

# SPECIAL VOICES NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to Special Voices (Slough parent/carer forum)

Special Voices is a group of parent/carers of children, young people & adults with disabilities/additional needs & is the parent/carer forum for Slough. We are all volunteers working in partnership with the Slough Children's Services Trust, Local Authority, CCG's and voluntary organisations to help shape and develop future services in Slough through participation and co-production with all your views & experiences that you share with us, without you we couldn't change things for all children/young people/adults with additional needs in Slough.

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## Hi all

As we enter March vaccines are well under way and are going well, we have had lots of positive feedback on how well organised it all is in Slough. With the latest announcements that if the DATA keeps showing a steady downward curve, we can all look forward to June the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Although there are still some worries about the return to school around the 8<sup>th</sup> of March and what is needed to be in place. It is up to all of us to work together and that means listening to the correct information and support our schools to keep our children and young people safe.

Please look out for information from your schools as they are not all the same at the moment.

There are many things we still must do even if you have had a vaccine, face masks, handwashing or gel and social distancing (hands, face, space) but we have come so far.

In Slough we are still in a national lockdown along with many other places around the country, so at least we are not alone in all of this more information on what it means for us:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home).

Latest data and information for Slough from Public Health Berkshire dashboard:

[www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/covid-19-dashboard](http://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/covid-19-dashboard).

Please check the guidance if you are unsure of what you should, or should not do but hand (washing) face (coverings) and space (social distancing) still remain in place to reduce transition and we can all do it together if we try hard.

## Have your say

We at Special Voices have several quick surveys open at the moment & really hope that you can spare the time to complete them anonymously on your experiences of services in Slough such as OT, Speech & Language, education, health & social care. They are important for us to collect your feedback & available on our website: [www.specialvoices.co.uk](http://www.specialvoices.co.uk) Special Voices Facebook page (the one with us with logo) If you prefer to receive a copy by post, email or complete over the telephone then please Telephone: 07990693439 or 07487524361 **Thanking you in advance**

### Virtual Coffee Breaks - Every Friday, drop in between 10 - 12pm via Zoom

We do hope you will join us via Zoom, you can choose at what time, & how long you wish to join us for during the two hours. We have chosen Zoom as we believe it is quite easy to set up & free should you need help to do this then please give us a call on: 07990693439 beforehand  
Each week when you attend your name will be entered into a free draw for a free small gift as a thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. Guest Speakers: TBC each week



### Virtual Family Participation Day via Zoom - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021. 1 – 3pm

**You will need to book your family for this event in advance by telephone: 07990693439**

There will be a free luck dip gift for child/young person & a virtual entertainer – Magic show – music & dance

Free draw for parent/carers, 4 lucky people will receive one of the following gifts- home hamper – sweet box- fruit hamper – toy box - plus of course the odd poll or survey



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