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Dear parents, carers and guardians

GARETH MOREWOOD VISIT – FRIDAY 31ST MARCH (2PM)

On Friday 31st March Willaston School is being visited by a leading expert in inclusive education. Gareth Morewood is the Educational Advisor for Studio III (www.studio3.org). Previously he has worked for 25 years in U.K. schools; the last 17 of which were as SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) in a large, inclusive secondary school in the North West of England. Gareth has extensive 'front-line' experience supporting schools, families and working directly with young people in the U.K. and abroad; most recently Chile, Dubai, Portugal, Scandinavia and Ireland.... and now the Isle of Man!

Gareth has a significant body of published works, films and resources, which can be found on his website (www.gdmorewood.com).

As part of his role as an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Manchester, Gareth has worked on a range of projects; predominantly to do with the inclusion of young people with complex needs and in supporting learners with ADHD, autism and other needs in their local schools as part of the wider inclusion agenda.

Gareth is offering to run a **FREE** workshop for parents in Willaston School at **2pm** on **Friday 31st March**. This will be of particular benefit to parents who have children with complex needs, but is equally useful to all parents as many of Gareth's messages can be applied to all children and all parenting.

It would be wonderful to see as many parents / guardians at Gareth's workshop as possible. We will have teas, coffees and biscuits on hand, and by holding it at 2pm, it will finish in time for pick-up at the end of the school day! And you'll already be at the school! A win-win if ever there was one! *Please do come if you can – access to this level of expertise is a real coup for Willaston School!*

Although you can simply turn up on the day, it would be great to have an indication of how many people we can expect – just to help us with seating and refreshments! Therefore please drop us an email or give Mrs Slater a ring and we will put your name on the list.

With very best wishes,

Max Kelly
Executive Headteacher