



SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

*The SENDIAS service for children,
young people and their parents*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your North Somerset bulletin for September 2020.

Supportive Parents News

We hope that this bulletin finds you well and managing in this time of change. For children and young people with SEND, and their families and carers, return to education may be a particularly difficult and anxious time.

Supportive Parents is continuing with business as usual but because of restrictions during the Coronavirus pandemic we have changed how we are delivering some of our services. We are holding coffee mornings and other events virtually rather than in person. This may suit some people but we understand that it isn't for everyone. We cannot hold larger gatherings in person at the moment but if you have a particular need for an individual face to face meeting please let us know and we can try to arrange this. As ever, we welcome any feedback or suggestions which you may have about our service offer.

Education and SEND

North Somerset Back to School FAQ. We have been consulting with North Somerset Council to find out what their expectations are on local schools at this time and have put

together an FAQ on answers the Council have provided us with. [Click here to read.](#)

You might find our latest series of extracts from the Government guidance on schools reopening particularly helpful. [Click here to read.](#)

School place application dates for admission September 2021

Please note that the forms for applying for a school place (either for primary or secondary school) for admission in September 2021 are now available [here](#). Even if you are applying for a place at a school outside of North Somerset, you will still need to apply using the North Somerset application system if you are a North Somerset resident.

Please note the deadlines for application are:

For secondary school – 31st October 2020

For starting school or transferring to junior school – 15th January 2021

Training and Events

We have an exciting programme of events planned for the autumn

23rd September - 7-9pm Meet your Councillors. In association with North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together, we invite you to informally meet your local councillors via zoom from the comfort of your own home. [Click here to book.](#)

28th September - 7-9pm Meet your Health Commissioners. In association with North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together, we invite you to informally meet your local health commissioners via zoom from the comfort of your own home. Please see the [NSPCWT facebook page](#) for details coming very soon.

1st October - 10-11.30am - Choosing a secondary school for young people with SEND. A virtual information session aimed at parents and carers of CYP with SEND applying for a mainstream secondary school placement Sept 2021 intake being delivered in conjunction with Anthony Webster (SEND Manager, North Somerset Council). [Click here to book.](#)

6th October - 10am-12pm - SEND in Schools Workshop. Virtual workshop for parents about help with your child's special needs/disability in school. This is aimed at parents whose children may have SEN or disabilities or who are already receiving SEN support in schools but want to find out more, including about the EHC assessment process and when it might be appropriate. [Click here to book.](#)

Daytime SEND Surgery

Speak to one of our team and receive one-to-one help and support with your query about your child's special educational needs. We offer a free bookable 30 minute zoom or phone call. We're happy to look at paperwork (please email it to us in advance), give you guidance about filling in forms and discuss next steps with you. Our next surgeries will be on:-

29th September - 10am-12pm

[Click here to book.](#)

20th October - 10am - 12pm

[Click here to book.](#)

Other Local Events and support

Thursday 24th September 10am-2.30pm - ASD, Behaviours and

Strategies. Bridging the gap Together are hosting an information lecture to be given by Chelsey Oxley, Lead therapist at Bibic at 1st North Worle Scout Group. [Please click here to book.](#)

Friday 25th September - 10am-12pm - Parents and Carers Coffee morning via zoom. NSPCWT will be joined by the Disabled Children's Team and newly named SENDCAS (previously Daytime development Team). [Please see here for details.](#)

Wednesday 7th October 6.30-9.30pm - PDA Talk to be delivered by Chelsey Oxley, Lead therapist at Bibic at Weston-super-mare AFC, hosted by Bridging the gap Together. [Please click here to book.](#)

National Resources

[Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond project](#)

The See, Hear, Respond Partnership has been created to help children and young people who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during coronavirus, by providing support to those who are not being seen by schools or other key agencies. There is no minimum threshold for referral. Support can be given to children from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

[Time to Talk](#)

Time to Talk is a new project offering young people free, support at home to counter social isolation and provide help to make plans for the future. Young people with additional needs can request support from the project, which offers online group and one to one sessions.

Public Health England:

PHE have developed a face covering exemption toolkit for individuals who are exempt from wearing a face covering. Read [here](#).

The National Autistic Society:

Back to school guide - a guide for parents preparing children for the return to school. Read [here](#).

Beyond Words: Lenny and Lily:

wordless stories for primary school children. Read [here](#).

Young Minds:

Parents guide to support school anxiety and refusal - if your child is refusing to go to school, or is feeling anxious, here's is a guide to help you support your child and work with the school. Read [here](#).

Contact:

Back to school information page. Read [here](#)

[Royal College of Occupation Therapists.](#)

Top Tips on Preparing Your child for Return to School.

Best Wishes

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