

Hello,

It is certainly turning Autumnal and Hallowe'en and Half term are just round the corner. 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](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

## Come join us! Thursday October 7th Parents' Share Coffee Morning - 9.30-1130am



We are back and looking forward to seeing you for a cuppa (on us!) at our Parents' Share drop in coffee morning. Come and say Hi to us and other SEND parents.

This month we will be at the Thames Hospice Cafe by the Lake, Windsor Road, Maidenhead SL6 2DN



Next month we hope to host our Parents' Share with 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. We shall be holding this session on Thursday 4th November 9.30-11.30 at Quaker Friends House in Maidenhead (behind M&S).

### NEW IAS WEBSITE!

We are really excited to tell you that our new website is going live at the end of this week!

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



Special Educational  
Needs & Disability (SEND)  
Information, Advice  
and Support Service  
for children, young people and parents



Local Offer

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## Social groups from GEMS



**FRIDAY  
NIGHT CLUB**

**FOR 5 -10 YEAR OLDS**

Fortnightly Fridays at 4pm

EMAIL OR CALL GEMS ON:  
[GEMS.4HEALTH@NHS.NET](mailto:GEMS.4HEALTH@NHS.NET)  
OR 0800 999 1342  
TO CHECK ELIGIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY



**11- 15 YEAR OLDS  
SOCIAL GROUP**

**FUN ACTIVITIES  
&  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO DEVELOP  
SOCIAL SKILLS**

**FIRST MONDAY OF  
EACH MONTH  
5PM - 6PM**

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**ONLINE  
SOCIAL  
GROUP  
FOR 16-25  
YEAR OLDS**

Second  
Tuesday of  
each  
month

**6PM  
TO  
7PM**

Enhance your social  
skills by joining our fun  
activities



To join call GEMS on 0800 999 1342 or  
Email [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)

## OVER 25'S SOCIAL GROUP

Fun activities and an opportunity to develop social  
skills and understanding myself

HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH  
MONTH

630PM TO 8PM



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# FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB HALLOWEEN SESSION



GET CREATIVE THIS HALLOWEEN WITH  
SOME SPOOKY FUN!

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021, 4PM

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT: GEMS.4HEALTH@NHS.NET  
OR CALL 0800 999 1342

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
AT WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM



## Dads and Male Carers Support Group

For birth fathers & male carers (adoptive parents, foster and kinship carers) of children who have experienced trauma/have special needs.

Tues 5 October: 7.30-9.30pm



## Pre and Post Assessment Workshops ADHD: Berkshire East

A series of three linked ADHD workshops for families registered with an East Berkshire NHS GP surgery (Ascot, Bracknell Forest, Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead).

Dates: Tues 5, 12 and 19 October: 7-8.30pm



## Let's get Creative! (Age 5 -12) - Berkshire

A monthly group for adopted children (age 5 -12), who live in Berkshire, building social skills through different forms of art.

Sat 2 October: 10am-12pm



## Let's get Creative! (Age 5 -12) - Berkshire - Taster Session

A taster workshop for children (age 5 -12), living with grandparents or other kinship carers, who live in Berkshire.

Sat 2 October: 12.30-2.30pm

**Delivery of specialist 1:1  
and group interventions for**



## children and young people in education settings

The DfE, DHSC and NHS England have worked with education and health partners, including the Royal Colleges and the Association of Educational Psychologists, Chartered Society of Physiotherapists, Association of Colleges, the National Sensory Impairment Partnership, along with the National Network of Parent Carer Forums and the Council for Disabled Children, to develop this guidance which sets out the expectations for the delivery of specialist support for children and young people.

### **What does this mean for children, young people and their families?**

The guidance is clear that education settings should welcome all specialist staff and facilitate their work with children and young people.

This guidance aims to address any misconceptions around what should be delivered and to provide clarity in three broad areas:

- Ensuring full access to provision
- What safety precautions should be considered
- The importance of working with families and carers.

**[Full guidance is available here and to download - click here](#)**

### **Opportunity for parents and carers interested in research**

The National Children's Bureau is currently recruiting for a Families Research Advisory Group, consisting of parents and carers, to meet several times a year to advise researchers on projects relating to children, young people and families.

The group provides parents and carers opportunities to give views about key topics and develop their knowledge of research. It supports researchers to develop information for families about research studies, understand what their findings mean and ensure research is communicated in ways that are easy for families to understand.

[More information here](#)

### **See Ability's top tips for eye Exams**

SeeAbility can help to find an optometrist for someone with learning disabilities, as well as get free information about looking after your eyes, having an eye test and about different eye conditions. More information [here](#).

