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The Inclusion Team



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Inclusion Teacher



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Occupational Therapist



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Speech and Language Therapist





We see **genius** in every child





Patrick Kennedy, Head of Inclusion: Secondary

13 years as an educator, first time working in Dubai

Previously worked in schools in West Yorkshire (England)

- Previous roles:
 - Teacher of ICT, Computing and Business Studies (KS3 KS5)
 - Post 16 Director of Progress & Achievement
 - SENCO (7th year as a SENCO)
 - Assistant Headteacher responsible for Inclusion
- BA Hons, QTS, MA, National SENCO Award



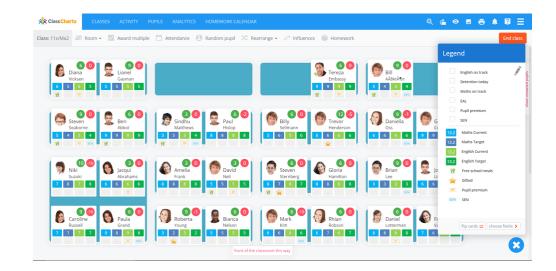


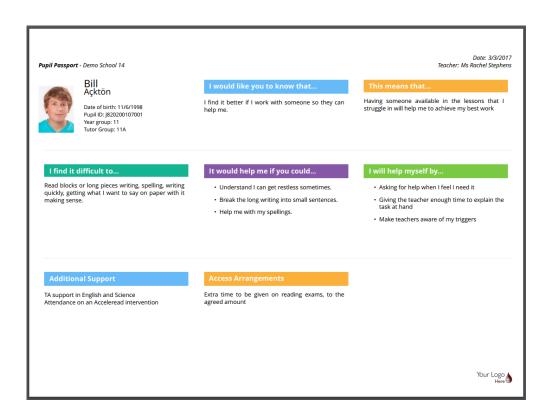


Updates

- New team
- Provision Map / Class Charts

Pupil Passports











Regan Ferreira Head of Inclusion (Primary)

- Fourteen years' experience as an educator working in South Africa, London and Dubai
- BA, PGCE, QTS and SENDCo accreditation (specialist trained)
- Previous roles include class teacher in nursery, reception, year 1, 2 and 3
- Literacy, ICT, PSHE and Maths lead teacher and designated safeguarding lead
- Two years' experience as Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENDCo)

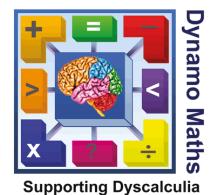


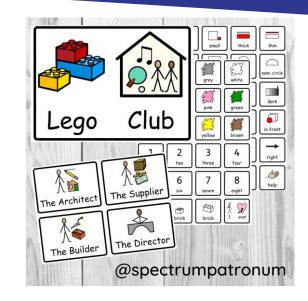




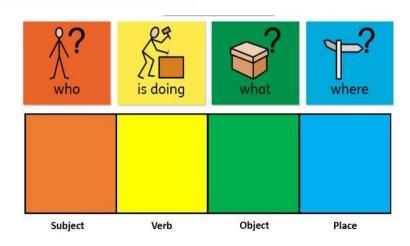
SEND interventions



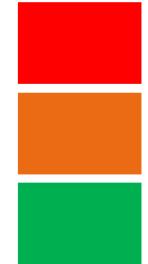




Sensory Circuit











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Provision in Primary

Level 1 – pupil passports

Level 2 – pupil passports, weekly interventions

Level 3 – pupil passports, IEP, daily interventions, personalised timetables, specialist support, termly IEP review meetings







Meet Our Team









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Shannen O'Grady SEN teacher

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- Ten years' experience as an educator working in Special Educational Needs field both in schools and intervention centres
- BA Honours Degree in Special Education Needs and Education
- Previous worked in Ireland and Thailand







Introduction to Therapy Services at FPS







Therapy Services at FPS

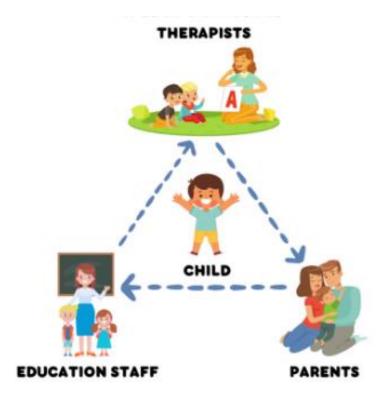
- Initial screener sessions
- Observation and assessment
- Therapy sessions (1:1 or paired sessions)
- Group staff training
- Specific staff training for individual student interventions (e.g., LSA training)
- Parent support and training
- Limited spaces per term





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The most effective way of building these skills...



The 'Triangular Approach' to therapy







How would you define 'language'?

Expression (use of) and reception (understanding) of word

How would you define 'communication'?

Sending and receiving a message

How would you define 'interaction'?

Interpersonal dynamics







Communication, interaction and language are the most fundamental skills we need to coexist, enjoy and flourish in this world.







So, how and where do we learn these skills?







Speech

Sounds

Clarity Pronunciation

Expression

Talking Signing Vocabulary Grammar

Understanding

Receptive Language Following Directions Comprehending Questions

Social Interaction & Play

Functional Play Symbolic Play Imaginative Play

Attention & Listening

Looking Listening Waiting Completing Short Tasks

Pre-Verbal & Early Interaction

Eye Contact Turn Taking Joint Attention Pointing Waving





Key takeaways:

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Every day and anywhere can be an opportunity to support communication and interaction. Teaching staff are vital in helping students generalize speech and language skills

I am here and always accessible to support with techniques and strategies. My door is always open! Most SALT strategies and techniques are relevant to all children. Therapy strategies can be embedded into teaching to ensure QfT.







My name is Mai/Mayy I'm a Pediatric Occupational Therapist with 9 years of experience in; Palestine, UAE, and Africa. Palestinian/ Jordanian, born in the city of Bethlehem.



Certified in Sensory Integration, Music Therapy,

Play Therapy and visual impairment mobility. Advanced training in Cerebral Palsy.

Love traveling and exploring different new places/cultures and especially food!





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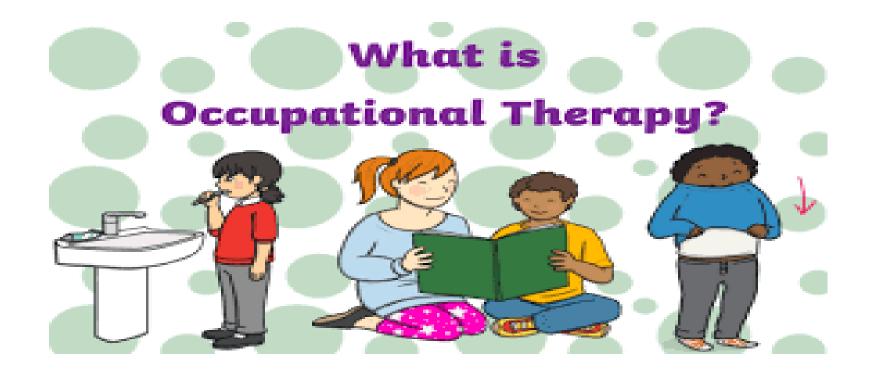






What is Occupational Therapy?

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Occupational Therapy:

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Is a client-centered health/medical profession works on promoting health and well being through functional exercises and by enabling individuals to participate in everyday life activities according to their developmental milestones.







When to refer to Occupational Therapy/concerns:

- Delay milestones
- Poor posture/ W position.
- · Self-stimulatory behaviours; bouncing, rocking, self biting, stimming, etc
- Eye-hand coordination challenges.
- Hand- control challenges.
- Gross motor difficulties.
- Fine-motor difficulties.
- Picky eater.
- Visual perception difficulties.
- Dyspraxia/ motor planning.
- Bowel and bladder incontinence

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EAL Provision at FirstPoint School



Smooth transition for EAL students.





TRANSITION



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Inclusion Hubs

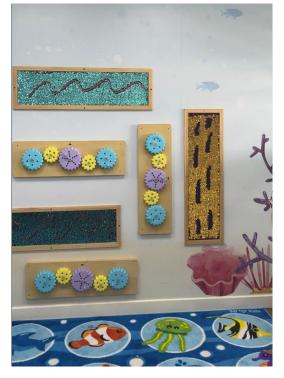
Main Inclusion Hub

- Bubble Room SEND classroom
- Safari and Rainforest Rooms two intervention/therapy rooms
- Jungle Room Occupational therapy room
- Three EAL classrooms
- Open meeting space

Mini-Inclusion Hub

- Space Room sensory room
- Bloom Class SEND classroom
- Sensory playground
- Speech and language room













Inclusion Tour







QR codes

Please let us know what you want future Coffee mornings to include



If you want to contact the EAL Team:



If you want to complete a Speech and Language screener











