Walsall SENDIAS Newsletter

Spring 2023

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. We are keen to keep you informed with information relevant to SEND and Walsall. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a **like**. Like

Parent / Carer Workshops

At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops every month where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported. Please join us and improve your knowledge of the law around SEND so you feel more confident in discussions and understanding decisions.

Our upcoming sessions are:

SEND Transition Tips

Tuesday 23rd May 10am– 12pm

Manor Farm Community Centre

For more details and to book your place please email us at:

walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

Events for parents, Carers & Families

National Deaf Children's Society

The National Deaf Children's Society have a range of in person and virtual events and courses to support parents, carers and families of deaf children. Find out more here

Drop in Session with SENDIAS

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIAS do?
- Anything SEND related?

Join our friendly team for an informal chat and a coffee at Manor Farm Community Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th May, 1pm – 3pm

Please contact us to book in advance

Help with the Cost of Living

Services to support you as the cost of living increases. Some information about where and how to find support across Walsall borough can be found here

SENDIAS Coffee Mornings and Events

We have been busy attending several school coffee mornings and events across Walsall in recent months. If you have an event planned and would like SENDIAS to attend and offer free and impartial, information and advice, please get in touch with the team.

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Free Halfords MOT Vouchers

Halfords autocentre have kindly donated 1,000 free MOT vouchers (worth £40+ per MOT) to Family Action services.

We have a limited number to share with you from Walsall SENDIAS.

Please contact us for more information.

Autism Education Trust – Training in Walsall

The Autism Education Trust (AET) helps children and young people with autism to receive an education, enabling them to reach their potential.

During 2022-2023 Walsall LA and Walsall Speech and Language Team launched the AET Central Hub. Now, continuing with our 3-year license, your AET Central Hub are proud to present a core offer of training for 2022/2023.

Please see the training offer here

The SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) Roadmap

On Thursday 2 March, the Department for Education (DfE) published the SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, further to the SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper published in March 2022.

The SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) roadmap sets out the actions government will take to improve the SEND and AP system. You can read that here

The SEND and alternative improvement plan: right support, right place, right time; can be read here

There is an easy read version here



Square Peg Activities

Square Peg Activities based in Sutton Coldfield was established in 2017 to support children and adults with additional needs as well as their siblings, parents and carers.

They run FREE for all Stay & Play sessions, offer FREE tickets for daytrips, run an after school clubs and more

Families in Walsall are very welcome to access it.

Funtopia Autism Friendly Sessions- Walsall Arboretum



You can find out more information and book your ticket here

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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 you questions.

Walsall SENDIAS – Volunteers Wanted!

Do you have some spare time and would like to volunteer?

Are you looking to build your skills by volunteering?

Would you like to support Walsall families by volunteering?

Are you a student looking for a work placement?

Our volunteer befrienders provide support to families and help us at community events across the different localities of Walsall. So, wherever you live, we need your help. In return we will provide you with full training, a DBS certificate and expenses.

If volunteering is something you would like to explore with us, please get in touch on **01922 612008** or by email walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

Young People's Gambling Service

Aquarius offer 50-minute workshops which aim to educate young people about gambling awareness. Find out more here

Newlife – The Charity for Disabled Children

Newlife Charity offer a range of services including funding for essential community equipment, such as beds, buggies, wheelchairs and much more.

They also offer a Play Therapy Pod Service over 12 weeks. This is a free service to the family where the driver delivers and collects the therapy pods that contain sensory toys.

Newlife have a FREE national Nurse Helpline that offers emotional and practical support to families and professionals caring for disabled and terminally ill children, including specialist health information and social care support.

Find out more here

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01922 612008 – 24 hour messaging service

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