online course called 'Fathers Matter'. This is aimed to help Improve confidence to support your family and make some positive changes at home. It also provides the opportunity to find out more about ages and stages of child development and gain new ideas for activities to improve your child's listening and attention.

This is online via Zoom on **Tuesday 22nd October 2024, 7-9pm**. To book a place please contact Maidstone Family Hubs and quote the **Course Code ONL/147038/P/PF (please also see attached leaflet)**

Understanding Autism: An Introductory Session for Parents and Carers

Space 2 Be Me are offering a training session aimed at parents and carers of children on the autism pathway or with a recent diagnosis.

The session is designed and delivered by Space 2 Be Me Family Support Officers who specialise in supporting parents of children with additional needs including autism, ADHD and PDA.

This will be held on **Friday 4th October 11:00 - 14:00 at Paddock Wood Community Centre**, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood TN12 6EB

COST: £10 per person

Kent Family Hubs -

Kent Family Hubs would like to hear feedback from parents who have accessed these service.

To complete this survey visit - [.https://survey.kent.gov.uk/s/9exu98](https://survey.kent.gov.uk/s/9exu98)

School Open Days-

Oakwood Park Grammar School in Maidstone is hosting its Open Morning on **Saturday 5th October 2024 9am – 1pm**.

Further Open Mornings will be held 9 – 11am on:

Tuesday 8th October

Wednesday 9th October

Friday 11th October

Tuesday 15th October

Wednesday 16th October

Interested in becoming a Governor?

ASPIRE are looking for new Governors for this Academic Year.

Please find attached an article explaining about the role of a Governor.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in becoming a School Governor and wish to explore the role further please contact Annie directly by email AAllum@aspire-kent.org.uk or office@plattsheathkentsch.co.uk

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher