

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

### Hello!

We hope you are well. This month we have put together a round up of a variety of things we think might be interesting including:

- Details of RBWM's Christmas FUEL program over the Christmas holidays.
- Details of new Family Hub Website
- Parents' Share events for the academic year
- Workshops and groups for young people from GEMS

If you haven't had the chance to meet us at a Parents' Share morning - do come along - you will be most welcome.

# With best wishes, *Jean, Chris Donna & Millie*

### Meet the team









Jean Hobson Service Manager

Chris Doyle Adviser

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## Parents' Share Programme for 2022/23



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#### Parent's Share Programme of Events 2022 / 2023

Date & Time	Event	Venue
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 0930-1130	Helping your child navigate the holidays Coffee Morning	Friends' House Maidenhead
Thursday 8th December 0930-1130	Christmas Coffee Morning – drop in session	Friends' House Maidenhead
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 0930-1130	Emotional related School Avoidance (ERSA) and Anxiety Session with Magen Redmond & Hannah Forde (Ed Psych team)	Friends' House Maidenhead
Thursday 23rd February 0930-1130	Coffee morning – drop in	Friend's House Maidenhead
Thursday 16th March 0930-1130	EHC Needs Assessments explained with the IAS team	Friend's House Maidenhead
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 0930-1130	EHCP session – What happens when I have a plan - with Kelly Nash, Area SENCo	Friend's House Maidenhead
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 0930-1130	Coffee morning – drop in	Friend's House Maidenhead
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 0930-1130	The Autism Group - informal session with TAG to hear about the work they do, how they can help and their new initiative TAG Tots.	Friend's House Maidenhead
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 0930-1130	Summer Coffee morning	Friend's House Maidenhead

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### **NEW! Family Hub Website**

The Family Hub have published their new website - it features a whole host of information regarding support for Children and young people, Parents support, Frequently asked questions, and an 'ask the service a question' service portal. Have a look by clicking the link below.

AfC Info website - Windsor and Maidenhead :: Community Information / Information And Advice / Family Hub Service



### My Family Our Needs (MFON) : The Transition Event Online

# A VIRTUAL EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM.

The Transition Event Hub brings together experts, young people and parents/carers to talk about planning post-school transitions for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Throughout the month of November, My Family Our Needs (MFON) will be signposting the MFON community to resources on a number of different transition topics to help navigate transition.

Whether you have a question relating to attending a specialist college, legal matters and EHC plans, or you would like to hear from another young person with SEND who can offer their advice, we hope our content supports you and the young people you care for during this next chapter of their lives.

Register here: The Transition Event Online | Our events | My Family Our Needs

### My Life My Say event



My Life My Say will be hosting their event, Future of Britain: Next Generation, on December 10th.

The event aims to bring together youth leaders, policymakers, academics, and public figures for panel sessions.

The event is free and comes from My Life My Say, who are aiming to make politics more accessible to young people. You can register for tickets <u>here</u>.









### **Cost of Living Here to Help latest**

The Royal Borough has updated its Here to Help webpage <u>www.rbwm.gov.uk/here-to-help</u> which covers energy & water bills, rent, council tax, food, childcare, school meals, benefits & more. Safe, warm spaces have now also



# Have your say about the health and wellbeing of your children

If you've used the Royal Borough's Health Visiting or School Nursing services in the past 5 years, the council would love to hear from you. This will help them understand your views on its current services & what been set up across the borough https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/wa rm-safe-spaces-map.

If you're running a safe, warm space & want to be added to the map, please email communications@rbwm.gov.uk. you'd like to see in the future.

https://bit.ly/3gY2QXy

The survey ends 30 Nov.

# What's happening with the Government's SEND IPSEA Review?

An update from the Independent Provider of Special Educational Advice (IPSEA) It's nearly three years since the Government first announced that it was carrying out a major review of the system for supporting children and young people with SEND, seven months since the SEND green paper was published setting out proposals for reform, and three months since the public consultation on these proposals ended.

What's happening with the Government's SEND Review? (ipsea.org.uk)

## GEMS

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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.

### 着 WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

Whatever stage of your autism/ADHD journey, GEMS offers a single point of contact where you can access information, advice and support alongside courses, workshops and animations.

🕂 For parents and carers: Workshops, animations & Courses

For children and young people aged 5 & over: online & face

🕂 to face social groups

For adults aged 25 & over social activities group









# CUBS GES 5 TO 10

#### ONLINE AND FACE TO FACE ACTIVITIES! FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH @4PM

### **Registration**:

Activities

15/07/22 Maidenhead - Yoga Fun - Braywick Park 05/08/22 Online - Lego Building 19/08/22 Bracknell - Sports day! - South Hill Park 02/09/22 Online - What do I want to be when I grow up? 16/09/22 Online - Treasure map & Pirate design & Name 07/10/22 Windsor - Rugby Fun - Home Park 21/10/22 Online - Design your superhero & Powers 04/11/22 TBC - Low noise fireworks display - Camp Mohawk 18/11/22 Online - Poem/Rap writing 02/12/22 Online - Christmas card designs 16/12/22 Slough - Christmas party - TBC Please note activities may be subject to change

Criteria:

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

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### Activities

26th July - Walk and Talk - Windsor
30th August - Sunset Picnic- Slough
27th September - Board Games - Bracknell
25th October - Meal and meet Up - Taplow
29th November - Bowling - Bracknell
20th December - Christmas meet up - Windsor

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# Autism & Food Workshop

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Online Delivery

Tuesday 2nd August 10am to12pm Wednesday 7th September 6.30pm to 8pm Monday 31st October 10am to 11.30am Tuesday 22nd November 6.30pm to 8pm Tuesday 13th December 10am to 11.30am

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