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# SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

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

## Supportive Parents News

Warm greetings from your local SENDIAS Service Team!

### Current SENDIAS Service Delivery

We continue to deliver our information, advice and support line and events virtually at this time.

We are keeping this under review in line with government guidance. As lockdown eases, some of our face-to-face services will return. In the first instance, we hope to be able to offer 1:1 appointments, subject to government guidance, risk assessment and capacity. Please see below details of face to face SEND Surgeries in North Somerset.

### Volunteer News

The volunteer section of our website is live!

Our volunteer Lead, Jane, explains about becoming a volunteer and about the valuable role you could play as part of our organisation in the video [HERE](#).

There are opportunities for under 25 year olds, short and long term roles and the role as a trustee. Find out about volunteering for Supportive Parents [HERE](#).

### Training and Events

#### WHOLE SERVICE EVENT FOR PROFESSIONALS

**Wednesday 14th July 2021**

This virtual event with us is for professionals working with children and young people with additional needs and their families. It is an opportunity to find out how as the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS), Supportive Parents, can work with professionals to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The event will include a presentation with a Q and A session. Appointments can be booked for 1:1 information, advice and support from one of our trained advisors.

For more information and to book, see [HERE](#).

**Tuesday 22nd June 10.30-12.30 and Tuesday 6th July 6.30-8.30pm**  
**The Firs Resource Centre, 89a Drove Road, Weston-super-mare**

We're delighted to announce that our face to face 'SEND surgeries' are back, for parents and carers living in North Somerset who have children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). This is an opportunity to speak to one of our trained SENDIAS practitioners on a confidential, one-to-one basis and receive help and support with your query about your child's special educational needs or disability.

To book a 30 minute virtual appointment on a 1:1 basis please click on the date required:

[Tuesday 22nd June 10.30-12.30](#)

[Tuesday 6th July 6.30-8.30pm](#)

## Other Local Events and Support

Chelsey Oxley from BIBIC is working with Bridging the gap Together! to offer presentations on "ASD Social and Emotional" and "Sensory and Sleep" in July. For more information about these events and to register please visit [Events \(bridgingthegaptogether.org.uk\)](https://bridgingthegaptogether.org.uk)

## SAVE THE DATE - LOCAL OFFER EVENT

**Thursday 8th July 2021 9.30-2.30**  
**Winter gardens ballroom, Weston-super-mare**

NSPCWT are planning an amazing event that will showcase all that is on offer for parent/carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities in North Somerset. Further details to follow.

## Resources

**NEW** Resources Available for you:

- Our Tribunal Information series available [HERE](#).
- We know that some families are still looking at school placements. Have a look at our resource guide for parents with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), called '[Choosing a school for your child](#)'.

## Education, SEND and Covid

UPDATED GUIDANCE: Government guidance for parents and carers – See 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during Covid19' [HERE](#).

IPSEA – Update on Covid-19, school reopening and SEN provision – this is a helpful guide and FAQ with up to date guidance on how Covid-19 measures affect children and young

Department for Education – guide about home schooling and elective home education – in light of the pandemic and the increased numbers of elective home education this information was produced to give advice to parents. You can find this [HERE](#).

## National Resources

**Contact** – find out about current parent workshops and support including free 1:1 sessions for support [HERE](#).

**Buzz** – a website created by the National Deaf Children’s Association for deaf young people aged 8 to 18 in the UK. It is a safe, online space created by deaf young people for deaf young people. Please find the website [HERE](#).

**Mind** – mental health information and support for adults and young people. Specific information and advice regarding the effect of the coronavirus can be found [HERE](#).

**Sibs** – resources and information on supporting siblings who have a disabled brother or sister. Find more information [HERE](#).

*With best wishes*

*Sarah, Sam and the Supportive Parents Team*

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