

All Together

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*Growing Together To Inspire, Believe and Achieve for
Every Child, Every Day*

There for each other...

- We are a school community across two sites
- We were taken over by a new head teacher almost 3 years ago
- There's a big emphasis on working together, upskilling members of staff and wellbeing
- We have a Family Partnership Team who help to monitor and liaise between families and the school community
- We have Family Learning opportunities and offer a safe place for parents to network



Working Towards Good Mental Health and Wellbeing for our Families and Children



- Highest quality teaching and learning
- Engaging and enjoyable learning experiences for our pupils
- Ensure that all pupils achieve their very best in all aspects of their development.

Welcome to Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this.....

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting. After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland." "Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy." But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place. So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met. It's just a different place.

It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice...Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned." And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about Holland.



Affecting the Family

- Grieving
- Feelings of shame and rejection
- Isolation from Peers
- Isolation from other Parents
- Being the parent of a 'Naughty Child' !
- Low Self Esteem/Confidence in both parents and children
- Doctors appointments and feelings of inadequacy
- Relationships
- Misconceptions about SEN schools

Help!



Family Partnership at The Dales

Working with other Agencies and Professionals, to ensure a Multi-Disciplinary approach, to meet your child's needs.



Transitional Support for Children and Families



Poverty Proofing & Community Support



FAMILY SUPPORT and LEARNING AT THE DALES SCHOOL

Staff Training



Parent / Carers Workshops and Training



Support & Advice on your Child's Developmental and Emotional Needs



Working Together, We Can Make a Difference



Parent / Carer Support

To encourage Well Being and Promote Good Mental Health



Confidential Support & Advice for parents / carers



Support with school queries/concerns.



Support to Access Benefits and Charitable Funding



Support to Complete Documents and Forms



Raise Awareness, and offer information and advice on the additional interventions we offer in school eg:

Speech & Language Therapy

Sensory Needs

Occupational Therapy

Visual Aids

And Many More



The Staff Team



- EHCP Reviews
- Tapestry
- Home School Diaries
- Positivity Postcards
- Coffee Mornings
- Family Learning

Empowering Parents to Empower Themselves

