



**Special Educational
Needs & Disability (SEND)**

Information, Advice
and Support Service
for children, young people and parents

Hello!

Please find attached our round up of all things SEND for the month of June. We have one last Parents' Share meeting for the academic year - we are hoping for sunshine so we can enjoy the garden. Please do pop by and say hello, have a cuppa and chat with advisers and other parents and carers.

***With very best wishes,
Jean, Donna Kate and Millie***

Parents' Share Programme

Parents' Share Coffee Morning

Come to our friendly parent support group - share your concerns, experiences and your successes.

Come and find out more about the impartial Information, Advice and support for children & young people with SEND & their parents and carers.



Thursday 18th July 0930-1130

@ Friends House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL

News, Webinars, Events & Information



Special Educational Needs and Disability Register for Children and Young People

All local authorities must have a record or register of children with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND) in their area. This is in the [Children Act 1989](#). Our Special Educational Needs and Disability Register is the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's way of doing this.

The register helps us and local health services understand:

- how many children and young people with special educational needs live in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

- the types of needs they have

The register is an opportunity for us to hear from children, young people, parents and carers. We use this information to plan and develop better services.

Everyone on the register will benefit from:

- Information about support, services, activities and events.
- Information aimed at young people with disabilities.
- Opportunities to have your say about the services that are important to you.
- The knowledge that your anonymous statistical data is helping us to plan and improve services.

Who should register?

If you live in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, we encourage anyone whose family includes a child or young person who has a special educational need* or disability** to register. This would include:

- Pre school children whose learning and development is significantly delayed.
- Pre school children who have been identified as needing extra support, for instance, in a childcare setting.
- School age children or young people who are receiving support for a special educational need at their school or educational setting. Children may be on the SEN Support register in their school.
- Children or young people who have an Education Health and Care plan issued through Achieving for Children.
- Young people who are on a supported internship, traineeship or apprenticeship.
- Young people over 13 years of age can register independently and can remain registered until their 25th birthday.

* Definition of Special Educational Needs on the IPSEA website

** Definition of disability under the Equality Act Act 2010

How to register ?

You can register by emailing disabilityregisterRBWM@achievingforchildren.org.uk and requesting to be sent an online application form.

Disability Awareness Card

Some families of children and young people on the register, or the young person themselves if over the age of 13 years, might wish to request a Disability Awareness Card. This is an officially produced card that will show the name and year of birth of the child or young person. It will confirm that the child or young person is registered as having a disability on the local Special Educational Needs and Disability Register. This can be useful as identification if your disability isn't obvious. This might help you access concessions or discounts that are offered for disabled people and their carers when out and about in the community.

How do I request a Disability Awareness Card?

You can request the card by ticking the box on the form when you apply to join the register.

Please email disabilityregisterRBWM@achievingforchildren.org.uk to find out more information



Local Area Newsletter

In this newsletter:

- ★ Preparing for Adulthood (PFA) events
- ★ Autism Berkshire offer for adults
- ★ How to register for the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Register
- ★ Events to support parents and carers
- ★ Summer holiday events and activities in and around Windsor and Maidenhead and much more

Preparing for Adulthood Information and next steps

EVENT DETAILS

Friday 28 June
10.30am to 1pm

**Desborough Bowling Club, 10 Green Lane,
Maidenhead SL6 1XZ**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents and carers of young people with special educational needs (SEND) who are considering their next steps following school (Year 10 onwards)

WHAT THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE

- The key information and dates for a young person transitioning to college or employment
- An explanation of what supported employment options are available
- An opportunity to share your concerns and anxieties, and ask questions
- Information from key supporting agencies

How to attend

If you are interested in attending please book via the QR code or Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/7hrj39ps>.



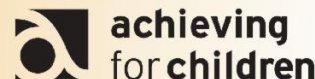
TO BOOK

Created by RBWM as part of 'Internships Work', funded by the Department for Education.

www.rbwm.gov.uk



In collaboration with:



The event will be a space for parents to find out about/ ask questions about Pfa next steps, including ways to get into work (such as Supported Internships)

The event itself will have:

- Key information and dates for a young person transitioning to college or

employment

- An explanation of what supported employment options are available
- An opportunity to share your concerns and anxieties, and ask questions
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PARALLEL WINDSOR

THE FESTIVAL OF INCLUSIVITY WITH CHALLENGE EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

Parallel Windsor is a celebration of disability lifestyle, welcoming everybody of all ages, health conditions & abilities. Taking place on the iconic Long Walk within the beautiful grounds of the Windsor Great Park.

FESTIVAL OF INCLUSIVITY

Our award-winning & fully accessible festival is a day of inclusive entertainment for the whole family; featuring an outdoor stage, storytelling, inclusive sport, active lifestyle, cookery, arts & crafts, wellbeing, dance, family picnic area and food. Accessible facilities include a quiet space, sensory space, accessible toilets (including RevoLoo), medical provision & on-site parking.

CHALLENGE EVENTS

Regardless of age, health condition or ability there is a challenge event for everyone. Our distances range from 100m, 1k, 5k, 10k & our ever popular SuperSensory 1k. Our spirit of 'Start Together; Finish Whenever' means there are no cut off times, with everybody who takes part receiving a medal, t-shirt & goody bag.

SUNDAY 7TH JULY | WINDSOR GREAT PARK

WWW.PARALLELLIFESTYLE.COM

Logos for Sure Nonstop Protection, Visit Windsor, @ParallelGlobal, X, Instagram, Facebook, and #NOLIMITSLIVING with a QR code.



Supporting Carers in the Royal Borough

This week is Carers Week (10-16 June) and RBWM would love to say a huge thank you to all the residents in our community who provide unpaid care for a family member, friend or neighbour.

This year's theme is 'Putting Carers on the Map' and RBWM are using this as an opportunity to highlight their valuable role and some of the support available locally for carers.

Further details on what it means to be an unpaid carer can be found in this video: Do you look after someone? Are you an Unpaid Carer? <https://vimeo.com/768536259/2a9645d7f0> RBWM want carers to know that we value what they do and want to reassure them that help is available for them when they need it.

RBWM are working with their social care partners Optalis, Achieving for Children, Family Action and NHS Frimley, along with community groups and local businesses, to make sure that carers can prioritise their own mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the next few weeks, RBWM will be highlighting some of the support available to carers, along with upcoming events, using their social media channels and weekly Residents' Newsletter.

Find out more about support available <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/hub-page/carers-hub>



Send Voices
RBWM

Coffee Morning Meet your local Designated Clinical Officer for SEND

SEND Voices RBWM is a group of parents and carers who have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). We are an independent group working together with health, social care and the local authority to ensure that parents and carers are represented and have a voice in decisions relating to SEND services, and that parent carers are part of the solution. We are delighted that Clare Jenkins, the Designated Clinical Officer for Frimley will be joining us to introduce herself and her role in implementing SEND reforms and supporting joint working between health services and all SEND partners, to ensure children and young people with SEND have the right health support to achieve the best outcomes they possibly can.

Please join us on:

Wednesday 19th June

9.30am soft start for 10am - 11.30am

with Clare Jenkins, Designated Clinical Officer,
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities,
Frimley Integrated Care System

Woody's Cafe

Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground
(Pirate Park)

Dedworth Road

Windsor

SL4 5AY

Free parking available outside

To learn more about us, please contact info@svrbwm.org.uk

Sessions from GEMS

Learn More...

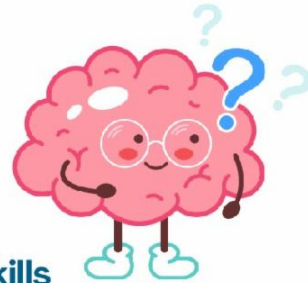


Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at **gems.4health@nhs.net** to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- **What Is Autism?**
- **Autism & Communication**
- **Autism & Sensory Difficulties**
- **Autism & Anxiety**
- **Autism & Navigating Services**
- **Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills**
- **What is ADHD?**
- **Managing ADHD**
- **ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management**





Bear cubs



 **Ages 5 to 10**

 First and third Friday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

 **Friday 5th July - Picnic in The Park - Windsor**

Friday 6th September - All about me - creative Drawing - Online

 **Friday 20th September - Bingo Fun - Bracknell**

 ***Please note activities may be subject to change**


Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD and/or autism and living in East Berkshire



 **For more information:** Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.co.uk

Managing Anxiety

Hosted by The Autism Group:

What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety & some tried & tested strategies to tackle it.

For parents & carers of Autistic primary & secondary school aged children.

Adolescence

Understanding & responding to the challenges & changes for parenting & caring for autistic teenagers.

For parents & carers of Autistic secondary school aged children - Age 11 plus

Sleep - Autism & ADHD

Hosted by Parenting Special Children:

The workshop will cover: Children's sleep cycles and sleep needs, The reasons behind night settling and night waking, Strategies to feel less stressed when sleep training, new parenting strategies for settling your child to sleep,

Online:
Tuesday 9th July 2024 10am - 12pm

Book via:
<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

Tuesday 16th July 2024.
10am - 12pm

Book via:
<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

and staying asleep.

For Parents & carers of pre school, primary & secondary school aged children with an Ausistic, ADHD or dual diagnos.
Monday 1st July 2024.
7 - 9pm

Book via:
<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

ADHD Course

A 3-week course

Hosted by Parenting Special Children:

Session 1: Provides an insight into what ADHD is. Learn about the challenges & concerns often raised. Explore strengths and opportunities related to ADHD.

Session 2: Learn to understand children's anxiety and how this relates to ADHD.

Session 3: Gain an understanding of attention deficit behaviours & how to manage these.

For Parents & carers of children aged 3 and over, primary & secondary school aged children with ADHD.

Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th July 2024. 7 - 9pm

Book via:
<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

Girls & Autism

Hosted by The Autism Group: A look at the behaviours & challenges that may be experienced by autistic girls.

For parents & carers of Autistic primary & secondary school aged children

Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

10am - 12pm

Book via:
<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

Support Sessions

An online or in person, 45 minute session offering support and advice.

Conducted by The Autism Group Maidenhead or online.

To book a support session please contact via email gems.4health@nhs.net



If we have worked with you this academic year, or in the summer term this year we really need your feedback - it takes no more than a few minutes but really helps us improve our service. The survey is anonymous but helps us get a better understanding of how our service is impacting families. You can find the form here: <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/ias-evaluation>

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