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17th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an excellent summer.
Thankfully the weather was great for everyone to get out and about.

The purpose of this letter is to firstly introduce myself to new parents and carers, but also to inform everyone about our Parent/Carer Support Group, that is held on the first Friday of every month at The Priory School. (10am – 12noon).

My name is Amanda Barber and I am the Learning Mentor/Safeguarding Officer at the school, and part of my role is to liaise with parents/carers, outside agencies (when required), and to work with pupils in school to help them explore/overcome any worries/anxieties they may have, so they can then enjoy their education.

Ten years ago we set up a Parent/Carer Support Group (at parents' request), due to the isolation felt because children arrive at school on transport, so no opportunity to meet and chat at the school gates. The group has become very well attended and we often invite guest speakers along so they can inform parents/carers of services and facilities available for anyone with a child with Special Needs. The group also welcomes all parents/carers in a similar situation from other schools and in the community, and the feedback we have had from the group members is always very positive.

As mentioned above, the group meets on the first Friday of every month (term time only), and is very relaxed and informal. We provide refreshments, and time for everyone to meet and have a chat, but also to share information and experiences they have had whilst being a parent/carer of a child(ren) with Special needs. (along with lots of laughter and sometimes tears - tissues can be provided).

Our next group meeting will be on October 5th 2018 and you are all very welcome to come along. The Guest Speaker for this meeting is Sally Stanfield from The Young Carers and she will be available to explain about what Young Carers offer, and also to offer advice and support to everyone that requires it.

If you would like to join us, please can you sign the slip below and return to me at The Priory School, or email me on
Amanda.barber@priory-cit.co.uk

Kind regards,

Amanda Barber

I/We will be attending the Parent Carer coffee morning on 5th October 2018 at Priory School

Name of pupil _____

Signed by _____ (Parent/Carer)



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