



Snowflake School

'Improving the quality of family life'

Dear Supporter,

Since our last Newsletter, Snowflake has had an amazing year. First and foremost, I write to you with the terrific news that we are now near full capacity with the increased number of our students! With the contract for our interim deputy head teacher Evelina Dipompoulou ending in December, Snowflake welcomes Mrs Jayne Jardine as our newly appointed head teacher in January 2011. The school has had improvements and reconfigurations, all of which have contributed positively to staff efficiency and ease of work within our space at Longridge Road.

Enrolment:

We now have 10 pupils, six boys and four girls, from three different boroughs within greater London. Snowflake has already secured a new pupil for the summer term beginning in April and is in the process of assessing several more pupils who are waiting to enrol. With a licence for enrolment of only 15 pupils aged between 5 to 14, we will soon reach full capacity, which is great news.

Teaching:

Snowflake delivers a full and highly modified national curriculum to meet each child's needs. Creativity is a key factor as it eases retention for our students and heightens the fun approach to learning.

Our New Head:

Mrs Jayne Jardine comes to the school with 14 years of experience as a head teacher. Amongst her goals and vision for Snowflake Jayne hopes to further develop and build upon the school's reputation as a centre of excellence within the field of academics for children with autism. Under her guidance and leadership we hope to improve our OFSTED inspection from a "good school" to an "excellent school".





Our current focus is on rhyme and rhythm. We are exploring a variety of rhymes and poems chosen to match the students' age range, interest and capability of comprehension.

Activities:

With the support of the Kensington and Chelsea borough, we have begun offering our pupils bike training in Holland Park. Sessions are led by Sarah French with Technicolour Tyre Company one of the lead bike trainers in Kensington and Chelsea. Our students have done remarkably well with bike training and some are now capable of riding independently. We are not only hoping to teach our pupils new skills for their independence but also hope to highlight the importance of exercise.

Our recent outing to Pizza Express was a great success. Pupils were helped and guided in making their own pizzas which they ate whilst there or took home in the afternoon. Autistic individuals face many daily challenges which are so natural for mainstream students. In participating in select activities we hope to teach our pupils safety and new skills within a new environment.



Future Plans:

I close by letting you know that Snowflake is well aware of the shortfall of schools for children with autism. In this regard we hope to have a strategic plan of action in preparation for expanding our school to meet the needs of pupils aged between 14 to 19 years. We hope to count on your support which will in turn allow us to build upon our mission of establishing a Senior School in order to provide the best care, education and provisions needed by our future students.

Yours truly,

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Founder