

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

#### Hello! Happy New Year!

We hope you had some festive fun over the Christmas break.

We are looking forward to a new year and providing some interesting topics for our monthly Parents' Share meetings. You can find the details below. We will also be attending the Inclusion Summit on 8th February - come along - you can register for your free ticket below and come and hear about SEND developments across the borough. There will be a marketplace area from a range of services and companies - including us! Come and say hello in person.

With best wishes,

Jean, Chris Donna & Millie



#### **RBWM SEND Provision Consultation**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is carrying out public consultation on new provision for children and young people with SEND.

We are proposing to open:

- an Early Years School Readiness Hub at The Lawns Nursery School, Windsor.
- up to four new Resource Bases, attached to schools in Maidenhead and in Windsor, for children with special educational needs.

The proposed Resource Bases are at:

- Cox Green School, Maidenhead Resourced Provision for Cognition and Learning.
- Desborough College, Maidenhead Resourced Provision for Cognition and Learning.
- Hilltop First School, Windsor Resourced Provision or SEN Unit for Communication and Interaction.
- Trevelyan Middle School, Windsor Resourced Provision for Cognition and Learning.

You can find out more in our **online consultation**.

# Inclusion Summit

We are extremely pleased to announce our fourth RBWM Inclusion Summit. This event has been co-produced between Achieving for Children (RBWM), the Independent Advice and Support Service, Children and Young People's Integrated Therapy Service and schools, and supported by RBWM SEND voices.

It will be a great opportunity for all parents and carers, as well as other key stakeholders, to come together to share information and celebrate developments in SEND across the borough. There will be a SEND marketplace to explore.

#### **Event details**

This face-to-face event will be held on:

## Wednesday 8 February 2023

9.15am Soft start and refreshments10am to 1pm Presentations

#### Norden Farm in Maidenhead

To register your interest click on this link.

If you are interested in having a stall, please email: millie.rust-clarke@rbwm.gov.uk













RBWM Inclusion Summit 2023 Tickets, Wed 8 Feb 2023 at 09:15 | Eventbrite

**Parents Share Programme** 



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## **Emotionally Related School Avoidance (ERSA) & Anxiety**

With the Educational Psychology
Service & IAS team

## **Thursday 19th January 2023** 0930-1130

@Friends House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6

## Book your free place via:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/474023044687







Thursday 23rd February

Coffee morning – drop in 0930-1130 @Friend's House

Maidenhead



EHC Needs Assessments explained with the IAS team

Thursday 16th March 0930-1130 @Friends House

Free ticket:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/4740 27889177



EHCP session – What happens when I have a plan - with Kelly Nash, Area SENCo

> Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 0930-1130 @Friends House

Free ticket:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/4740 29714637



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June
The Autism Group - informal
session with TAG to hear about the
work they do, how they can help
and their new initiative TAG Tots.
0930-1130

free ticket: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/47403 2021537



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Coffee morning – drop in 0930-1130 @Friend's House

Maidenhead



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Coffee morning – drop in 0930-1130 @Friend's House

Maidenhead

## **Information from GEMS**



01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342 weekdays 9am to 5pm

https://www.gems4health.com gems.4health@nhs.net

GEMS is for children, young people and adults who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.



## WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

Whatever stage of your autism/ADHD journey, whether likelihood, pre-assessment or post diagnosis... GEMS offers a single point of contact where you can access information, advice and support.

- For parents and carers: Workshops, courses & animated learnings.
- For children and young people aged 5 & over: a programme of social groups
- A range of signposting to local & national services









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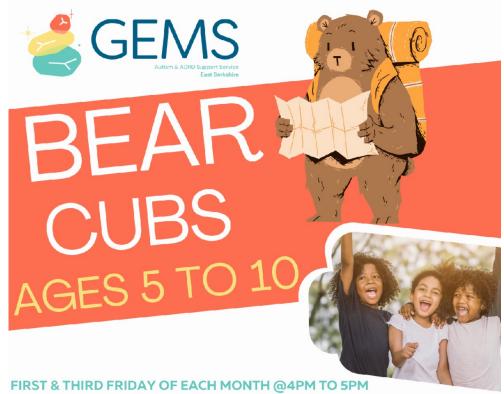
## 🙎 Access to our 'Learn More' animations

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





## Registration:

### **Activities**

0800 999 1342

06/01/23 Slough- Big on Bouncing

20/01/23 Online - Quiz

03/02/23 Bracknell - Board Games

17/02/23 Online - Origami

03/03/23 Windsor - Pottery Painting - Please note: Cost applicable

17/03/23 Online - Bingo

\*Please note activities may be subject to change

#### Criteria:

East Berkshire



More Information: 0800 999 1342 WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM



**SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH @4.30PM TO 6PM** 

#### **Registration:**

GEMS.4health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342

### **Activities**

#### Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD &/or Autism & living in East Berkshire

13/01/23 Bracknell - Sport in Mind event 10/02/23 Slough - Sport in Mind event 10/03/23 Maidenhead - Pizza & Table top games - please note: cost applicable

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## **Household Support Fund**

As part of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead's Here to Help campaign, it's using the government's Household Support Fund to help vulnerable households most in need this winter - those in severe financial hardship who're having to make very difficult choices around household expenditure, such as between heating and eating.

To target this limited national funding, <u>nine</u> <u>frontline distribution partners</u> are identifying those residents in greatest need to receive a one-off cash payment of £145. Those residents will also be supported to explore further cost of living help that might be



available to them.

Learn more about the Household Support Fund in the council's press release or visit the council's website. Residents cannot apply to the council directly as they need to be identified by one of its listed partners.