



15th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Down Syndrome Awareness Week – Odd Socks Day!

Our school will be supporting the PSDS (Providing Support for children with Down Syndrome and their families) charity during 'Down Syndrome Awareness Week' which starts on 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. PSDS is a registered charity whose principal goal is to provide support for children with Down syndrome and their families.



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[www.psd.info](http://www.psd.info)  
registered charity number 1123079

In recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Week, we are inviting pupils to wear mis-matched (odd) socks to school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March** in return for making a small voluntary donation of £1. The wearing of mis-matched socks symbolises that we are all unique individuals - different from each other in many ways and it is absolutely ok to be a little bit different! It's an opportunity to celebrate our differences and all the things that make each and every one of us a unique individual.



The philosophy of PSDS is that children with Down Syndrome are all different to each other, in the same way that every single child is unique. Children with Down Syndrome just happen to have an extra chromosome and their diagnosis is just one part of who they each are.

To educate our children further on Down Syndrome some of our very own parents of children with Downs Syndrome, including Lucienne Davies – a former parent at Barrow Hedges, will be coming in to talk to the children about Downs Syndrome and answer any questions they have. They will even learn some Makaton sign language!

If you would like to find out find out more about PSDS and the incredible work they do to help children with Down syndrome and their families, please visit [www.psd.info](http://www.psd.info).

Thank you again for your on-going support,

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