

Hello!

We hope you had a good half term break and are getting back into the swing of things.

We are very excited about our Parents' Share tomorrow with Dr Caroline Bird from the Educational Psychology service who is coming to talk to us about the service, how it works and answer any questions you may have about the service. Please do come along!
Thursday 3rd March, 9.30-11.30 Friends House, Maidenhead.

With best wishes,
Jean, Chris, Lisa & Millie

PARENTS' SHARE

Join us for a cuppa!

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

We will have an adviser there as well as Dr Caroline Bird and of course there'll be tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits as well as good company so please do pop in and say hello.

Parents' Share April 7th 9.30-11.30am

Drop in coffee morning at The Lake Cafe, Thames Hospice, Windsor Road.
First drink is on us! Come and have a natter with us and other parents and carers.

RBWM's SEND Conference: Working collaboratively



with SEND.

1st March saw RBWM hold their SEND conference for professionals held at the Holiday Inn Maidenhead. Guest speakers included Dr Nicola Crossley who addressed the group about how to support an inclusive curriculum for learners with SEND. It was well attended and Millie was there manning our stall and letting people know about the service and how we can help families and young people

Physical Activity for Disabled Children and Disabled Young People

Getting and staying active is about



Equality



Inclusivity



Finding what's
fun



Exploring what activities
make you
feel good

Benefits of physical activity



How much physical activity should I do?

When starting
build up slowly
Ask: Can you do this today?

Do bitesize chunks
of physical activity
throughout the day

For good health
benefits do
20 mins
of physical
activity per day

Do challenging
but manageable
strength and balance
activities 3 times per week

Small amounts
of physical activity
are good for you as well

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines for Disabled Children and Disabled Young People 2022.
This infographic was co-produced with disabled children, disabled young people, parents and carers.

views on proposed revisions to the *Behaviour in Schools Guidance* and *Suspension and Permanent Exclusion Guidance* and associated changes to regulations



In response to the 'Timpson Review of School Exclusion', the government committed to working with sector experts to publish clearer, more consistent guidance to support schools to create positive behaviour cultures and ensure suspensions and permanent exclusions are conducted in a lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair way.

In light of this, the Department for Education has launched [a consultation](#) to seek views on proposed revisions to the *Behaviour in Schools*

Guidance and Suspension and Permanent Exclusion Guidance and associated changes to regulations.

This consultation will close on 31 March 2022.

In both sets of revisions, one of the aims has been to strengthen guidance on how schools must or should take into account any contribution that a child's SEN or disability may make to their behaviour.

As part of this we have strengthened the material describing the relevant duties under the Children and Families Act 2014 and Equality Act 2010.

Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day 2022 (21 March) the #LotsOfSocks way!!



Get people talking about Down's syndrome in your schools, workplaces, pubs, sports teams, clubs, groups and communities!

This year's electrifying design was created by 19-year-old Nandika Valiramani (Nicky), from Thailand.

This year's Awareness Week is from 21-27 March and is nearly upon us. We are thrilled to share the theme for 2022... Inclusion Means...?

We'd love to hear from you about what makes you feel part of your community, your school, your workplace or your

club. [You can find out more here.](#)

Send the Down Syndrome Association a photo and tell them what inclusion means to you and they'll share them on World Down Syndrome Day and during Awareness Week. Or send a video to dsapressoffice@downs-syndrome.org.uk, letting them know what inclusion means for you, for them to share.



Cut It Out, a domestic abuse awareness campaign, was first launched in Norfolk following the death of Kerri McAuley, who was killed in 2017 by her abusive partner. Before her death, Kerri had disclosed to her hairdresser that she was the victim of abuse and reached out for support, but the seriousness wasn't realised.

For many victims of domestic abuse, hairdressers, barbers and beauty salons are safe spaces where they are at ease with the stylists they trust and can confide in. Therefore, salon professionals are in a unique position to recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse in their clients. With proper training, salon professionals can become invaluable and influential community partners in reducing the impact of domestic abuse.

Free training for hair and beauty professionals

We are offering a free one-hour online training session for professionals working in the hair and beauty industry across Bracknell Forest, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Slough and Wokingham.

The training will include information on:

- What domestic abuse is
- How you can recognise the signs of domestic abuse in your clients
- What to do if a client says they are being abused
- Which services you can signpost clients to who are victims of domestic abuse

Booking

Sessions are scheduled from 6pm - 7pm on the following dates via MS Teams. Please click on the relevant date to book your place through Eventbrite.

- [Wednesday, 9 March 2022](#)
- [Tuesday, 14 June 2022](#)
- [Monday, 19 September 2022](#)
- [Thursday, 24 November 2022](#)

After the training

After the training you will receive:

- Resources for you to use
- A certificate of participation

Please note – the deadline for booking your place is five days prior to the training. Your MS Teams invite will be included in the 'event details' of your confirmation email.



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Domestic abuse is an emotive and difficult topic, and while the course will be delivered sensitively, tutors can accept no responsibility for any distress caused.

[Book here](#)

GEMS WORKSHOPS & COURSES

GEMS offers information and support to parents and carers of children with autism and ADHD within East Berkshire.

Workshops & Courses...

What's coming Up in March 2022

What about me? Supporting siblings

Thurs 10th March at 6.30pm to 8.30pm (Maidenhead)

What is it like to grow up with a sibling on the autism spectrum? How can we help young people to better understand and thrive in an autism friendly family?

Autism and Food

Tues 15th March at 10am to 12pm (Online)

Exploring reasons why diet can be limited and discussing tips for introducing new foods.

Pre & Post Assessment workshops – ADHD

Tues 15th, 22nd & 29th March at 7pm to 9pm (Online)

Adolescence

Thurs 24th March at 6.30pm to 8pm (Online)

Understanding and responding to the changes and challenges of parenting and caring for teenagers on the autism spectrum.

Pre & Post Assessment workshop Sleep – ADHD/ Autism

Fri 25th March at 10am to 12pm (Bracknell)

An introductory two – hour course for parents and carers who have children and young people with autism & or ADHD who struggle with sleep.

To book onto any of the below workshops please contact GEMS on:
0800 999 1342 or gems.4health@nhs.net



**11- 15 YEAR OLDS
SOCIAL GROUP**

To join call GEMS on 0800 999 1342 or
Email gems.4health@nhs.net



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

To join call GEMS on 0800 999 1342 or
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FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB FOR 5 -10 YEAR OLDS

To join call GEMS on 0800 999 1342 or
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FREE Virtual SEN Conference: Autism: Creating Aspirational Futures

A virtual SEN conference for parents and carers

Autism: Creating Aspirational Futures

Wednesday 30th March 2022
Presentations from 10am onwards



Sign up for a series of live webinars taking place throughout the day.



To register for your free place visit www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/autism-conference

Autism|eye



Join the Witherslack Group for their free conference on Wednesday 30th March. The virtual event will provide you with informative and inspiring talks around practical advice on supporting children and young people with autism and associated needs.

FREE COURSES

- Fully funded Level 2 qualifications in Special Education Needs & Disability, Autism, Behaviour That Challenges, Learning Difficulties, Children's Mental Health + many more Childcare, Healthcare & Business Skills courses!
- Online learning with support from our fully qualified & experienced Tutors
- No limit on the number of courses that you complete
- Courses are available to everyone aged 19+ regardless of employment status or earnings. Funding is currently available until the end of July
- Receive a nationally recognised certificate from the awarding body (TQUK) upon completion

To find out more please contact Andrea Swales on andrea.swales@impactfutures.co.uk / 07706324181 or visit the Impact Futures website <https://impactfutures.co.uk/qualifications/>

WHAT IS AEB?

The Adult Education Budget (AEB) provides individuals aged 19 and above with the skills and learning required to progress, be that in the workplace or in to further education such as an apprenticeship. Employers can also utilise AEB to improve or refresh the skills of their current workforce, and learners can benefit from AEB training to gain new skills, improve progression opportunities or support a career change.

If you are aged 24 and above and earn more than £17,374.50 per annum, you would usually have to pay 50% of your learning cost. However, because we are committed to giving you the qualifications you need, we have decided as business, to waive the 50% fee that you would usually pay. This means there will be no cost to you or your employer.

OUR PROMISE

All qualifications included in this overview can be completed sooner, the timeframes are for guidance purposes.

BUSINESS SKILLS

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Customer Service	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Team Leading	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business Administration	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Warehousing	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Information, Advice or Guidance	3 months

IT & DIGITAL QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 1 Certificate in IT User Skills	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles for Digital Skills in Employment	3 months

CHILD CARE

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 1 Award in Principles of Working in Early Years Settings	1 month
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Introducing Caring for Children and Young People	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Special Education Needs and Disability	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Behaviour that Challenges in Children	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Bullying in Children and Young People	3 months
TQUK Level 3 Diploma for the Children's Workforce	3 months

EMPLOYABILITY

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Living in a Fair and Diverse Society	3 months
BCS Level 1 Essential Digital Skills for Work	2 months
City & Guilds Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English	3 months
City & Guilds Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English	3 months
City & Guilds Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics	3 months
City & Guilds Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics	3 months

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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