



Norfolk County Council



Virtual School Sensory Support News update



Welcome!

Welcome to the Spring edition of the VSSS Newsletter, we hope you find the articles it contains interesting. We are always open to ideas of how best to keep parents/carers informed about what VSS does, so please contact us if you would like to make any suggestions.

We are delighted to tell you that further to the recent Ofsted inspection, Norfolk Children's Services is now rated Good. In the inspection report, Ofsted said "significant improvements" had been made in services for children and their families, recognising stable and determined leadership, investment in services, and "compassionate, warm and committed workers and carers." Inspectors said children's "voices, wishes and feelings shine brightly" in case records and described children and young people's participation as a strength of the authority.

Deaf young people in Years 10 and 11 in Norfolk are achieving great progress and attainment in their education, according to recent figures which compared outcomes nationally. Our data shows this cohort of young people is achieving in line with hearing children of the same age in Norfolk. It is really pleasing to see that so many of our deaf young people are achieving such strong results, which stands them in great stead for their future. We have an excellent team of 16 dedicated teachers of the deaf who offer support at home, in early years settings and in schools as well as providing advice, guidance, training and specialist equipment.

Kind Regards, Delyth and Kate

(Co-Heads of Virtual School Sensory Support)

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The Martineau Group for Deaf Children in Year 3, 4, 5.

Come and join us on Zoom and meet other deaf children, play games, crafts and learn more about your deafness!

Fridays in 2023: 3rd February 2023; 10th March; 21st April; 19th May; 16th June; 14th July

... on Zoom between 1:30pm and 2:30pm.

Get in touch with your Teacher of the Deaf to learn more...



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The Martineau Group

The Martineau Group is a monthly group which takes place via Zoom with Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People. It is a Deaf Awareness group for pupils who are in Years 3,4 and 5.

We come together to share personal understanding of deafness, learn about deaf history, talk about technology, make friends with other deaf young people all over Norfolk and much more!

The sessions take place in school time and if you would like any more information about this contact your child's Teacher of the Deaf.



Congratulations Harvey!

A deaf Attleborough Academy pupil received the 'Most Improved' student award at their Year 11 awards.

Here is what the school said about him:

"Harvey joined Attleborough Academy in Year 8 as a shy and quiet student who did not always have the confidence to believe in himself.

During his time with us, Harvey has overcome challenging situations and setbacks with remarkable resilience and has never once given up, complained or felt sorry for himself.

Over the years Harvey's sense of humour, kindness and thoughtfulness have made him a really popular student with both his peers and members of staff.

He has worked incredibly hard towards his GCSEs and has turned into a confident young man who we are extremely proud to count as one of our 6th formers".



Meet Josh from Vision Norfolk

Hello all,

Just a quick message about who I am, my role and my background. My name is Josh Bartholomew and I am the new Children, Young People and Families Coordinator at Vision Norfolk. I am excited to be here and hope to bring my educational background knowledge to the role to build on the fantastic work that Barbara Dunn has done and extend our services across Norfolk.

My background is in the education sector. I spent 4 years as a Specialist Teaching Assistant in both mainstream and specialist schools. My role was to support those children with more challenging behaviours and special educational needs. I enjoyed this role very much and wanted to develop my knowledge further. To do this I completed a degree in Education at the University of East Anglia.

Coming to Vision Norfolk is a great way to learn a new sector and plays to my areas of strength. I hope I can provide the services our families want and provide support to them too.

When I'm away from work I enjoy spending time with my family, going out for runs, playing sports, watching TV and reading. I have a sporting background with being lucky enough to play basketball for Norfolk and various other sports. I'm hoping to use sport to create more events in this field.

I am always open for new ideas and talking about what I do and what may need to be changed so if there is everything I can help with then please drop me an email

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Best wishes,

Joshua Bartholomew

Vision Norfolk, CYPF Coordinator



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