

# NORWOOD IN SCHOOLS

## ABOUT NORWOOD

Norwood is the oldest Jewish charity in the UK. We support vulnerable children and their families facing challenges and anyone with a learning disability and autism.

## HOW CAN NORWOOD BENEFIT YOUR SCHOOL

- Educating the school community, enabling pupils to develop empathy and understanding of people with learning disabilities and neurodiversity, gaining a real insight into their lives.
- Enabling pupils to grow to develop caring attitudes and respect towards themselves, others and especially those who may be different to or more vulnerable than themselves.
- Showing how we can all contribute towards a positive and inclusive community.

## WHAT CAN WE OFFER

### Assemblies and workshops

We can offer assemblies and workshops on learning disabilities and neurodiversity which are tailor-made. These can be delivered at any time during the school year and linked to specific times such as Neurodiversity Week or Learning Disabilities Week.

Workshops can include topics such as:

- An introduction to Norwood and an overview of our different services.
- Discussing what it means to have learning disabilities through interactive activities.
- Engaging with practical activities such as, practising Makaton (a language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech).
- Undertaking creative activities to enrich the Jewish life and culture at Norwood
- Interactive storytelling using objects and easy read
- Charity and fundraising

## Educational Resources

We have developed bite-sized educational resources – Little Book of Giving and Little Book of Norwood – which are designed for primary schools and consist of several different activities and resources aimed at giving pupils a real insight into living with a learning disability. These can be delivered as part of your teaching programme by your staff and are supported by the Teachers Resource Pack. They can also be delivered as part of the workshops or assemblies.

### Topics include:

Understanding learning differences, friendships and relationships, understanding emotions and how to ask for help, and understanding learning disabilities.

### Projects

We offer engaging and practical projects which include fundraising opportunities such as brightening up our homes' gardens or putting on tea parties for our residents.

To plan a project, assembly or workshop, please email [ruth.korel@norwood.org.uk](mailto:ruth.korel@norwood.org.uk)

