

SEND Newsletter



Summer Term 2026

SEND at Willoughby Road

As the new SENCO at Willoughby Road, I wanted to share a brief update regarding SEND support and referrals.

I understand that some parents are seeking CAMHS referrals for neurodevelopmental assessments. Following guidance from the Local Authority, where a referral is appropriate, there is a specific pathway we will follow to ensure this is done effectively.

As I am new to Willoughby Road and will be teaching Year 5, it is important that my class has time to settle and receive the transition period they need.

In the interim, we will focus on adapting support within school. In many cases, these approaches can successfully meet children's needs without the need for an immediate referral. Where a referral is needed, we will ensure the correct process is followed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to me on the playground, or contact the school office at info@wrpacademy.org.uk.

I look forward to getting to know you and working together to support you and your children.



HELLO

My name is Mr Washington, and I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new SENCO at Willoughby Road. I look forward to supporting pupils with SEND and working closely with staff, pupils, and families. I cannot wait to meet you and warmly encourage you to come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

SEND in North Lincolnshire

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North Lincolnshire SEND Local Offer:

<https://localoffer.northlincs.gov.uk/>

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Check out this great video...

Managing big feelings together
<https://youtu.be/Qg2d-OYZnoM>





Many families tell us that managing behaviour at home can be challenging. The North Lincolnshire Family Toolkit includes a range of practical strategies to support this, particularly around managing big feelings and preparing for everyday situations.

You can access the toolkit by scanning the QR code below, which will take you directly to the North Lincolnshire Family Toolkit as part of the Local SEND Offer. Alternatively, you can use the link provided below the QR code.



<https://localoffer.northlincs.gov.uk/document/pdf/North-Lincolnshire-Family-Toolkit.pdf>

Try this at home...

Coming off games like PlayStation or Xbox can be difficult, especially if children are in the middle of a game or not expecting it to end.

Try giving a 5-minute warning, followed by a 1-minute reminder before it's time to stop. This helps your child prepare for the change and can reduce frustration.

5-minute warning:

"In 5 minutes, it will be time to turn the PlayStation/Xbox off."

1-minute reminder:

"1 more minute, then it's time to turn it off."

At switch-off:

"Time to turn it off now. Would you like to finish this level or save your game?"



When might a referral be needed?

You may be thinking about a referral for your child, including for neurodevelopmental needs. In school, we begin by observing your child, putting support in place, and reviewing how they respond.

A referral may be considered where a child continues to experience significant difficulties despite targeted support in school.

Our staff receive regular training, and we will continue to review and adapt provision across the school. If, following this, you or we feel a referral may be needed, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. We will work with you to decide next steps and follow the correct pathway where appropriate.



Contact Mr Washington, our SENCO, via email:
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