RE: Learning About Neurodiversity at School (LEANS)

Dear SCHOOL,

I am a parent/carer of a neurodivergent child/ autistic child/ child with ADHD/ dyslexic child/ child with additional support needs (please insert your preferred wording) at your school and I would like to tell you about a new resource pack for primary school teachers called 'Learning About Neurodiversity at School' (LEANS). LEANS has been developed by the Salvesen Mindroom Centres, and the University of Edinburgh, working with experienced educators.

The LEANS resource pack is for pupils in P5-P7. The resource is delivered by teachers to their whole class and combines hands-on activities with stories and other materials. It introduces the concept of neurodiversity to the class and explores how neurodiversity affects people's everyday experiences. As a parent/carer of a neurodivergent child, I would like to be an ambassador for neurodiversity awareness. I hope by encouraging my child's school to think about our differences through the lens of neurodiversity, it will promote acceptance, understanding and equality for all children, but particularly those like my child who can sometimes be seen as 'different'.

The resources in the LEANS pack cover seven units including:

Unit 1: An Introduction to neurodiversity
Unit 2: Learning and thinking differently
Unit 3: Communication and understanding
Unit 4: Getting along together at school
Unit 5: Is that fair?
Unit 6: Different ways to make a friendship and
Unit 7: Neurodiversity in our classroom (reflection and actions)
The pack includes everything teachers need to get started with this topic, including background information on neurodiversity, activity instructions and printables, explainer videos, and posters.

As an introduction to the LEANS resource pack, I have attached a short informational leaflet which explains more.

I would also be happy to speak to you further about my knowledge of the LEANS Resource or put you in touch with Salvesen Mindroom Centre, who can explain more.

Kind Regards,
PARENT