

## Therapies In Schools (TIS) UPDATE



The TIS project continues to have a positive impact for all staff and children across Palatine, Herons Dale and Oak Grove College. Staff are continuing to receive specific training on therapeutic practices to help embed these into the day to day curriculum. As ever, the TIS team have also enjoyed being in attendance at school events such as parents evenings, parent tours, parent coffee mornings and being part of the school staff teams.

### FREE TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS-

The TIS team have now offered the Level 1 learning programme to parents across the three schools, the first of the three modules 'Sensory Processing' was held at Field Place on the 18<sup>th</sup> June and initial feedback is that it was a great success. The 'Life Skills' level 1 module is planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> September and the 'Physical Development' Level 1 module on the 5<sup>th</sup> November both will again be at Field Place, Worthing from 10am -12.00pm.

To book tickets for the Life Skills Module on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/life-skills-level-1-tis-training-tickets-47460716280>

To book tickets for the Physical Development Module on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/physical-development-level-1-tis-training-tickets-47460552791>

Places will be limited so book as soon as you can and please let us know if you book but are then unable to attend so that the tickets can be released for others. The tickets are **free** and attendees can even claim travel expenses back through 'Parent Carer Forum'. We are now busy writing the level 2 modules to teach to staff groups in October 2018.

The TIS project has begun a piece of work to look at transitions. This is initially to consider the transition process of our college leavers but will be looking into transition to and from primary schools too. The aim is to devise a document that helps family, education staff and health professionals accurately record and share a young person's information and sign post GP's to the relevant teams in adult services. TIS are now actively involved in the PATH reviews and current transition process to ensure that the children's school journey from an OT and Physiotherapy perspective is as smooth as possible.

Many items of equipment for individual children on the TIS caseload have been provided and are now in use, this has been very positive all round and is enabling the children to engage in new and different ways with the curriculum. Seahorses class at Palatine have also been 'equipment pioneers', 3 of their children were invited on to a special seating day where they were able to trial a prototype of a new seating system for children with complex physical disability. The class team hosted the successful event and the seating team were hugely grateful for the children's support in trialling the product. The team fed-back that the information they gathered from the event was going to be **vital** to how the product will be designed and rolled out..... so a HUGE thank you to those children for being part of such an important step in the process.

Wishing everyone a fun, happy, calm summer break. Enjoy the sunshine if you can and we'll be ready for new challenges in the autumn.

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### Working in Partnership

