

Welcome!

Welcome to our coffee morning, a chance to sit and have a brew and natter about all things SEND related.

Sensory Bus update

Joanne and Laura, together with other wonderful volunteers, have led the way on getting the Sensory Bus to the finish line. The bus is looking in great shape, with very little work left to do. The garden behind it is now landscaped and has seating. We are going to plan a 'grand opening' of the bus, hopefully in September.



Fidget for Focus-parent consultation

There has been a huge growth in the fidget toy market and these products are now

readily accessible to buy in places like tesco (where previously you may have used a specialist supplier). This is in part due to increased awareness of neurodivergence and the benefits of fidgets for stress relief and focus. However, it has also meant that schools have seen a huge increase in children bringing fidgets-or related items-into school. These can sometimes cause problems from a safety point of view, e.g., if they burst, small parts. They can also cause distress if pupils lose them.



I would really like to work with parents to help design our strategy for how children access and use fidget toys in school. We want to make the best use of them so that they are aiding their learning.

Bolton Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

St Thomas CE can now access the support of Bolton Mental Health Support team, a local service which is part of CAMHS. Evie is our link worker. We hope that we can make use of this service on a variety of levels, from staff training, to accessing additional resources for our classes, as well as support for individuals.





Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust

Bolton MHST National and Consultation Points

Bolton Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
Local Mental Health Support Team

YOUNG PERSON'S VIEWS

Please put a circle round your answer

Do you know what Bolton MHST is? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like help from us? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where would you like us to meet you?
 At school/Online

About our team...

Our team works in schools across Bolton to help children and young people with mental health difficulties.

We can offer 1:1 and group interventions to children, young people and parents.

We can also work with your teachers to help them understand mental health difficulties and give them advice.

Please fill in this form to help us to understand you better. This will help us to give you the right support.

