

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our vision: **Be well; Learn well; Live well; Offwell**



Friday 11th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the exciting opportunities ahead.

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to reassure families that if your child currently has provision and support outlined in a *My Plan*, this support will continue. Staff will be reviewing plans following the half term break and ensuring that appropriate strategies and interventions remain in place to help every child thrive in the meantime.

Supporting Your Child at Home

In each newsletter, I hope to share useful resources from our targeted support framework from Devon CC. These guides can support any parent helping their child at home and are not just for children with identified Special Educational Needs. Guidance around supporting spelling, reading and starting reception seems appropriate to start us off but please do let me know if there are other areas you would like help and advice with as we progress through the year.

- **How can I help my child with spelling?**

[How can I help my child with spelling? - Children, families and education](#)

- **Reading at Home**

[Reading at home - Children, families and education](#)

- **Supporting Your Child Beginning Reception**

[Preparing for school - Best Start in Life](#)

Additional Autism and Neurodiversity Support for Families

The Educational Psychology Team has recently shared some new opportunities for families supporting autistic and neurodivergent children. The following may be of interest:

1. LEAP Workshops

The Parent Carer Forum Devon and Family Voice Torbay, in collaboration with Children and Family Health Devon (CFHD), are funding and delivering a programme of workshops designed to support families and professionals in developing a better understanding of neurodiversity.

For more information and to book: [Leap Workshops](#)

2. Autism Central: Free NHS-Funded One-to-One Coaching

Autism Central is offering free online one-to-one coaching sessions for anyone supporting an autistic person in England.

The sessions:

- Provide a safe space to discuss autistic wellbeing and family life.
- Offer practical guidance for navigating services.
- Are delivered by trained peer guides who understand the challenges families may face.
- Are available to anyone supporting an autistic person of any age.
- Include up to 10 consecutive sessions.

Support is available for parents, partners, siblings, grandparents, relatives, friends, carers, neighbours and autistic family members themselves.

For more information and to book: [One-to-one | Autism Central](#)



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3. New Neurodivergent Family Hub at Exeter Library

A new Neurodivergent (ND) Family Hub will be launching at Exeter Library this September. The Hub is designed for neurodivergent children, young people and their families, particularly those who are home educated or currently unable to attend school. The Hub will run every Wednesday during term time in the Children's Library at Exeter Library. Families can drop in from 12.30pm to 2.30pm for games, LEGO, sensory play and books in a relaxed and supportive setting. Each week, a local organisation will also attend to provide information and answer questions about available support and services. The first session will welcome **PDA Devon**. The Hub is **free to attend, no booking is required, and all ages are welcome**.

Devon Library Family Hub drop-in sessions

Family Hub support workers will be running drop-in sessions at the following libraries. These run alongside the library Bounce and Rhyme sessions so primarily provide information about speech and language development, but staff are also able to chat to families about anything relating to children, young people and family life.

Axminster - Thursday 17th September, 9:30- 10:30am

Cranbrook (Main hall in Younghayes Centre) - Wednesday 23rd September 1:15 - 2:15pm

Honiton – Wednesday 16th September, 9:30 - 11:30am (alongside Speech and Language Therapy)

Seaton – Monday 21st September, 9:30 – 10:30am

Our Website Information

Information around how the school meets the needs of its learners is available via the website, including past issues of newsletters. Our SEND Information Report, Provision Maps, information and guides for parents about My plans and policy can also be found here.

[Offwell Primary School | SEND](#)

For information around SEND Provision in Devon, the County's Local Offer and support for parents please visit:

[Devon's SEND Local Offer - help and support for children with SEND](#)

If you have any questions about your child's support, or if there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. Working together with families is one of the most important ways we can ensure every child feels supported, included and successful in school. I look forward to working with you all this year.

Kind regards,

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