Walsall SENDIAS Newsletter

January 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. Wishing you all a Happy New Year! 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**.

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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:

Appealing to the SEND Tribunal

Tuesday 28th February 10am– 12pm

Manor Farm Community Centre

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

walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

Webinar from The Witherslack Group



Book your free place 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 24th January, 10am – 12pm

Please contact us to book in advance

Help with the Cost of Living

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

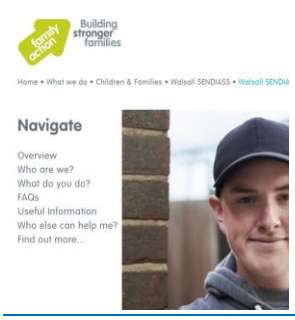
Phone Number for SENDIAS

Our office number is **01922 612008** – there is a 24 hour messaging service as we may be out of the office. We aim to respond to all initial enquiries within **2 working days.** Please don't forget to leave your contact number with any message and the team will get back to you.

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Young People's Area



We are pleased to say our website now has a new Young People's Area!

Please click here to look and do let us know what you think.

Short Breaks February Half Term 2023 Activities

The February Half Term Holiday 2023 Expressions of Interest Booklet has been shared with parents who are registered on the Short breaks mailing list.

If you are not registered on the mailing list please email ShortBreaks: ShortBreaks@walsall.gov.uk

There is also information available on the Short breaks February half term 2023 activities on the local offer website.

The closing date for the expressions of interest is 12 noon on Friday 20 January.

Walsall Local Authority is continually listening to the views of parents and carers and developing their range and type of Short break activities in light of the feedback and the needs of the children and young people. We hope to be able to share updates with parents on exciting developments for 2023 early in the New Year.

The information has been published online find out more here

New Phase of Education with an EHC plan – Reminder

The transfer deadline is approaching.

Regulation 18 of the SEN Regs requires that the EHC plan must be reviewed and amended before—

(a) **31 March** if the transfer is from secondary school to a post-16 institution

(b) **15 February** in any other case – This includes primary to secondary, early years education to school, infant to junior school.

If your child is transferring from any phase of education other than post 16, the local authority should have reviewed, amended and finalised the EHC plan so that is names the placement by **Wednesday 15th February.**

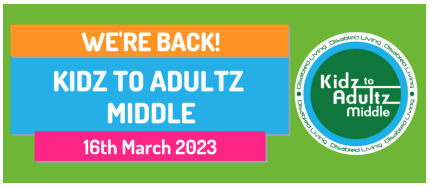
If you disagree with the school named in the final EHC plan you have the right to appeal.

Please contact us at SENDIAS for free and impartial advice and support – we're happy to help.

Kidz to Adultz – Free Expedition in March.

Kidz to Adultz Middle is an event organised by Disabled Living dedicated to children and young adults with disabilities and additional needs, their parents, carers and the professionals who support them.
Their event runs on Thursday 16th March 2023 in Coventry.

With more than 120+ exhibitors and guest speakers covering many topics you can register for your free ticket here



SENDIAS Wants You!

We are looking for parents and carers to join our new steering group.

The SENDIAS Steering Group will ensure we meet national minimum standards for a SENDIAS Service, and monitors that we operate in an impartial and confidential way.

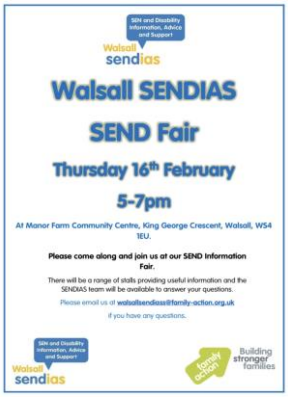
The Steering group agrees the objectives for the service and will be made up of parent carers, young people, voluntary groups, and other representatives.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND and would like to be involved, please email us at: walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

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.

SENDIAS SEND Fair

Walsall SENDIAS will be hosting a SEND Fair on **Thursday 16th February 2023, 5pm - 7pm at Manor Farm Community Centre.** A number of services will be there to offer information and advice, please come along and see us!
Book your free ticket here



Free Managing Money Course – National Autistic Society.

The National Autistic Society offers a free training course to autistic young people.

The aim of the course is to develop money management and the module was created to assist learners to recognise their strengths as well as the challenges they may experience with managing their money.

It shares real-life experiences of autistic people about the sorts of difficulties they encounter, and how they successfully manage their money.

Find out more and book on here

Sensory Room

At Walsall Wood Community Hub, Sensory Playroom is a safe non judgemental place for children and adults to play and explore their sensory needs and they provide Sensory classes from birth for all.

Find our more and view their sessions here

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