Walsall SENDIASS



Newsletter September 2026

Welcome to our newsletter, we hope you had a lovely summer break. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a Like

You can access FREE and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with your questions.

Please note that if we are not able to answer your call, please do leave a voice message with your name, contact number and post code, and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible within three working days.

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Walsall SENDIASS New Website:

Walsall SENDIASS have a new and improved website, scan the QR code to view:

Workshops and drop-in sessions:

We will be posting the upcoming dates for 2026-27 on our Facebook page - follow us @WalsallSENDIASS!

SENDIASS hosted by family action

Princess and Superhero Summer Event:

We would just love to say a huge thank you to all of the providers that either volnteered or offered their support at our summer event. We would also love to say a huge thank you to all of our families who came along and attended our event we are very grateful and hope you all had a lovely time!









Walsall SENDIASS Toy Appeal:

We plan on doing our Annual Toy Appeal on:

Wednesday the 9th of December 2026

Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page as we will be posting further information and the links to book your tickets on eventbrite.

We are so excited to be hosting an inclusive fun free event for you all!

If you have any questions about the event please do let us know at:

walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

Our workshops and drop-in Sessions:



At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported.

We will also be hosting monthly drop-in sessions where parents are welcome to pop along to gain free and impartial advice if they have any questions regarding:

- What Walsall SENDIASS do?
- Education, Health and Care plans?
- The law on SEND?
- Mediation with the Local Authority?
- Appeals and Tribunals relating to SEND?
- Meetings with school?
- Where to get support?



Upcoming sessions 2026-27

Due to a particularly busy summer we are still in the process of planning the dates for our workshop and drop-in sessions. We will be posting the upcoming dates for 2026-27 on our Facebook page and we will also be sending across the dates to families/professionals on our mailing list once finalised.

Walsall SENDIASS Feedback



At Walsall SENDIAS we would love to hear your feedback on our service.

Please scan the QR code below to access our survey.

Back to school support

Going back to school can be a very nerve wracking time where children and young people stay at home because they have numerous worries.

The Children's Commissioner has guidance and resources which provides information for parents to help with their children going back to school.

To view the guidance please click here!



The Witherslack Group

Webinar: Understanding Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD):

During this webinar for parents and carers you will gain a better understanding of ODD, how it relates to autism and ADHD and will give parents practical strategies to take home.

Wednesday 9th September
10am - 11am

To register your free place click here!

Free info packs
The Witherslack group also have free information packs to support parents and young people on various topics.

To register and receive your free packs click here!

The National Autistic society:

The National Autistic Society have a guidance on starting and switching schools for parents/carers who have children with autism. This guidance may help you to find out new strategies to support with transitions.

To view the guidance please click here!

EasyPeasy App:

Get your child school ready with the free EasyPeasy app, download to access parenting tips and advice for your 0-5 year olds.

If you are interested scan the QR code and download the app on your app store.

Activities:

The New Art Gallery Walsall Arts and Craft Activities:

Autumnal Flower Crown

Use dried flowers, seed-heads, raffia and colourful tissue to make an elaborate crown.

Sunday 13 September
12:00pm- 15:00pm

Ages 4+
Free, drop-in.

To view other events on their website please **click here!**

SNAP:

SNAP is a Special Educational Needs Adventure Playground. It provides a safe and inclusive environment for children with SEND along with their siblings.

For further information you can view their website by **clicking here!**

The Walsall Light Cinema

The Light cinema offers 'relaxed screening' viewings which are designed for people with sensory sensitivity.

For further information on this and to view showings please **click here!**



Short breaks

Short breaks allows families of children and young people with SEND to take a break in their caring responsibilities while encouraging independence and promoting new experiences and friendships for their children.

The deadline for Expressions of Interests is: **Friday 4th September 2026 at 12 noon.**

If you are not sure about whether your child or young person is eligible to access short breaks or would like further information then please **click here!**

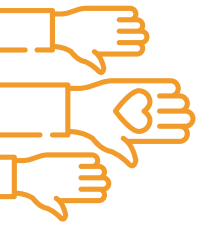
Sassy Sensory

Sassy Sensory offer sensory play sessions as well as inclusive swim and sports sessions these sessions are tailored for children with special educational needs and disabilities, offering an inclusive and enjoyable experience for the whole family.

If you would like to join any of these sessions or learn more then you can contact Sassy Sensory via email:

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Services to Support:



Helping Hands

Helping Hands offers support, advice and guidance to parents/ careers and their families, diagnosed or on a pathway for autism or ADHD.

Helping Hands facilitate TIM workshops (This is Me) these can be face to face or virtual sessions and they focus on understanding behaviours.

If you are interested in finding out more about this service and would like to look at their leaflet and referral form then please **click here** to view their website.





Walsall Family Hubs

The Walsall Family Hubs offer a wide range of support for families and young people across Walsall. They provide a range of fun activities, events, learning opportunities, health support, and community services.

If you are interested in registering and would like to book activities then please **click here** to view their website and watch their video on how to register.



GRO Health

GRO is Walsall's Adolescent Healthy Weight Service. They support young people aged 12-25 who live in Walsall and parents/carers of adolescents aged 12-19. GRO covers topics to support nutrition, exercise, sleep and wider wellbeing.

Funded by Walsall Public Health, Walsall's free Healthy Weight Service is here for you and your family with personalised support that fits around your life. Whether you want to join a group in person or online, we'll help you feel confident, energised, and in control of your health.

For further information **click here!**

The Walsall Local Offer

The Local Offer website has recently been updated.

The Local Offer provides information about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities in Walsall.

Take a look at the Local Offer by scanning the QR code:



FACE Coffee Morning with Walsall SENDIASS:

Join us for a relaxed and friendly morning with other parents and carers of children and young people with SEND.

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 from 10:30am-12:00pm

Harvester George Stephenson, Stephenson Avenue, Reedswood Way, Walsall, WS2 7EU.

We're delighted to be welcoming representatives Walsall SENDIASS giving families a fantastic opportunity to ask questions and learn more about available support. Tickets will be published on eventbrite closer to the time.



Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Sessions:

If you have any questions regarding your child's speech and language development and are not already known to the SLT service then pop along to any of these drop-in sessions:

- North Locality Family Hub – 7th October 9-11am
- Oak Park Active Living – 15th October 9:30-11:30am
- West Locality family Hub – 19th October 9:30-11:30am
- South Locality Family Hub – 14th December 09:15-11:30am