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## Tettenhall Wood School Achieve Autism Accreditation at Advanced status



Dear parents and carers

As you are all aware, recently, Tettenhall Wood School have been working on gaining the National Autistic Society's Autism Accreditation Award at an Advanced status. This award is gained by showing that a provision is providing a consistently good standard of autism practice across four main areas which are communication, sensory needs, independence and emotional regulation.

We are delighted to be able to finally share our wonderful news with you all that we have gained the Autism Accreditation at Advanced status and are one of 34 schools in the country to do so! Below is a section of the letter we received from the NAS. This highlights all the fantastic work that goes on at Tettenhall Wood School.

*The Autism Accreditation Committee have awarded your school an Advanced Award. Several strengths are highlighted in the assessment report including:*

- *Detailed and informative personal support plans.*
- *Clear systems to ensure that support is strategically planned across the school.*
- *Proactive and preventative strategies to support autistic young people to avoid anxiety, confusion or distress from occurring or escalating.*
- *Effective use of data to inform practice and measure progress.*
- *Staff are highly skilled communicators and were observed using a number of communication methods simultaneously to reinforce communication or requests.*
- *Strategies in place to support autistic young people in their sensory regulation.*
- *As strong focus on the well-being of young people and improving their quality of life.*

- *The work of the Valuable Outreach team and the positive partnerships developed with a number of mainstream providers, enabling them to offer additional inclusion opportunities for learners.*

The Committee was particularly impressed by the TWS Sports Podcast in providing young people opportunities to develop work related life skills within a meaningful and engaging context.

The report does highlight some areas for development but the Committee are satisfied that these relate to building upon existing good practice and do not significantly detract from overall quality and consistency.

As a school, we would also like to extend our gratitude for all your support and the support of your wonderful children that makes it a privilege to come to work every single day. So many of you participated in completing the parent and student survey for us and this was instrumental in helping us to gain the award.

Thank you again to you all and we will continue on our journey of school improvement to offer the very best education for your children and ensuring outstanding outcomes.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Whittington

Executive Head Teacher