

# INSIDE Inclusion

## SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

18  
SCHOOLS  
WORKING  
TOGETHER

### MEET THE TEAM



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COMING SOON

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### TRUST INCLUSION

- Our Inclusion strategy sets a vision and culture of belonging.
- We continue to strive to improve attendance for all learners.
- There continues to be an increase in SEND across Trust schools, aligned with the National/Local picture.
- All Trust schools have a higher percentage of SEND than the National figure.
- Alongside an increase in the number of pupils with SEND, schools continue to see an increase in complexity of need.
- One primary has a successful Enhanced Provision in place. There are plans to introduce more where funding can be acquired.
- Four primaries have nurture spaces in place to support pupils.
- Our Head of Inclusion and Trust SEND lead are working closely with the local authority around increased need and exploring options for supporting the diversifying needs of our learners, as there is a recognised lack of resources.
- One secondary setting has an EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance) room to support pupils coming to school, and during times of struggle within the school day.
- We have Enhanced Provision/Reflection Spaces/Hub support areas in place to support pupils in all of our secondary settings.
- There is increased access to local authority initiatives e.g. Special School Outreach.
- School Inclusion Reviews have recognised the provision in place for vulnerable pupils and those with additional needs.
- Anti-bullying remains a focus area during our school Inclusion reviews and Safeguarding audits.

### LOCAL PICTURE

- This year the local authority have received a **27%** increase in Education Health Care Needs Assessments (EHCNAs)
- **7529** pupils with an EHCP at the end of 2024
- **684** currently undergoing statutory assessment
- Increased number of requests for placement other than mainstream AP and EOTAS (Education otherwise than at school).
- **20** Enhanced Pathways across Oxfordshire

### SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

- Safer Internet Day – 11th February 2025
- Online safety is an umbrella term for promoting the safeguarding of children and young people when using any device over the internet. The online world can add great value to the personal lives and education of children and young people, but it also presents risks and threats.
- “Online safety is being aware of the nature of the possible threats that you could encounter whilst engaging in activity through the internet.” Keeping Children Safe in Education

### SCHOOLS' SCOOP



On January 27th, Cambrian Learning Trust held a goal ball tournament. As a Trust we ensure that there are a number of sporting events accessible to all our pupils. Everyone involved had a wonderful time!

### USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

- [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)
- [Guide and support for parents and carers accessing SEND support in Oxfordshire \(OCC\)](#)
- Parent and Carer SEND Newsletter. Sign up to receive all the latest information and support, updates, invitations to events and chances to feedback. You can do this through this [online form](#).