

## SEND Newsletter Spring Term 2- 2022

At Gamlingay Village Primary School:

We are an **Inclusive Learning Community** with high **Aspirations**.  
We pride ourselves in being **Respectful, Reflective, Caring** and **Creative**.  
We strive to develop our **Resilience** and **Responsibilities**.

### GVP SEND News:

In July, Mrs Sharon Turner, one of our long-standing teaching assistants completed ELSA qualifications.

#### What is ELSA?

An ELSA is an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. They are trained by Educational Psychologists to support children in developing social skills, emotional identification, regulation, and expression, self-esteem, confidence and self-help and coping strategies. ELSA sessions take place once per week on a one-to-one basis for a sequence of sessions, usually around 6 weeks. Mrs Turner supports children, across the school in the afternoons.

### SEND Review Meetings

Learning plan reviews will be taking place in the first 2 weeks after Easter. Please look out for contact from class teachers to arrange these.

Welcome to Spring 2's SEND newsletter! A newsletter to address all things related to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). In this issue, find out about school developments and information about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

## SEN Glossary

We know that sometimes schools and other professionals can use terms or phrases that not everyone is aware of. This new termly feature hopefully sheds some light on some of these:

ADHD: Attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder

ASC: Autism Spectrum Condition

SPLD: Specific Learning Difficulty

EHCP: Education Health and Care Plan

EHA: Early Help Assessment



We will be celebrating World Autism Acceptance Week in school from the 28<sup>th</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April. All children will be learning about Autism in their classrooms in a fun but factual way to develop our understanding and acceptance of others.

If you have concerns about your child and think that they may need to be considered as having Special Educational Needs or a Disability or you have questions or concerns about the provision your child is receiving, please ask to discuss this with their child's class teacher.

## Useful Contacts and websites

### Cambridgeshire:

- [Events - Pinpoint \(pinpoint-cambs.org.uk\)](http://pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)  
Pinpoint offers parenting support as well as free parent training on topics including: ASD, PDA, Dyslexia, Anxiety and being a parent of a neurodiverse child
- [Parenting courses - Cambridgeshire County Council](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/parenting-courses)

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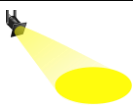
### Bedfordshire:

- Autism Bedfordshire [Autism Bedfordshire](http://autismbedfordshire.org.uk)
- SNAP – Parent carer forum [Who is SNAP? - SNAP PCF - Central Bedfordshire](http://www.snap-pcf.org.uk)
- Parenting support [Home-Start Central Bedfordshire - Giving Children The Best Start In Life \(home-startcentralbeds.org.uk\)](http://home-startcentralbeds.org.uk)

[National Autistic Society \(autism.org.uk\)](http://autism.org.uk)

[Home - Autism independent UK \(autismuk.com\)](http://autismuk.com)

[What is Autism and Asperger's Syndrome? | Mencap](http://www.mencap.org.uk/what-is-autism)



## Spotlight on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Information taken from: [National Autistic Society \(autism.org.uk\)](http://autism.org.uk)

### What is autism spectrum disorder?

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. Like all people, autistic people have their own strengths and weaknesses. Autistic people have varying and complex needs from 24-hour care, to simply needing clearer communication and a little longer to do things.

There are three common features of autism, which might affect the way a person:

- interacts with others in a social situation
- is able to communicate with others
- experiences the world around them.

Further information can be found:

[What is autism](http://www.autism.org.uk/what-is-autism)

[\(34\) Amazing Things Happen - by Alexander Amelines - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34)

## Autism Support at GVP & The Cabin Nest

At GVP we support children with ASD through a range of interventions and strategies. These include ELSA, Lego therapy, social communication interventions, small group play and additional classroom or social support.

We are very lucky to have the Cabin Nest at GVP. This is a specialist provision, managed by the CAM Trust to support children with Autism to positively access mainstream learning.