

Well, 2023 is off to a flying start. Take a read of V4P's strategic updates from 2023 so far.....

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'giving a voice to parents & carers of children with additional needs'

VOICE 4 PARENTS

NEWSLETTER

Annual Survey 2022

The survey is live. We want to capture your views on many aspects of SEND services. It is so important for families to complete the survey as we can compare all responses to responses received in 2021 to identify any progress and to also feedback what you feel we need to prioritise in 2023. To complete the survey, please allow around 45 minutes (estimated time) and follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/uXU9gdTAXN> or use the QR code below.

All completed entries will have the chance at winning a prize either a £100, £50 or £25 voucher for a supermarket of your choice.



It is vital we all have our voices heard.

Communication Boards

The training was a huge success again. Thank you to everyone that attended. We hope everyone benefits from the training provided. Please give us any feedback. Thank You.

Terrific for Two's Project

We are continuing to consult on the Terrific Twos project with Public Health and hope to have a representative join us in the early part of 2023, at a coffee morning, to talk with parents and carers.

Follow up...

Following on from feedback at our coffee morning where some parents asked about more inclusive books in libraries, the local authority/councillors have made a commitment to get more books into libraries that have disabilities in etc. Please e-mail us any suggestions for book titles at admin@voice4parents.co.uk. Thank you.

Exciting News

V4P have begun work with the Local Authority and Health to help shape the strengthening families hubs into SEND friendly environments, with early co-production on a new sensory garden being built at Low Hill in 2023 taking place. Watch this space!

Coffee Morning Dates...

As always—everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING COFFEE MORNING

DATES

14.02.23	21.03.23
28.02.23	18.04.23
07.03.23	09.05.23

INFORMATION ON GUEST SPEAKERS TO FOLLOW.



Communication Board Training Feedback

Please complete our feedback form if you took part in the communication board training. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DxjKweURiq>

SEND Hubs

V4P have begun work with the Local Authority and Health to shape Family hubs into SEND hubs. Works are due to begin on the Low Hill building late March, early April all being well. Voice 4 Parents continue to consult and co-produce plans with the local authority and strengthening families to ensure the hubs are fully accessible and user friendly. We will also be seeking families' feedback on the proposed sensory garden and its usage with a questionnaire and focus group chat. We hope to run a design competition for children and young people to enter in the near future so their ideas can be incorporated into the sensory garden designs. Keep an eye on your inbox.

SENDCO Inductions

Voice4Parents were part of the SENDCO induction sessions this month where we were giving a presentation on how schools, and in particular, SENDCOs could effectively coproduce with parents, children and young people. We used your 'What makes a good SENDCO videos' and fed back your stories gathered from coffee mornings to help SENDCOs recognise the important of parents as experts in their child.

Power Of Words (POW) Project

This is a V4P led project based on families telling us how Words and Language used by Professionals have the power to impact families, Children and Young People. Work is continuing on the Power of Words project being Co Produced with Outreach. As we continue going over filming done earlier in the year we would like to again say thank you to all of you who took part, helping to make this possible. We will be inviting Parent Carers to attend a workshop to look at the first edited version and to help co-produce the finished version that will be shared with professionals. Keep an eye on your e-mails.

Preparation for Adulthood

We are also contributing to improving Preparation for Adulthood across the whole city. We know that transition from one school to another can be very difficult for children with additional needs and so with the local authority we are looking at what extra help they could offer. We would be interested to hear from families regarding the Health Check ups that are available for young people aged 14 who have a registered learning disability, please let us know if your child has had one of these and how it went. We are also gathering feedback on Year 9 Annual Reviews for young people with EHCPs please feedback to us to let us know if Connexions attended the review and if there were meaningful discussion regarding preparation for adulthood.

FEEDBACK TO US: families can feedback to us on any of the areas mentioned in this Newsletter by using the following link:

Please include any continence feedback here as per our meeting discussion.

<https://forms.office.com/r/bq86NFX8wg>

Keep In Touch Meetings

We meet regularly with Senior Staff within the Local Authority and NHS / Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure all feedback is captured and presented to the correct people to inform on what is working well and not so well. We meet weekly with the Deputy Director of Education and Inclusion Manager, we meet monthly with the Deputy Director for Children's Social Care, Alison Hinds and monthly with the Head of Joint Commissioning, we also meet monthly with Health officials and the Designated Medical Officer for Wolverhampton. We can only report back on what you tell us - please keep contacting us and letting us know what your experiences are with services both good and bad - we can only influence change with your help.

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