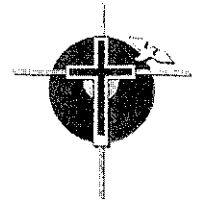




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Mrs. Karlene Elliott, Principal

Mr. Scott Renaud, Vice-Principal

Dear

St. Mark is happy to provide an after school social skills group- The ART OF Play. It is designed for children with an ASD diagnosis, however, it can benefit students without the diagnosis. The group will take place weekly for approximately eight weeks beginning on February 6 from 3:45 to 4:45. The group will take place on the same day of every week for one hour.

The aim of this group is to provide the students with a familiar environment where they can further develop play skills. Each one hour session within the eight week program will include play based structured activities focusing on the different levels of group based play.

The CDSBEO will be providing the staffing to run these groups based on a program offered by the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's Autism Program. One of the benefits of having our staff offer the course is that they can help support the generalization of the skills learned into the school setting. The curriculum will include all aspects of social communication including- parallel play, imitation skills, exploratory play, imaginary play and cooperative play.

Should you decide that your child is able to take part in this program, we will provide you with activities that you can practice at home. We welcome all feedback.

It will be necessary that you pick your child up after the session. In order to ensure safety, we ask that you arrive **5 minutes prior** to the end of each session.

If you agree to have your child *participate in this group*, and if you agree to *pick your child up after each session*, please sign the attached form and return by February 2, 2018.

Thank you,

Karlene Elliott
Principal

I _____ agree to have my child _____
participate in the after school Social Communication group weekly for 12 weeks
beginning on February 6, 2018. From 3:45 to 4:45.

I also agree to pick my child up after school at 4:40.

Signed _____ Date _____