



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

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

Happy New Year!

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and you had a Happy New Year. It already feels like a long time ago. As we head into February we have a short round up of events, training and information.

Just a reminder we are open and you can always get in touch with us via [ias@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:ias@rbwm.gov.uk) . We are picking up messages on 01628 683182 once a day so you can leave a message and we will get back to you.

With best wishes,  
*Jean, Chris, Lisa & Millie*

## **RBWM's 5 Year SEND Strategy - Consultation**

Achieving for Children, which runs children's services for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, is running a consultation on the borough's proposed SEND Strategy for 2022 to 2027 and wants to hear the views of parents, carers, children and young people about the plan.

- Click this link for details of the consultation <https://bit.ly/3zNlfvx>
- Click this link for the online survey form <https://bit.ly/3HRNBaL>

There will be an online consultation events about the SEND strategy, with a presentation about the proposals and the chance to ask questions and give your views, as follows:

- Monday, January 31, from 10am to 11.30am - click this link to book places <https://bit.ly/3nBmdGv>

# Consultation on RBWM's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) five year strategy

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## Please join us to consult on the new SEND strategy

Parents and carers are invited to attend a public meeting at which a senior manager from Achieving for Children's Education and Inclusion services will explain new proposals for the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) services.

We will be asking for views on our proposals from children, young people and families who use SEND services. We will work with our key stakeholders in schools, settings, providers and other professional bodies to identify the best way to consult with families of children and young people.

Please book a place by using the appropriate link.

Let us know before the meeting if you have any special requirements, for example an interpreter, a hearing loop or large print materials.

### Date

**Thursday 13 January, 6.00 to 7.30pm**

**Monday 31 January, 10.00 to 11.30am**

### Venue

[Virtual \(via Google Meet\)](#)  
Register your interest here

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# Breakfast consultation on RBWM's five year special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) strategy

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Please join us to consult on the new SEND strategy for RBWM  
(2022 to 2027)

**Thursday January 27, 2022**

**9.00am to 12.00 noon  
(breakfast from 08.30am)**

**Moor Hall, Cookham, SL6 9QH**

Representatives from local businesses, and other  
organisations are welcome.

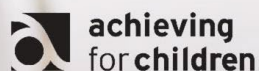
RBWM has set out its vision of what it wants to achieve,  
its mission stating how this will happen and the six priorities  
outlining the actions needed to deliver for children and young  
people. A key element is a commitment to work in partnership  
with its stakeholders. This consultation is an important part of  
this partnership working.

There will be representatives from RBWM staff, local schools as  
well as young people with SEND, their families, local businesses  
and organisations.

Contact **Helen Huntley** for more information on

E: [helen.huntley@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:helen.huntley@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

[Follow this link to book tickets](#)



**Parents' Share dates  
Thursday 17th February 9.30-1130am**

We will have our Parents Share drop in coffee morning on Thursday 18th February. We will have our advisers there, and will also have access to information about the RBWM SEND Consultation should you wish to submit your thoughts. There'll be tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits as well as good company so please do pop in and say hello.

**Thursday 17th February 0930-1130am**  
**Parents Share @ Friends House, 14**  
**West St, Maidenhead SL6 1RL**

**Upcoming dates:**

Thursday 3rd March - Featuring Dr Caroline Bird, Educational Psychologist  
Venue: Friends House, 14 West St, Maidenhead SL6 1RL  
Time: 09030-1130am



## Recruiting: Parent/carer of child with chronic illness seeking healthcare during Covid-19

The National Children's Bureau are working with Oxford University and Nuffield Department of Population Health to recruit parents and caregivers for a research project on the impact of changes in healthcare delivery on the care of children with chronic illness during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Looking specifically to talk about these health conditions: Asthma, Mental Health, Cancer, Diabetes, Neurodiversity i.e. ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia and Complex health conditions.

Further details available [here](#), or you can email [gassard@ncb.org.uk](mailto:gassard@ncb.org.uk) for more information or to get involved.



## Make your Mark

Make Your Mark is the largest consultation of 11-18 year olds in Europe and it aims to find out what issues matter most to young people across the UK. At its peak, 1.1 million young people cast a ballot and this year we at the British Youth Council are looking to beat that!

The Make Your Mark vote is open from 1st – 28th February 2022 and our website has lots of resources available to help you run a successful ballot. The results of Make Your Mark 2022 will go on to inspire hundreds of youth-led campaigns across the UK and help form the national campaign of the UK Youth Parliament. However, the consultation is also a great opportunity to gather the opinions of young people within your school, college or youth group and help to influence local policy and projects!

Please contact [kay.Davidson@byc.org.uk](mailto:kay.Davidson@byc.org.uk) with any queries or for more information.  
[Website](#)



### Free weekly Well-being Wednesday sessions from Down's Syndrome Association

Parenting a child with additional needs is both rewarding and challenging, but can bring additional stresses that impact the parent/ carer's well-being. Finding the time to recharge the batteries can be difficult and so these FREE weekly sessions will offer an opportunity to unwind and relax in a friendly and non-judgmental group with people who understand.

[Book your place here](#)

### The UK Commission on Bereavement has launched national surveys for children and young people bereaved in the last three years to get their views on how families, friends, schools and services can provide support

Surveys for 5-12 year olds and their parent or carer, 13-15 year olds and 16-17 year olds are open until 31 January.

It's important that the Commission hears directly from children and young people to inform their recommendations to government and other decision-makers about how bereavement support can be improved.

[Click here to go to the website](#)



### CONTACT Factsheets

Contact have some wonderful and very helpful downloadable guides on a huge range of topics. You can find information

regarding benefits, education, behaviour, relationships and FAQs. You can find them all via the Contact website  
<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/faqs/>

## NEW IAS WEBSITE!

We are really excited to tell you that our new website is live!



Please do have a look - the website will have videos and downloadable factsheets. We are always keen to improve so if you have any suggestions do let us know.

[WEBSITE](#)

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