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Dear Parents/Carers

### Spring SEND Update

I am writing to you with a Spring SEND Update to keep families informed of local services on offer for students and families with additional needs. We hope you find these services of use and we welcome information on any other services you feel others would benefit from that we could share.

The Local Offer - Dorset Council has help, advice and support available for young people and families of young people with additional needs. This includes the SALT Balance System, where to get help regarding transport, financial advice and activities in and around Dorset.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/dorsets-local-offer>

Dorset MIND - This charity works with adults and young people specifically with support for mental health difficulties. Parent support can be found here:

<https://dorsetmind.uk/resources/parent-support/>

Recovery College - Offer a free course for parents to support families with children who are newly diagnosed with autism:

<https://www.recoverycollegeonline.co.uk/courses/adapt/>

KOOTH - Support for young people and families regarding mental wellbeing, including for those young people with SEND and who are neurodiverse:

<https://connect.kooth.com/for-families>

Linwood Training Support and Advice - Offer a free Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents course you can contact them here: [ttsa@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:ttsa@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Kind Regards

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