

**Does your child struggle at school?**  
**Do they need extra help? - Would you like to help them?**  
**(and other children with similar needs?)**

Could you spare an hour each month volunteering to helping Our Lady and All Saint`s Multi Academy Company establish a Carers group for parents of our Children who attend our family of Catholic schools? The purpose of the carers group is to support all children, but specifically Children with a disability or children who have been adopted to achieve the very best in their school life?

Our family of Catholic schools is committed to providing the very best inclusive education for all our children and young people. We are guided by our faith, Gospel values and our commitment to our OLAAS MAC Children`s Charter.

Your commitment requires you to:-

- Be the **parent/ guardian/ or adoptive parent** of a child who has a disability/special need **and** attends one of the schools within our MAC group.
- Have a home lap-top and access to the internet. (Please do let us know if this is an issue for you).
- Devote an hour or so each month to the project meeting/discussion, so that your views are listened to.
- Comply with agreed ground rules to maintain strictest confidentiality.
- Meetings will be held via “Zoom” (*\*we will supply written instructions on how to download/ access such software*).

But key is that you have a say and give us feedback and that we listen to what you tell us.

The group will commence meeting during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November and thereafter during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month.

**Purpose**

- Given our Catholic vision and purpose establish a clear and purposeful link between the MAC and parents/carers of our children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities,
- Facilitate two-way communication between parents, carers, and professionals,
- Provide the basis of discussion and links with appropriate bodies (ie local Authorities; Education; Health etc)
- Work together with schools/ various agencies to provide feedback on services; offer constructive challenge to current services and input into decision making and planning for future service provision,
- Contribute to improvements in the services delivered for our young people,
- Provide parent/ carers with enough information to be able to decide whether they wish to be involved in a specific piece of work/consultation.
- The group will provide diverse membership/representation to ensure representation for all our children; parent/carers from all backgrounds; with all needs and across all sectors of our community.

**If you are interested in offering your services, please contact: -**  
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