

Hello,

The nights are drawing in and its almost the countdown to Christmas, a time we know gets very busy! We hope you can find a few minutes to yourself to catch up with our latest news and Parents' Share details.

Just a reminder we are open and you can always get in touch with us via 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

Come join us tomorrow! Thursday 4th November Parents' Share Coffee Morning - 9.30-1130am



At Parents' Share this month we are lucky enough to have a guest speaker, Shameem Hejazi- Supporting Families Employment Adviser Afc (DWP) who will be talking to us about Benefits such as DLA and PIP payments.

Shameem will be with us from 9.30-10.30 and thereafter we'll be having a cuppa and a chat.



Tomorrows session is held at the Quaker Friends House in Maidenhead, behind Marks & Spencers. We hope to see you there!

Next month our Parents' Share will be taking place on Thursday 2nd December 9.30-11.30am and will be Christmas themed! Venue TBC

Have your say - new proposed CYPDS Eligibility Criteria for Social Care - consultation ends 8th November.

The Children and Young People's Disability Service (CYPDS) has extended their consultation for the new proposed CYPDS Eligibility Criteria for Social Care. The consultation will be extended until Monday 8th November. The consultation has

been extended by a month due to limited responses and we want to ensure that we capture as many responses as possible.

Attached you will find the CYPDS Eligibility Criteria Consultation Briefing. Please read this before completing the feedback form.

Below is the link to the feedback form. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this after reading the briefing.

CYPDS Eligibility Criteria Consultation Form



New support for people with disabilities who have experienced abuse

The National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) new booklet offers advice for adult survivors of child abuse who have a disability or health condition, including neurodiverse and Deaf survivors, as well as explaining the impact of the abuse and making them aware of their workplace rights.

<https://napac.org.uk/project/9-disability-and-abuse/>

Autism Education Trust relaunches

The Autism Education Trust's entire early years and schools professional development programme has been redeveloped as a result of the government's autism strategy, and they have released a brand new website [Autism Education Trust website.](#)



Updates from IPSEA (Independent Providers Special Education Advice)

New Annual Review Letter - template

Local authorities have a legal duty to review and amend an EHC plan when a child or young person transfers from one phase of education to another. For example, from primary to secondary school, or from secondary school to a post-16 institution.

Discussions about transfer need to begin early in the autumn term of the year before transfer to allow plenty of time for the review and amendment process to happen.

[Annual reviews in advance of a transfer between phases of education: Model letter 12 | \(IPSEA\) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice](#)

Part time Timetables

All children of compulsory school age are legally entitled to receive a suitable

full-time education. Schools cannot place children on a part-time timetable, save in exceptional circumstances to meet a pupil's individual needs.

[Informal exclusions | \(IPSEA\) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice](#)



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](#)

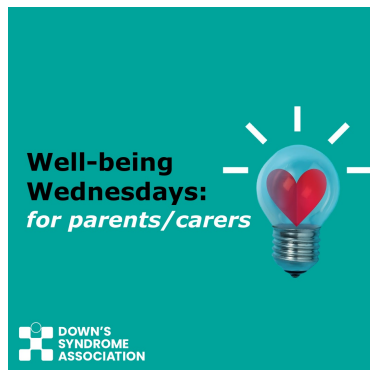


Online Support from Down Syndrome International

Down Syndrome International are researching how inclusive education is implemented across the UK.

Their research will inform a campaign advocating for raised awareness of the rights of all learners to be included in mainstream classrooms.

Inclusive Education Survey



Well-being Wednesdays

Wednesday 10 November 10.30am – 11.30am FREE 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 fortnightly sessions will offer



Parent/Family carer meeting: Down's syndrome with complex needs including autism spectrum condition

Thursday 2 December
10.30am – 12.00 noon | FREE
The session will have a focus on a key issue for people who have Down's Syndrome and complex needs.

[Register here.](#)

an opportunity to unwind and relax in a friendly and non-judgmental group with people who understand.

[Book your place here.](#)



SENTAS - Special Educational Needs Transport Website

This website provides families with Information on home to school transport including the legislation and statutory government guidance that surround this issue. [SENTAS – Special Educational Needs Transport Advocacy Service](#)



Brighter Beginnings - Free workshops

Thanks to a range of funding sources, Contact are able to offer our suite of workshops as free virtual one-off sessions. You can find out more by clicking on the link below. [Brighter Beginnings workshops | Contact](#)