

19th April 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Towards the end of last week, Albright Plus site hosted the 'Animal Man' and pupils from our main site got to attend and participate too. There were all kinds of lovely creatures that the children were able to meet -



from the furry and small to the scaly and smooth! It was a lovely opportunity for them to find out about some of the more unusual animals and the brave got to stroke them and hold them. It was a lovely experience for them all and thank you to Albright Plus staff for arranging and hosting.

This week we held an informal drop-in opportunity to discuss year 9 option choices. It was lovely to see some parents and for them to listen to the options available and for them to ask questions. All year 9 pupils should have handed those choices in by today. If anyone still has any questions or is unsure of what to take, please get in touch with Mrs Tymo.

We are seeing an increasing number of pupils recently who are not coming to school on occasion due to 'low mood' or

feeling anxious. Please be reassured that Albright is the medical provision for Sandwell and a specialist Centre for pupils with psychological or Social Emotional needs. Whilst this reason is very understandable in a mainstream setting, it is not for Albright. It is so important to attend so that we can put the right support in place. If children do not attend for these reasons we cannot help - and therefore we may have to review provision so that our very small number of places can be accessed by *other* children on our waiting list. We appreciate some children struggle with their mental health and this can be extremely difficult for families. However, we encourage you to work *with us* in getting the children into school so we can address the needs and put appropriate provision in place. We have a very large waiting list and for me as a Head Teacher, it is difficult to turn down children for places when we have others not accessing all the wonderful support on offer here.

Please have a wonderful weekend - most children have been on the Alton Towers trip today. We expect to see all of them bright-eyed and bushy-tailed Monday morning! I will share photos of the trip in next week's letter.

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