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# SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

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

## Supportive Parents News

We continue to run 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.

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

## Training and Events

### **23.06.21 FREE Bristol Coffee Morning / Evening on the new EHCP Portal for families.**

Bristol City Council is developing a new portal using information technology. This aims to allow young people and families to access their Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) journey; whether going through a Needs Assessment or with an (Education, Health and Care) EHC Plan in place. Our speakers, Mary Taylor - Service Manager – Special Educational Needs & Chloe Robinson - Systems Process and Development Officer of Bristol City Council will demonstrate how the SEND Hub looks & works. It's still under development so come along and give feedback to help improve accessibility for families & young people with SEND.

Day time session 10-11.30am. Evening session 6.00-7.30 pm.

For more information and to book click [HERE](#)

### **WHOLE SERVICE EVENT FOR PROFESSIONALS**

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

This virtual event 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](#)

**SEND Surgeries** - We're holding a FREE virtual 'SEND surgery' via telephone or Zoom, for parents and carers living in Bristol 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 links below:

### **Daytime**

**Wednesday 16. June:** Daytime SEND Surgery, bookable 1:1 appointments 10 -12pm

[HERE](#)

### **Evening**

**Tuesday 6th July:** Evening SEND Surgery, bookable 1:1 appointments, 6-8pm

[HERE](#)

### **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](#)'.

### **Other Local Events and Support**

**Bristol Parent Carers (BPC)**, are running Virtual Coffee Mornings to offer parent carers an opportunity to join together virtually in mutual support. For more information and to book, click [HERE](#)

#### **The Hive**

If you have an adult child with learning difficulty and/or autism then The Hive, through The Carers Independent Living Network (CILN) is offering a series of face to face and zoom sessions to equip you with the information, knowledge, confidence and support to help you plan a more independent life for your adult son/daughter. To find out more and to book a space click [HERE](#)

**Happy Maps-** resources and information to support with behaviour and mental health for children and young people [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.

## 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](#).

## 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](#).

## Local News

Bristol City Council’s SEND Engagement team are making short videos of parents and carers talking about their lived experience. They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to be a part of this. More information is available [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 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/78114/face-coverings-in-schools-guidance.pdf).

With best wishes,

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