
Dear all,

Hands Across the Community

For everyone this year has been a very difficult one so here at Villa Real Special School we are reaching out our hands across the community to support each other and to further our work in the community. We are involved in a number of projects and we'd love if you could help us in any way you can.

Our hands to hands in need

All our pupils are making handprints to send our love and support to people in local care homes, hospices and hospitals.

Our hands with your hands

We are working with mentors from Groundwork on 2 social action projects where mentors come in and work alongside our pupils planting sensory and environmentally friendly plants in our allotment and sensory garden.

If you would like to help by donating your time to garden with us, please contact us at school and ask for Michelle Rutherford or Kathryn O'Neil.

If you would like to donate, please send in any of the following as we'd be very grateful:

- Plant pots
- Seeds
- Small plants
- Small gardening tools
- Wind chimes

If you are a paving business and have public liability, we would love some help with a sensory path which all our pupils could touch and feel. Please contact Jean Allen if you can help.



Our hands in your hands

As all our pupils have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities it is very important that they become as independent as possible and widen their experiences. We explore a variety of employability visits and work experiences and visit locations from Scotland to Cumbria.

If you could offer us a work experience opportunity, please contact Louise Burns and we'd be very grateful.

In order for us to complete these experiences we are reliant on our 2 very aged mini buses. Esh Building company are supporting us to purchase a new bus however we have only just started to fund raise for the second bus. Lloyds bank have very kindly said they will match fund with us but we are currently fundraising for this second mini bus to raise our half. If you would like to donate to our mini bus fund, please use link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/villarealschoolconsett/>

Thank you for your support of the community that is Villa Real Special School. We wish you all well. Stay safe.

Yours Sincerely,



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