

20 March 2026

Hello and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy for this week.

This letter is now emailed directly to you as a parent of a child on the SEND register – if there are any questions or concerns please use my email address at the bottom of the page.

This week in City Academy:

### **Attendance Update**

Attendance for students with SEND at City Academy continues to be strong and is currently at 88.9% against a school average of 90.69%.

Attendance is vital to ensure your child is performing to their best potential, to ensure your child is ready and supported each day we have a breakfast club that begins at 0745am should your child like to come to school to eat, study and socialise before school begins at 0830.

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

The next SEND coffee morning will be held on the 21 April and will have a focus on Key Stage 3 (Year 7,8 and 9). If there is a topic or contact that you would like to address or have an interest in, please contact myself and the SEND team and we will be happy to look at facilitating that meeting.

### **SEND White Paper Update**

The government has recently published the SEND White paper: Every Child Achieving and Thriving. The aim nationally is to create a more consistent, transparent and inclusive SEND system across England.

Over time, parents can expect:

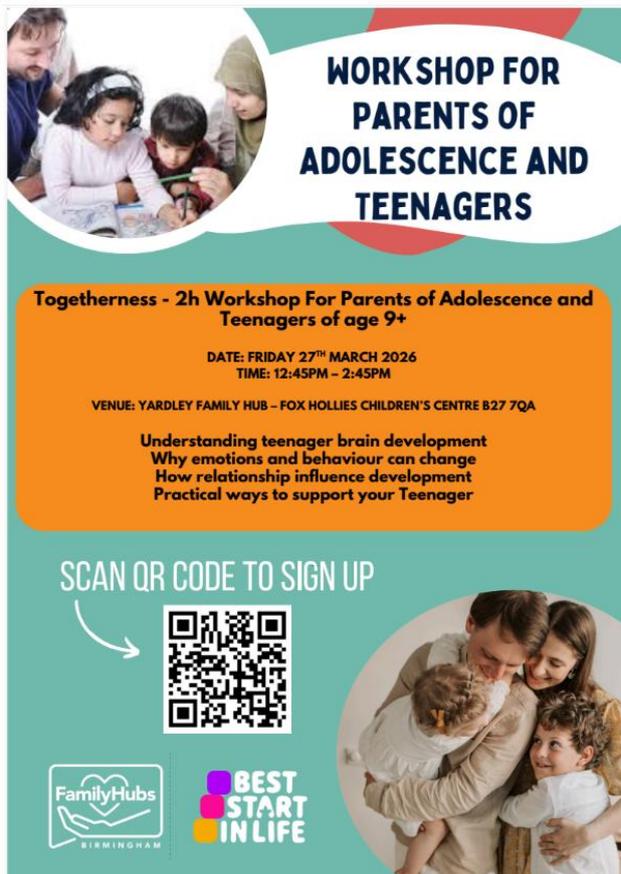
- Clearer national standards for SEND support in schools
- More consistent assessment processes
- Improved accountability for how needs is identified and supported
- Greater emphasis on early intervention
- Stronger collaboration between education, health and care services

While these reforms will take time to embed nationally, schools are already being encouraged to strengthen inclusive practice, improve communication with families, and

ensure provision is evidence-based and clearly monitored. We will continue to update you as further guidance becomes available. Please see the report attached.

### **Togetherness – Parent workshop Yardley**

A two-hour workshop titled *Togetherness: Workshop for Parents of Adolescence and Teenagers* is being held for parents of young people aged 9 and above. The session will take place on Friday, 27 March 2026, from 12:45pm to 2:45pm at Yardley Family Hub, Fox Hollies Children's Centre (B27 7QA). It aims to help parents understand teenage brain development, recognise why emotions and behaviour may change, explore how relationships influence development, and learn practical strategies to support teenagers. The poster invites parents to sign up using a QR code and highlights support from Family Hubs Birmingham and Best Start in Life.



**WORKSHOP FOR  
PARENTS OF  
ADOLESCENCE AND  
TEENAGERS**

**Togetherness - 2h Workshop For Parents of Adolescence and Teenagers of age 9+**

DATE: FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
TIME: 12:45PM – 2:45PM

VENUE: YARDLEY FAMILY HUB – FOX HOLLIES CHILDREN'S CENTRE B27 7QA

Understanding teenager brain development  
Why emotions and behaviour can change  
How relationship influence development  
Practical ways to support your Teenager

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



### **Neurodevelopmental Pathway Information Day**

Families are invited to a Neurodevelopmental Pathway Information Day on **1 April 2026**, from **10:00am to 2:30pm**, at **Touchbase Pears, Bristol Road, Selly Oak (B29 6NA)**. The event offers the chance to speak directly with professionals involved in neurodevelopmental assessments, including specialists in autism. Attendees can learn about the assessment process, access expert advice, and explore resources available while waiting on the NDP Autism Pathway. A range of Birmingham service providers will be present to guide families on support options, helping them understand next steps and find practical help during the waiting period.



**TouchBase Pears**  
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**NHS**  
Birmingham  
Community Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

1st April 2026  
10.00 - 14.30

Touchbase Pears  
Bristol Road, Selly Oak, B29 6NA

## Neurodevelopmental Pathway Information Day

Supporting families on the NDP pathway  
(Autism Pathway)

Get advice and find out  
about support available  
whilst waiting

**Advice and Resources**  
Find out what support is available to you and your child while you wait

**Understand the Assessment Process**  
Come and talk to professionals involved in assessments

**Expert Advice**  
Meet professionals in Autism and get expert advice

**Where to get support**  
Access to a number of service providers across Birmingham

Best Care  
Healthy Communities





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### **Further Information and Contact**

If you have concerns about your child's provision, please email me at [SParkes@corecity.academy](mailto:SParkes@corecity.academy)

You may also contact my line manager Mrs Patel, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Safeguarding.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we are building a strong and inclusive community where every student feels confident, secure, and ready to succeed.

Best wishes

Mr Parkes

**SENDCo, City Academy**