



## **Middletown Centre for Autism Parent Group Update**

Dear parents/guardians,

We held our first Middletown Coffee Morning on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. It was lovely meeting and a great opportunity for parents to come together and discuss the needs of their children.

We are running 5 more Thursday morning sessions. These will be themed according to the areas that parents raised at our first coffee morning and will provide an opportunity for school staff to work with parents. Each session will explore some of the support strategies and initiatives that staff have been working to develop in the school in cooperation with Middletown staff.

These sessions will be held on the dates below and will be themed as follows:

Date	Time	Themes
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30-10.30am	Autism and Anxiety
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30am	Home School Collaboration
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30am	Autism and Sensory Processing
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30am	Autism and Communication
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30am	Make and Take

We hope to encourage as many parents as possible to attend these sessions. Don't worry if you were unable to attend the initial session. You are very welcome to attend all our subsequent sessions. Alternatively attend the sessions that are most relevant to you and your child.

These sessions offer a valuable opportunity for parents to avail of the support and expertise of Middletown staff while they are working in St. John the Baptist Primary School. Middletown will be finishing their programme of support in St. John the Baptist Primary School in December 2023. We hope to be able to take this work forward as a school community with staff and parents working together to support the needs of our pupils with ASD.

Yours sincerely,

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