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What's New?

14th Sept 2023

SENDIASS Workshop on Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Developmental Coordination Disorder



SENDIASS would like to invite parents and carers to their new workshop on Specific Learning Disabilities including Dyslexia, Developmental Coordination Disorder and Dyscalculia, at 10 am on 27th September.



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Supporting people with learning disabilities, autism & their families

Message from SENDIASS:

Back to school now ... new term, new challenges, and want to learn something new ... read on! Calling out to all parents and carers, we have an informative workshop lined up for you discussing Specific Learning Disabilities.

The key ones we are going to highlight are Dyslexia, Developmental Coordination Disorder and Dyscalculia. We have two experienced SEN Professionals who will give us an insight and an opportunity for you to ask questions on how to support your child or dependant.

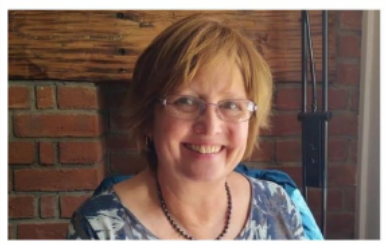
Please let us know by no later than the 20th of September if you would like to attend and we will send out a Teams invite for you to join.

Email: farzeena@centre404.org.uk


Webinar for parents of gifted and talented children with needs associated with Autism

The National Network of Parent Carers London Region are running a series of events as part of the Autism in Schools project (Phase 2), which are open to Parent carers from the London Borough of Enfield (and all other London Boroughs).

Supporting Pupils with Dual and Multiple Exceptionality (D.M.E.)



Wednesday 18th October
10am – 12pm
Book [here](#) or use the QR code






As part of Phase 2 of the 'Autism in Schools' project, the National Network of Parent Carer Forums are hosting a webinar with Denise Yates MBE. Denise will explain what Dual and Multiple Exceptionality (D.M.E.) is and how to support gifted and talented children who have needs associated with autism.

Denise Yates has worked in education and training for over 35 years to enable all individuals to maximise their potential, including children and young people who have high learning potential (gifts and talents). For ten years, Denise was Chief Executive of the national charity, Potential Plus UK (formerly The National Association for Gifted Children). In 2017, Denise left to pursue her passion which could be summarised as 'hidden potential'; children and young people with Dual and Multiple Exceptionality, those with mental health problems and those who have been failed by the system, for whatever reason. A Cambridge economist, Denise is currently, amongst other things, a Trustee of The Potential Trust, a non-executive Director of Nisai Education and a non-executive Director of Potential in Me. Denise also a consultant on issues related to inclusion and spend time practically helping individuals and families in her local community. In 2020, she was awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours for her work with children and young people.

Parents taking part in the webinar will have the opportunity to win a copy of *Parenting Dual Exceptional Children* written by Denise or her co-authored book *The School Handbook for Dual and Multiple Exceptionality*.

'Autism in Schools' is an NHS England project run in partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) and National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF). The aim of the project is to improve autistic pupils' experience of mainstream school.

The National Network of Parent Carer Forums are hosting a series of **FREE** online training and information events for parents of children that attend mainstream schools in London and have needs associated with autism. You can find out more about the project and the NNPCF [here](#)



The next online event is the Dual and Multiple Exceptionality (DME) webinar on Wednesday 18th October, 10 am to 12 noon. We will be joined by Denise Yates MBE to look at how gifted and talented young people who have needs associated with autism can be supported.

Please see the attached DME Webinar flyer for more information (including additional links).

You can book [here](#) or via the QR code here:



Exclusive free workshop for parent carers caring for a child with hemiplegia

Parent carers with children who have hemiplegia are invited to [Contact's free online workshop on Wednesday 27 September, 10-12](#), aimed at parents concerned about their child's anxiety.

The session will look at what anxiety is and the different types of anxiety, signs and causes of anxiety and strategies to help recognise and manage anxiety in your child.

[Find out more and book your place on Eventbrite today!](#)

Supported internships

Our supported internships support people aged 16-24 with a **learning disability**, to make the **transition** from education into work.



Mencap are hosting some information sessions in September regarding their supported internship programmes,

Places are still available on the London programme for this academic year and they will be taking referrals up to October.

Supported internships are open to young people aged 16-24 with an EHCP. They may be the ideal programme for young people not currently in employment, education or training who want to work.

Mencap's supported internships are delivered to small groups and provide access to work experience opportunities with a wide range of employers across lots of different sectors, supporting people to find paid work at the end of the programme. To find out more about the programme see [here](#).

Information sessions for potential learners and their parents/carers will be held on 25th and 27th September to give an overview of the programme and a chance to ask questions and to discuss enrolment.

Parents can sign up for one of these sessions [here](#).

Chase Farm Hospital urgent treatment centre – increase in opening hours

Chase Farm Hospital [urgent treatment centre](#) (UTC) is currently open from 8am to 8.30pm with patients being booked in until 7.30pm. From Monday 25 Sept, these hours will be extended in three stages:

- From Monday 25 September the centre will be open from 8 am to 9 pm. Patients will be booked in until 8 p.m. Please do not attend the UTC after 8 p.m.
- From Monday 2 October the centre will be open from 8 am to 9.30 pm. Patients will be booked in until 8:30 p.m. Please do not attend the UTC after 8:30 pm.
- From Monday 16 October, the centre will be open from 8 am to 10 pm. Patients will be booked in until 9 p.m. Please do not attend the UTC after 9 pm.



If you need urgent medical assistance and your condition isn't life-threatening, please call 111 or (for those aged five and over) visit 111.nhs.uk and they'll advise you what to do. This service is available 24 hours a day. The UTC is for medical treatment or advice for a minor illness or injury that isn't life-threatening, for example, sprains, broken bones, minor burns and scalds, minor head and eye injuries, minor illnesses or bites and stings.

National News round up

Curriculum Framework for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment (CFVI)

A guide for parents and carers



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Curriculum framework for Visually Impaired children: guide for parents/carers

An important framework (CFVI) has been developed to support children and young people with vision impairment to access an appropriate and equitable education. It presents outcomes within 11 areas Facilitating an Inclusive World; Sensory Development; Communication; Literacy; Habilitation: Orientation and Mobility; Habilitation: Independent Living Skills; Accessing information; Technology; Health: Social, Emotional, Mental and Physical Wellbeing; Social, Sports and Leisure; Preparing for Adulthood. The framework has been published at

https://media.rnib.org.uk/documents/CFVI_Parent_Guide_English.pdf

Autumn flu and Covid vaccination programmes have started this week

The roll-out of flu and Covid vaccinations in England has [been brought forward to Monday 11 September](#) following the identification of a new Covid variant.



Government consults on changes on benefits work capability assessment

The UK government [has announced a number of proposed reforms to the Work Capability Assessment](#). The Work Capability Assessment is a Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) medical assessment. The DWP currently uses it to decide:

- Whether a person with health problems is expected to look for work as part of a claim for [Universal Credit](#) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA).
- Whether that person will receive higher payments as a disabled person part of their Universal Credit or ESA.



The government argues that reform of the Work Capability Assessment is justified on the basis that flexible and homeworking opportunities have changed the world of work significantly in recent years.

The government is running a consultation on its proposals.

If you'd like to respond, visit [Open Consultation: Work Capability Assessment: activities and descriptors](#).

The deadline for responses to the consultation is 30 October 2023.

New Children, Families and Wellbeing Minister appointed

David Johnston OBE was appointed as the new minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing on 31st August, and the co-chairs of the National Network for Parent Carer Forums (NNPCFP met with him on 5th Sept. More information [here](#).

School attendance

On 5th Sept the NNPCF Co-Chairs took part in the Attendance Action Alliance meeting chaired by the Secretary of State for Education to talk about the issues around school attendance specific to children with additional needs. More information on the discussions and new guidance [here](#)

Events coming up in September:

For parents/ carers of children/young people with SEND who are:	What	When	Where	Details /booking links
Autistic &Early years/primary school age	EASA cuppa and chat	Thu 14th Sep 9.30 – 11 am	Russet House School	here.
Aged 14 and over	Preparing for Adulthood – transition process	Fri 15th Sept 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm	Integrated Learning Disability Service Carnegie Building,	here
Age 0-5 with communication difficulties	Speech and Language Workshop from Contact	Mon 18th Sept 9.30 a.m.	Online	here.
Entitled to free school meals but unable to access them	Webinar from Contact – What to do if your child cannot access free school meals	Tue 19 th Sept 10.30 – 11.30 am	Online	here
Autistic	Webinar on navigating the educational system	Tue 19 th Sept 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.	Online	here.
Autistic	Webinar on Understanding your child's behaviour	Wed 20 th Sept 7.30 – 8.30 pm	Online	here.
Autistic	Wellbeing for parents & carers	Thu 21 st Sept 1.30 – 2.30 pm	Online	here.
Autistic & secondary school aged/ 16 +	EASA Cuppa and chat	Thu 21st Sept 9.30 – 11 am	Russet House School	here.
All	SEN Coffee and chat morning	Friday 22 nd Sept 9.30 – 11 am	Costa Coffee, Station Parade, Cockfosters	See flyer in last week's update
Age 16 – 24 with an EHCP and interested in getting a job	Mencap Supported Internship programme info session	Mon 25 th Sept 5.30 – 6.30 pm	Online	here.
Have hemiplegia	Exclusive free workshop looking at anxiety	Wed 27 th Sept 10 am to 12 noon	Online	Page 2 and here
Aged 14 and over	Preparing for adulthood – decision-making and mental capacity	Wed 27th Sept 10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Integrated Learning Disability Service Carnegie Building,	here
Age 16 – 24 with an EHCP and interested in getting a job	Mencap Supported Internship programme info session	Wed 27 th Sept 5.30 – 6.30 pm	Online	here.
Autistic	Wellbeing for parents & carers	Wed 27 th Sept 7.30 - 8.30 pm	Online	here.
Secondary school age with communication difficulties	Speech and Language workshop from Contact	Thu 28th Sept 10 am	Online	here.
Autistic	Webinar on navigating the educational system	Fri 29 th Sept .30 – 8.30 pm	Online	here.
Have a rare condition	Free online conference	4 th Oct 10 am – 2 pm	Online	Here

We hope that you have found our newsletter useful. If you have any feedback, or anything that you think we could be telling our families about, please let us know. Our contact details are:

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