

Virtual Open Evening

SEND Information

We hope you find this useful.

**All of us in Learning Support (LS) are looking
forward to meeting you!**

Due to Lockdown we are unable to do all of the amazing things we would normally do to support your child's transition to Gillotts. Therefore, we decided it would be a good idea to put together this presentation to give you some more information about Gillotts and how the SEND Department can support your child.

We have included lots of information about the wonderful Learning Support Team and all of the support we have to offer here at Gillotts.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions about Gillotts and how Learning Support can help your child.

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**Hi, I'm Miss Collyer. I am
the SENDCo at Gillotts.
I'm looking forward to
meeting you soon!**



All the ways LS can help you!

LSA support in lessons

Key LSA to help with
organisation, homework and
well-being

Lockers in LS to help with
organisation

A place to work quietly before
school, at break and at lunch.

Lego Club, Art Club & Film Club
during lunch

Social Skills Group during tutor time

A place to relax on your own or spend time
making new friends

Homework Club on a Tuesday & Thursday
after school - invitations will be sent out

Literacy, Numeracy & Memory Skills
Intervention Groups

But most of all, it is a SAFE SPACE where you
can come for help whenever you need it!

Other Support Available!

Students will be referred for these interventions if they are needed

ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support with Kelly in Gateway

Emotional Well-being Support - offered by staff in Gateway & The Lodge

STEPS programme - run by Claire & Helen in The Lodge to support Year 7s with resilience and anxiety

Guitar Club & Yoga Club to support with well-being

Qualified Counsellors - available for appointments in The Lodge

NOMAD mentoring for students & parenting courses available

Tutors - provide an excellent point of contact for parents and offer support to students. They will also 'buddy up' Year 7s with another student, if needed.

Housebase (Darwin, Pankhurst or Orwell) - Heads of House, Assistant Heads of House and House Admin are all there to support students and parents. They will investigate any issues, help with organisation and monitor progress.

The Department



Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) will be in some lessons.

They may work with the whole class, or smaller groups, with others and with you.

You will often see the same LSAs as they follow the timetable too.

Where is Learning Support? It's just by the barrier at the front of school.

What's there? It's for you! There are two small classrooms, a locker if you want one, the Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) room and the SENDCo, Miss Collyer, has her office there.

What happens in there? Small groups or individual work; Art club; Lego club; Film club.

💡 As a Year 7 you can use the learning support classrooms before school, during break and lunch times.

💡 If you need **help** or are **lost or confused** just come in and ask any adult for help 🧑

'to help you be the best you can be'

Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION	ANSWER *This is dependent on COVID-related restrictions
Does my child need to have a diagnosis to get support?	No, they don't. At Gillotts, we will support whether there is an official diagnosis or not. We have a screening tool to use to explore any difficulties, but we do not diagnose in school.
How does my child get intervention?	We do initial testing to see if there is a gap in progress (1+ years behind their peers/chronological age) or from Primary School recommendations or through staff at Gillotts.
What information should I share with the school?	Please include any SEND information on the SIF (School Information Form) and send in any diagnosis reports you have for us to keep on file and learn about your child so we know how to support them.
What do you do for transition?	All students will have Pioneer Week (3 days in the Summer Term). We also run SEND Pioneer where we invite in the students who need some additional time at Gillotts to get them ready for September. They will do activities with the LSAs to support their transition. We can also offer additional visits to the school.
Do you liaise with the Primary Schools?	Yes! We meet with all of the local feeder primary schools so they can handover important information about the students joining us.