

18th June 2025

## Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to invite you to a coffee morning - Friday 27 June 10-12 at Tanfield school. Tanfield are part of the Local Authorities Neurodivergence In Schools Project and we would like to share information regarding the autism and ADHD assessment processes and support which is available to Tanfield families. The morning is for those families who are considering an assessment, waiting for an assessment or who have a diagnosis.

Sabrina Basra is our project lead and will share key information during this informal session. Sabrina is part of the Communication and Interaction team at the Local Authority and works alongside other professionals to support our students. She will also be available for questions at the end of her presentation. You may have questions linked to the CAMHS assessment process and the Right to Choose pathway.

## Please inform us of your attendance so we have an idea of numbers.

We look forward to seeing you next Friday.

If you are unable to attend, we have received some additional information from Rebecca Weatherstone from the North - East Autistic Society which may be of interest.

For parents/carers of children who awaiting a referral to the neurodevelopmental diagnostic team, on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism:

There are a series of workshops in supporting your child. The workshops will cover:

- Worries and action planning
- Common misconceptions
- Differences in autistic children
- Practical strategies to use in everyday life

Workshops are ran from Stanley Family Hubs, Clifford Road, DH9 0AB:

07/08/25

04/09/25

02/10/25

06/11/25

04/12/25

Sessions must be pre-booked.

For further information contact Rebecca Weatherstone on 0191 410 9974 or <a href="mailto:rebecca.weatherstone@ne-as.org.uk">rebecca.weatherstone@ne-as.org.uk</a>

Kind regards,

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