

11th November 2025

'It Takes a Village...'2025 – 'Serving the underserved'.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to formally invite you to attend our annual virtual **'It Takes A Village...' 2025** event hosted by Daubeney Primary, members of our federation sister school communities (Lauriston and Sebright) are more than welcome to join the virtual meeting on **Wednesday 26th November at 19:00 – 20:30**. The theme for this academic year is, **'Serving the underserved'**. Please click on the link below to access the meeting on the night.

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Meeting ID: 359 052 577 140 7

Passcode: Wn6AQ6Zq

For those of you not familiar with It Takes a Village (ITAV), it is specifically aimed at improving outcomes for Young Black Children here at Daubeney, and similarly for our sister schools within their settings. ITAV has been running at Daubeney since 2019 and sits under the umbrella of what was Hackney Education's (HE) Improving Outcomes for Young Black Men (YBM) initiative of which you can learn more about by accessing the link.

<https://hackney.gov.uk/young-black-men>

This year our meeting will focus on 'continue to improve outcomes for the lowest attaining pupils (25%) across all areas of the curriculum'. As such, our meeting will be based around three themes:

1.) the **SEND** identification and diagnosis process; 2) **SEND** Advocacy and 3.) non-**SEND** related factors impacting negatively on academic attainment e.g housing, mental-health and other factors raised during the discussion.

Our SENDCo and Deputy Head **Mr Raj Dharma**, will be delivering a presentation that takes us through the SEND process of identification and diagnosis. This will be followed by a Q&A session where the floor will be opened to our parent community to discuss and question the SEND diagnosis process.

This will be followed by a presentation from **Joanne Hussein** from **SENDiags** who will outline the role of SENDiags and how they can support parents as part of the advocacy process. This presentation will also be followed by a Q&A session. If you are not acquainted with this organisation please access the link below to learn more.

<https://hackneysendiags.co.uk/>

Our final presentation will be delivered by our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Assistant Head Teacher, **Ms Cheryl Gustave**, who will be focusing on the challenges faced by children and their families who do not have a SEND diagnosis but academically are performing in the lowest 25%. This too will be followed by a Q&A session.

This will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on the topics being discussed and tell us what you think we can do better to improve the outcomes for **your child**.

As parents, and major stakeholders in our school community, you are all warmly invited, especially those of African/African Caribbean heritage and/or those who are parents of children diagnosed with SEND to attend the meeting and share your views for us to implement here at Daubeney, as we all know, **'It takes a village to raise a child.'**

It Takes a Village: Order of Events	
19:00 – 19:05pm	Welcome & Introduction from Mr Logan
19:05 – 19:20pm	Guest Speaker Raj Dharma SEND process
19:20 – 19:35pm	Audience Q&A/Discussion
19:35 – 19:50pm	Guest Speaker Joanne Hussein SENDIAGS
19:50 – 20:05pm	Audience Q&A/Discussion
20:05-20:20	Guest Speaker Cheryl Gustave Serving the underserved
20:20-20:30	Audience Q&A/Discussion
20:30pm	Closing remarks, farewell & thank you from Mr Logan

Looking forward to seeing you there, virtually!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan
Head of School



Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher

