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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to introduce myself and our team of newly-appointed SENDCos and to inform you of the new termly Ninestiles Academy Trust SEND Newsletter that will be available on our schools' websites at the end of each term, signposting you to key events and providing you with news updates and pupil achievements from across our Trust.

Ms Christa Vines – Ninestiles Academy Trust SENDCo

I am delighted to have recently been appointed as the Ninestiles Academy Trust SENDCo having worked within the Inclusion faculty at Ninestiles for just over 20 years. My new role will enable me to work collaboratively with many inspirational and dynamic colleagues across our schools together with an extensive range of outside agency professionals who provide valuable advice, support and guidance to our staff, pupils and their families regarding special educational needs and disabilities matters.



I am fully committed to promoting an inclusive and effective learning culture that enables all pupils to feel happy, valued and secure in their learning and where high expectations are upheld. My aim is to promote Birmingham's Right Service, Right Time goal of achieving consistency in understanding and practice, when responding to children, young people and their families who need extra support across our Ninestiles Academy Trust schools.

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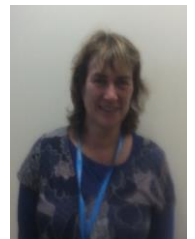
Mrs Claire Molloy – Cockshut Hill School SENDCO

At Cockshut Hill we welcome Mrs Claire Molloy who has joined us from Lyndon School as SENDCO and teacher of IT.



"I am so excited about joining the great team of staff at Cockshut Hill helping them to support and guide all of our students with SEND in being successful, curious learners, as well as building strong, positive links with parents and carers."

Mrs Molloy will lead the Support Team at Cockshut Hill and is available on 0121 464 5444
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Ms Jo Hill – Lyndon School SENDCo

At Lyndon School we welcome Ms Jo Hill who has joined us from Holly Lodge Secondary School in Sandwell as SENDCo and teacher of English.

"I am really looking forward to working in partnership with you to promote an inclusive, personalised approach to SEND provision so that your children are empowered to make progress in their learning and independence."

Ms Hill will lead the Inclusion team / Teaching and Learning Centre at Lyndon and can be contacted on 0121 743 3402 / s209jhill@lyndon.solihull.sch.uk

Miss Aimee Clay – Ninestiles Academy SENDCo Assistant

At Ninestiles Miss Aimee Clay has been appointed as SENDCo Assistant. Ms Clay has worked at Ninestiles for 6 years as a Teaching Assistant and then via our School Centered Initial Teacher Training Programme became a teacher of English and within Inclusion. Along with overseeing the Inclusion Team Miss Clay will continue to teach Key Skills and a range of ASDAN Personal Development Programmes to our students to ensure all of our learners have an appropriate curriculum pathway to enhance both their academic and social development.



“Hello, I am Aimée Clay and I am looking forward to new challenges and building a positive partnership between parents/carers, students and staff.”

Miss Clay can be contacted on 0121 628 1311 aimee.clay@ninestiles.org.uk

Ms Caroline Sweeney – The Sixth Form College, Solihull

We welcome Ms Caroline Sweeney to our family as The Sixth Form College, Solihull joins Ninestiles Academy Trust. Caroline is a Study Plus Curriculum Leader and manages the Additional Learning and Academic Coaching Team at the Sixth Form College ensuring that students with specific learning difficulties, disabilities or other additional needs can access the curriculum and that all reasonable adjustments to provision are made. Caroline and her team are fully committed to ensuring support is flexible and tailored to the individual student’s particular needs allowing them to reach their potential.



“With substantial experience of Post 16 learning support / SEND, I am looking forward to working more closely with colleagues, pupils and families of The Trust in making successful transitions from secondary school to sixth form for those students with an additional learning need or disability. I am proud of having led The Sixth Form College, Solihull to successful re accreditation of the British Dyslexia Association’s Dyslexia Quality Mark as a dyslexia friendly institution for the second time this year and feel that this is testament to the excellent SEND support we offer at College.”

Caroline Sweeney can be contacted on 0121 704 2581 x 2851 csweeney@solihullsf.ac.uk

In all of our other Trust schools our SENDCos continue to be familiar points of contact to you;

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We look forward to working with you and your child over the forthcoming year and hope that our schools' websites, parent consultation events and termly Newsletter will keep you up to date with both our Trust and local SEND information. Both www.mycareinbirmingham.org.uk and www.socialsolihull.org.uk also provide specific signposting guidance you may find helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christa Vines'.

Ms Christa Vines
Ninstiles Academy Trust SENDCO