



Dear Parent /Carers

Subject: Supporting the Launch of Our New Provision – “The Pod”

I am writing to share an exciting development at Sturminster Newton High School as we continue to strengthen the support we provide for all of our young people.

In the coming weeks, we will be launching a new provision centre within school called **“The Pod.”** This dedicated space has been carefully developed to support students with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** and those with **Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)** needs.

The Pod will work alongside our existing Hub provision to provide enhanced, targeted support for students who need additional help to regulate, engage with learning, and thrive within our school community. This is a significant step forward in our commitment to inclusion and ensuring that every young person is supported to be successful.

A key part of The Pod will be the delivery of **therapeutic and supportive interventions**, led by our trained staff. These interventions will use practical, engaging activities to support students in developing focus, resilience, communication, and emotional regulation.

To help us create a calm, purposeful and engaging environment, we are reaching out to our school community for support. We would be extremely grateful for donations of items such as:

- Construction and creative resources (e.g. Lego, K'Nex, Meccano, marble runs)
- Board games (e.g. Scrabble, dominoes, simple family games)

These resources will directly support the delivery of targeted interventions and help create a nurturing space where students feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

If you are able to contribute, donations can be brought to the **school's front office**. All contributions, no matter how small, will make a meaningful difference to the experience we are able to offer our young people.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is through working together as a community that we are able to provide the very best for our students.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Motteram

Headteacher

