



## PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS 2023-2024



Five Acre Wood will be offering 8 parent support groups this academic year, which are aimed at supporting parents and carers whose children have specific needs. All sessions will be held in person at Five Acre Wood School on the Loose site.

Please see below a list of dates and subjects.

Any updates or changes will be listed on the school website and sent via email.

Dates	Time	Subject
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	9.45am – 10.45am	<b>PECS</b> – alternative communication system that uses visual symbols
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9.45am – 10.45am	<b>Reluctant Eaters</b> - we'll provide top tips to support your child to explore a wider range of foods.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	9.45am – 10.45am	<b>Introduction to AAC and Colourful Semantics</b> - AAC describes ways to support a young person to communicate with you by using a range of visual supports. Colourful semantics is a visual system intended to develop reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	9.45am – 10.45am	<b>Sensory Processing &amp; Sensory Circuits</b> – an opportunity to learn more about your child's sensory needs and how to support this at home.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<b>PECS</b> – alternative communication system that uses visual symbols
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<b>Reluctant Eaters</b> - we'll provide top tips to support your child to explore a wider range of foods.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<b>Sensory Processing &amp; Sensory Circuits</b> – an opportunity to learn more about your child's sensory needs and how to support this at home.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<b>Introduction to AAC and Colourful Semantics</b> - AAC describes ways to support a young person to communicate with you by using a range of visual supports. Colourful semantics is a visual system intended to develop reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

- Please can you inform us of your attendance at least 1 week in advance of a Support Group and if there are less than 5 attendees for any one session then unfortunately it will not go ahead. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [vgeylani@five-acre.kent.sch.uk](mailto:vgeylani@five-acre.kent.sch.uk) or phoning us on 01622 743925.
- If a session must be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, or insufficient take up (less than 5 attendees) then we will endeavour to provide parents/carers with as much notice as possible.
- During a session, if there are other issues that you would like advice on, please feel free to raise them and we will do our best to address them at the time.