



May 2021

Supportive Parents News

Warm greetings to you all from your local SENDIAS service Team!

Current SENDIAS Service Delivery

We continue to deliver our information, advice and support line and all 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.

CYP News

SP 16-25 News – SP 16-25 newsletter is now available [HERE](#).

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](#).

Some future news to keep an eye out for are:

- The **event in July for professionals** – see the Training and Events section of the newsletter.
- A **resource for professionals** – see the Resource section of our newsletter.

IMPORTANT news about the current lockdown can be found further down in the newsletter.

Education and SEND

- **IPSEA – Update on Covid-19, school reopening and SEN provision** – up to date guidance on how Covid-19 measures affect children and young people with SEN - [IPSEA update on COVID-19 and SEN provision | \(IPSEA\) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice](#).
- **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](#).
- **Council for Disabled Children** – a new guide on EHCP outcomes for parents can be found [HERE](#).

Training and Events

Events for Professionals

Wednesday 14th July

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](#).

Other Local Events for Professionals

Thursday 24th of June

The **Sensory Support service** is offering an opportunity to learn about understanding to support children and young people with Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI). This is for TA's, SENCO's, class teachers, educational practitioners, parents and carers and other professionals. There is a cost involved to access this online session. Session is on the 24th of June, 1:00 to 3:15pm via Teams. Booking until 10th of June. Find out more [HERE](#).

Events for Parents and Carers

Virtual Support Group Sessions

Book a **FREE place** at our **virtual support group** for either the **Day** (10:30-11:30am) or **Evening** session (7-8pm) by following the links provided:

- **24th of June 2021 – SEND & You: Transitions.**

To book a free space, follow the [link](#).

- **20th of July 2021 – SEND & You: General questions and discussion.**

To book a free space, follow the [link](#).

- **26th of August 2021 – SEND & You: Surviving the Holidays.**

To book a free space, follow the [link](#).

Other Local Events and Support

South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) offers a range of support for parents and those with parental responsibility in the area. Have a look at what is on offer [HERE](#).

Keep an eye out for our combined events on the calendar!

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](#)'.

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](#).

Consultation and Feedback

We have been asking those of you who have used our service for detailed feedback and we have also been asking professionals about how our service can be an effective partner.

Thank you very much to everyone who has responded. We are collating responses and will feedback once this work is complete.

Local News

Health News

Healthwatch South Gloucestershire has valuable and interesting news and reports for those with learning disabilities who want to find out more about the vaccine, [how to join the disabilities register with MENCAP](#), and more. Read about South Glos, Bristol and North Somerset being chosen as an accelerator site in the mission to tackle waiting lists for elective procedures [HERE](#).

National News

Covid19 Lockdown

- Updated government information and guidance can be found [here](#).
- Government guidance for parents and carers – See ‘What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during Covid19’ [HERE](#).
- Further government guidance face coverings in schools is available here - [Face coverings in education guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

With best wishes for a successful term,

Santie, Sara and Edurne and the Supportive Parents Team

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