

Hello!

We hope you are well and looking forward to half term. We very much hope to see you at our Parents' Share Coffee morning this month (details below) with Kelly Nash, Area SENCo next week.

We have been very busy lately - if you have used our service since September 2021 we need your feedback and would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill out our [feedback form](#).

Please note that we are closed for half term (21st -25th Feb) and will return on Monday 28th February.

If you have any suggestions for our website, such as content you think is missing we would love to hear your suggestions!

With best wishes,
Jean, Chris, Lisa & Millie

PARENTS' SHARE

Join us for a cuppa!

We will have our Parents Share drop in coffee morning on Thursday 17th February and will be joined by **Kelly Nash, Area SENCo**

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

Want to know more about Education Psychology and how it works?

Join us for our parents share on [Thursday 3rd March](#) where we will be joined by **Dr Caroline Bird** who will be explaining how the Education Psychology Service works in combination with schools and followed by a Q&A session.

Venue: Friends House, 14 West St, Maidenhead SL6 1RL
Time: 09030-1130am

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>



Place2Be's Children's Mental Health resources

This week is Children's Mental Health Week (7-13 February 2022). This year's theme is **Growing Together**.

Place2Be have put together information and resources - [you can find out more via their website](#)



Help shape the future of step-free access on the Tube

TfL want to hear from people who rely on step-free access on the Tube network about what is most important to them. They are carrying out consultation in order to shape their future approach for step-free Tube stations.

[Take the survey](#)

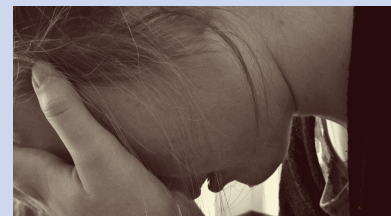
Childhood Bereavement Network Survey: Help reach bereaved children & young people - so their voices can be heard

Bereavement is a tricky subject to talk about. We don't talk about it often, and many people feel awkward discussing death, dying and bereavement. Many people feel uncomfortable and often don't know what to say.

Many people may have had their own experiences, and talking about it means remembering something they find painful or sad.

The UK Commission on Bereavement thinks it's really important that we do talk about it. We know that more children and young people have been bereaved in the United Kingdom due to the pandemic.

The Commission really wants to find out what works for them, and what doesn't. Have a look at these three surveys that will allow the Commission to listen to bereaved children and young people:



- One for bereaved children aged 5 – 12, to complete with their parents (we think this would take about 10 mins to complete)
- One for bereaved children aged 13 – 15 (again, this should take about 10 mins to complete)
- One for bereaved young people aged 16 and 17 years (this is a slightly longer survey, and would take about 25 minutes to complete)

There is full information about safeguarding, confidentiality and the use of data before you start any of the surveys, along with support information from places ready to listen to any concerns a bereaved child or young person might have. **The surveys close on 20 February 2022.** If you are aware of a bereaved child or young person who is ready to talk about their experience, please consider signposting them to these surveys. This is a brilliant chance for bereaved children and young people to shape the future of bereavement support.

They can choose to complete the survey – it's completely up to them.
Thank you so much!



Special Needs Jungle is establishing a panel on Race and SEND, called the SNJ Intersectionality Panel.

We're currently recruiting panel members from parents and SEND practitioners who are from relevant communities to look at how discrimination, misunderstanding of culture (or both) negatively affect children and families when trying to access the right SEND support.



Initially, we're looking to gather experiences of families to input into the SEND Review, so this is an urgent piece of work. [We have created a survey here, that is now open.](#)

The panel is led by SNJ's Associate Editor, Marguerite Haye, a former head teacher and parent of a disabled young woman, and Mala Thapar, also parent of a disabled child. Marguerite and Mala both understand these issues intimately and have previously written an article on SNJ about the problems faced.

SNJ firmly believes that all disabled children, regardless of their background, should be offered the help they need to thrive. We hope that by facilitating this Intersectionality Panel we can highlight issues, raise awareness and influence positive change. We aim to produce guidance on working with disabled children from diverse backgrounds.



Parenting Special Children: Sensory Processing Workshop - Berkshire East – Zoom

For parent/carers of children and young people with Sensory Processing difficulties, who are registered with a Berkshire East NHS GP surgery (Ascot, Bracknell Forest, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead).

Your child does not need to have received a diagnosis for you to attend this workshop. The workshop will cover:

- What is Sensory Processing?
- Unpicking the science behind Sensory Processing
- Sensory overload, sensory seeking behaviour – what does this mean?
- Strategies to support child/young person better and manage levels of sensory arousal

Date: Monday 9 May

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

BOOKING

To attend this workshop series, you will need to contact the East Berkshire CCG area Autism and ADHD provider GEMS4Health. Please call 01753 373244 or 0800 999 1342 or

'GEMS' staff will take your details and make the booking for you.

This workshop was funded by East Berkshire NHS and commissioned by GEMS. It will be lead by Occupational Therapists Sharon Wignall and Amy Plumer.

National Children's Bureau first Youth-led podcast



National Children's Bureau Youth-led podcast programme episode has been released! The podcast, Our Turn to Talk, is developed and hosted by young people. They have chosen the topics they want to talk about, devised their own questions, and chosen who they interview. Topics explored during the podcast include the effect of rising costs of living on poverty, whether Covid-19 has worsened poverty rates, fair wages, and the relationship between race and poverty.

[Listen here.](#)

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](#)

