

OSSME NEWS

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Welcome to the Nov– Dec edition of our newsletter and the final edition of 2020.

The transition booklets we have developed to support children back to school are still available to request in this newsletter. From January the links will not be in the newsletter but you can still request copies using the email address below. See page 3 of the newsletter which has all the clickable links you need to request the booklets. If you need any more information please contact: Sharon.williams@autisminitiatives.org

Remote training for schools

OSSME have continued to offer CPD training for schools and staff who are currently under contract with us. Training links are regularly sent out to schools on a variety of topics such as The Science behind Autism, PDA and Classroom Strategies. Staff can access the training videos remotely. Once training is completed, staff will have access to a training quiz online, following this, OSSME will send out CPD Certificates as proof of training. This method of training has been extremely well received with over 500 certificates being sent out to members of staff so far.

If you have questions about OSSME’s remote training or are interested in this method of training for your school please contact:

Sharon.williams@autisminitiatives.org



Open Awards

Due to the volume of enquiries OSSME have received around the Open Awards qualifications we have developed a booklet, along with a short PowerPoint to answer some of the most common questions we receive. If you would like more information about the qualification or our booklet and PowerPoint sent out to you please contact Rocio.Manzanera@autisminitiatives.org



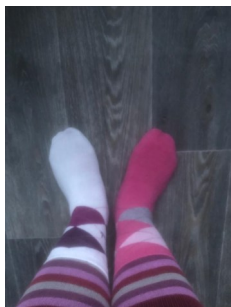
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Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November, which this year is Monday 16th to Friday 20th. The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying', with the idea being coming together as communities to fight bullying.



Monday 16th November is Odd Socks Day with the idea that people come together to raise awareness and show support for the anti-bullying campaign by wearing odd socks. OSSME staff have of course been showing support :)



There are many different kinds of bullying and one area of bullying that OSSME has seen an increase in when working with schools and students is online bullying. Here are some hints and tips if you or someone you know is dealing with online bullying.



National Bullying Helpline

If you think someone is bullying you or you are worried or frightened, tell someone you trust exactly what is happening or call the free children's helpline on **0300 323 0169**. For parents dealing with bullying at school, knowing your child is being bullied is extremely difficult to deal with. The only way to put a stop to bullying is if the parent and teacher work together to find the right solution. More information on help and support available can be accessed through the website <https://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/>

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OSSME TRAINING



MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2020 FROM 18:30 UTC-20:30 UTC

Autism, Interactions and Communication Training

Online event

OSSME have been continuing to offer online training sessions throughout lockdown for parents and our final training session of the year will be happening on:

7th December from 6.30pm

Topic will be Autism , Interactions and Communication

***Please note that places on the training are limited and you can request to book your place using link below ***

Transition back to school booklet.

Transition booklet can be requested free, here:

<https://forms.gle/NvS9R2nFDhBtCgGf9>

KS1/2 transition booklet (also suitable for some early KS3 pupils) can be requested free, here:

<https://forms.gle/Zyh32qc2D47sVZa6>

KS4/5+ (high school/college and beyond) transition booklet can be requested here :

<https://forms.gle/MG5DrJkgynLY5mLr6>

Lesson plans pack (which can be adapted up or down from a basis of KS2 can be requested free, here:

<https://forms.gle/p35X893dBKJssCQ59>

Despite obvious challenges this year related to Covid, OSSME would like to say a big well done to all out students, families and schools who have worked so hard to stay positive and continued to engage with OSSME's support. We are very proud and hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

Happy Christmas from all of OSSME.

