

24th February 2010

Dear Parents

Invitation to a parent's workshop: No two Children are the Same

The *BSME UAE Professional Development Group (PDG) was launched in September 2006 by a core group of schools based in the UAE to run training programmes for teachers to keep them updated with changes to the British National Curriculum. Your child's school is one of the current 17 member schools.

I would like to extend an invitation to the parents of the primary and secondary PDG schools to a workshop hosted by the internationally acclaimed Fin O'Regan. Fin is a Behaviour and Learning Consultant for a number of organisations and lectures for Leicester University, the National Association of Special Needs, the Institute of Education and is the Education Director of ADDISS. He is a published author of books such as Trouble Shooting Challenging Behaviour and the small change to BIG DIFFERENCE series Hyperactivity, Inattention and Disorganised (2008).

This presentation will look at the issue of supporting children's behaviour and learning in terms of some of the issues that parents living with people whom they will always love, but may not always like all the time face.

Areas to be discussed include the following:

- * Understanding the risk factors for behaviour and learning differences
- * Mood Management * Boys and Girls * Teenage angst and attitudes
- * Effective parenting styles and people skills * Friendship and peers
- * The language of behaviour management * Working with schools
- * Bullying including cyber bullying * 10 top tips for dealing with defiance
- * Resilience in children and families
- * Demystifying a range of specific Learning and Behaviour Labels including ASD, ADHD, ODD, SpLD

For ease of access to a workshop we will be hosting two sessions on the **16th March 2010**.

Jumeirah English Speaking School (Jumeirah) – 9am to 11am

Dubai College – 6pm to 8pm

There will be a nominal fee charged for the programme of AED 50 per person.

Parents wishing to attend a workshop should complete the slip below and return it to your school reception inclusive of payment and contact details by **4th march 2010**. Please note that acceptance will be on a first come first served basis and confirmed by way of your school stamp on this letter, which must be produced at the workshop for admittance. Please note that for organisational and safety reasons we will not be able to accept bookings on the door. I respectfully ask that children do not attend this programme.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards

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BSME UAE Professional Development Group – Fin O'Regan workshop

Workshop location	Number attending	Fee Enclosed
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Childs school _____

Name of those attending _____

Email contact _____

Mobile contact _____

Please note that your contact details will not be given out to any other parties, but required to send you the final arrangements for the programme and directions.