

## St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Katie Worton-Geer

"Our school is a place of learning, a place of love"











Monday 20th March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to inform you that this year St Paul's Catholic Nursery and Primary School will be taking part again in the National Autism Acceptance Day. It is an annual national awareness campaign that takes place from 27 March to 2 April 2023. Therefore, we would like to take part on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 by following the theme of wearing colourful clothing of your child's free choice showing how Autism is part of a complex and multi-coloured spectrum. During the day, children will be given an opportunity to learn and discuss what Autism looks like and share any experiences they may have around this. In return, we are kindly asking for a £1 donation to support children with Autism.

National Autism Awareness Day was founded in 2007. The day aims to call attention to <u>autism spectrum</u> disorders, or ASD, which are a group of lifelong developmental disabilities that have been diagnosed in childhood or adulthood. Autism is a complex, multi-faceted developmental disability that affects the way people interact, communicate and think. It is complex because it is different for every individual. In some areas of the spectrum, autism is characterised by repetitive behaviors whereas another type of ASD may cause an intense interest in a single subject or a person could have both of these. No one person is the same.

If you would like to find out more about Autism Spectrum Disorder or this years campaign, please visit; Autism Education Trust or https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2023

Together, with inclusion we can show our school is a place of learning and a place of love.

Kind wishes.

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