Walsall SENDIAS Newsletter

Summer 2022

Welcome to our summer update. We are keen to keep you informed with information relevant to SEND and Walsall. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page over the summer 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:

Annual Review of an EHC Plan

Wednesday 10th August, 11am– 12pm

Virtual session

Meetings with Schools – SEN Support

Tuesday 13th September, 1pm – 2pm
Manor Farm Community Centre

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

walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

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 at Manor Farm Community Centre on the following date:

Tuesday 26th July & Tuesday 23rd August, 10am – 12pm

Please contact us to book in advance

SENDIAS Autumn SEND Fair

Date for your diary! Walsall SENDIAS will be hosting a SEND Fair on **Thursday 29th September, 10am - 12pm at Manor Farm Community Centre.** A number of services will be there to offer information and advice.

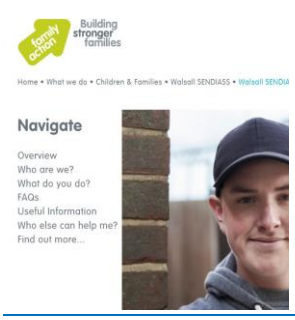
Phone Number for SENDIAS

Our office number is **01922 612008** – there is a 24 hour messaging service and we aim to respond to all initial enquiries within **2 working days.** Please leave any message and the team will get back to you. Our service is open during the school summer holidays!

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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.

Consultation Extended on SEND Review Green Paper

The government has published a green paper on the future of the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP) system and is undertaking a public consultation on the green paper's proposals.

The consultation has been extended to Friday 22nd July 2022 to ensure everyone has an opportunity to take part. We encourage you to have your say and you can do so here

Accessible versions of the SEND Green paper can be found here

Department for Education

Free iPad For Children With Visual Impairment

Guide Dogs Tech for All services, offers **FREE** iPads to visually impaired children (aged 3-18). iPads have excellent accessibility features built-in as standard, such as screen magnification, voiceover and audio descriptions, to make many activities easier, like reading in larger fonts, magnifying photos and keeping in touch with friends.

They also offer grants for other types of assistive technology if an iPad is not right for your child.

To apply and to find out more information take a look at their website here

Guide Dogs

SEN Wildlife Park



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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

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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.

Free Community Events

SASSY SENSORY SURPRISES
EXPLORING SENSORY WITH TONI LEIGH

This summer, Sassy Sensory Surprises will be holding various free events in the local community for children and their families with additional needs!

Find out more here

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MONEY SAVER

MORRISONS
Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal all day, every day!

ASDA CAFE
Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM
One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE
Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA
Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA
Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES
Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE
Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE
Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!
M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

Walsall Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)



A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals. You can book summer holiday activities now - all the information you need can found here

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