

# KENNINGTONS SEND NEWS

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**What is SEND?** A pupil has Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.



## Message from Mrs Thomas (SENDCO)

Welcome back to the start of Summer Term. It was great to speak to so many of you during your parent consultations and in meetings over the last term. I always enjoy hearing how well your children are doing and the progress they are making in school.

## What has been happening to improve SEND provision in school?

We have had such an amazing time celebrating our "Outstanding in all areas" Ofsted report in school. I hope you have had the time to read the report which can be found on our website.

It has been a real pleasure to see so many of our pupils with SEND learning to ride their bikes or scooters with the help of the lovely ladies from bikeability this term.

Your child's class teacher has been working hard over the last few weeks reviewing and writing their new Individual Support Plans. If you have any questions about your child's Individual Support Plan, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office.

## Have you checked out our website recently?

We have been adding useful signposting links to the SEND page of our website. The most recent of these is a link to this pack. It includes information about the diagnosis process, how to get support for your child at school, health and wellbeing and much more. It is written for parents by parents. I would really recommend it. You can download it from the link on our website or you can order yourself a hard copy.



## Did you know?

Greta Thunberg (climate activist) has spoken publicly about her diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome (now categorized as part of the Autism Spectrum Disorder) and has embraced it as a "superpower". She is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action to mitigate the effects of human-caused climate change.

## What do I do if I am worried about my child's needs?

If you have a concern about your child, please arrange to talk to us. Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact and can be contacted by calling the school office or emailing [enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk). Often a friendly chat can reassure you about your worries. I am also happy to speak to you about your child's needs and can be contacted in the same way.