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Autism in Schools Project

The Autism in Schools Project is working with six local mainstream schools in South Derbyshire, the local NHS and Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice to improve the experiences, inclusion and transitions of autistic pupils

The project is based on work that was originally carried out by the NHS and schools in North Durham and is now being expanded across the country by NHS England.

At Linton Primary School the project is working on the following areas:

STAFF TRAINING: Staff will receive the Autism Education Trust's Making Sense of Autism training through the Autism Advocate programme. Staff who attend the training will relay the core principles of the training to other school staff at staff meetings.

We are also exploring other bespoke training that could further help school staff, particularly Learning Support Assistants to best support children in school.

LISTENING TO PARENTS/CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATION: We want to hear from parents/carers and autistic young about your school related experiences to help identify ways in which the schools can improve the support you both receive. We hope these conversations will inform further work of the project. We plan to host a series of parent/carer forums and also have surveys for both parents and a survey for young people.

COMMITTING TO FULL SCHOOL EDUCATION ON AUTISM INCLUSION, INCLUDING STAFF AND PUPILS: We want all children to feel comfortable and supported at school. This includes improving knowledge for school staff and the entire student body.

CREATE A SHORT TRANSITION VIDEO: Starting a new school can be scary for anyone! Creating a video about how SEND learners and parents/ carers are supported in school to aid transitions between educational settings.

Going forward we hope to be able to expand the project to other schools in Derbyshire