

Dear Sencos

Woolgrove Outreach Update

I hope that you all managed to forget about school for a little while and that you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break with friends and family. Here's to 2022 being a calmer, more relaxed year!

Below is an update of some sessions that Woolgrove Outreach will be running and some general information.

Senco Breakfast

Hopefully, you have all received an invite to the new 'Senco Breakfast' which is being held virtually on Thursday 13th January from 8.45-9.30am. This is an informal session and an opportunity for you to ask any questions and discuss any current issues with your fellow Sencos. Hopefully someone will be able to help or point you in the right direction!

Advice Sessions for All Staff

I will be running two further 'advice sessions' this term. Please forward the details below to your staff (teachers and teaching assistants) so that they can book a session directly with me if they wish to:

Wednesday 19th January - 3pm, 3.20pm, 3.40pm

Thursday 27th - 3.30pm, 3.50pm, 4.10pm

These sessions are for staff to discuss a pupil on an unnamed basis to gain some strategies to support their learning in class. To book a session, please use the link below.

<https://woolgrove.herts.sch.uk/outreach-booking-form/>

Once a session has been booked, please complete and return the attached advice session form and I will forward a link to the virtual TEAMS advice session. An evaluation form will also need to be completed straight after the session. Any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email.

New Referral Forms

The Woolgrove Outreach referral form has been updated to include further information that is required by the L.A. which is now very similar to the ISL referral form. I have attached a copy of the form to this email and a copy is also available on the Woolgrove website. Referrals can be sent via **Schools FX** to sharonknight@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk or via the post to Woolgrove School, Outreach. It is always helpful if you email in advance to let me know that a referral is on its way. I aim to acknowledge receipt of the referral, so if you have not heard from me within a week or two, please email me so I can check that I have received it.

The current estimated wait time is approximately one term.

Woolgrove outreach have continued to respond to referrals through a combination of virtual meetings and observations/visits in school. However, due to the current situation, there will be a slight reduction in the number of visits to schools that I am able to make within the week and that where possible, virtual meetings will be used to gather information and feedback to staff and parents. Please note that my working days are Monday morning, all day Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday. I teach at Woolgrove on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning and attend Woolgrove staff meetings on a Tuesday after school.

InPrint 3 – Widgit

Widgit have made the decision to stop selling InPrint 3 at a 'one-off' cost and have moved to a subscription service. I have attached a link to their products. The main two programmes that schools use are: InPrint 3 or Widgit Online <https://www.widgit.com/products/index.htm>

Please remember that Woolgrove Outreach is a Widgit hub and we are therefore able to offer the products at a discounted rate, which is cheaper than purchasing directly through Widgit. The Widgit prices are listed on their website.

If there is anything that you feel outreach can support with, or if there is anything you would like to discuss, then please do not hesitate to contact me via email at sharonknight@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk or outreach@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk and we can arrange a time to have a chat.

I wish you all well and hope that the spring term brings a much more settled and positive time for everyone.

Kind regards

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