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What's New?

29th Sept 23

EASA – time to play sessions for autistic children aged 18 months to 3 years and 6 months

The Enfield Advisory Service for Autism (EASA) will be running its 'Time to Play' sessions for families with autistic children (whether they are diagnosed or awaiting a diagnosis) between the age of 18 months and 3 years 6 months, starting from 5th October. More information and booking [here](https://www.enfieldasa.org.uk).



Time to Play

for families with autistic children
between the age of 18 months and 3 years 6 months

'If you have a young autistic child or they are on the autistic pathway (i.e. waiting for a diagnosis assessment) then these sessions are suitable for you'

Play-based sessions to focus on the key developmental differences in autism

Social understanding and communication

Flexible thinking, information processing and understanding

Sensory processing and integration

1st Thursday of the month:
5th October
9th November
7th December

09:30am – 11:00am
Russet House School
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Book online at www.enfieldasa.org.uk

Play and Leisure – coming up

See our What's on Guide [here](#) for information on SEN-specific and inclusive days out, play, and leisure activities in and around the Enfield area. This week's events include:



Relaxed /Autism friendly film showing .

Cineworld Enfield will have a relaxed showing of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (certificate PG) this Saturday at 11 a.m. Book via the website [here](#).

At autism-friendly showings lights are left on low, sound is turned down and there are no adverts or trailers.

Don't forget that there is free access for carers with a valid CEA card see [here](#) for information.

	
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Neurodiversity Webinars

This October, the Witherslack Group have a variety of free advice and support on offer for parents and carers.

What is ADHD

Arron Hutchinson, Education Training Director and Therapeutic Practitioner at The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity, presents "What Is ADHD?". In this webinar, Arron will give us a greater understanding of ADHD and provide you with a toolkit of support strategies for your child.

Date: **Tuesday 3rd October**

Time: **10am-11am (Including Q&A)**

In this webinar, Arron will explore:

- To understand what ADHD is and correct some of the myths around the condition.
- To give knowledge on how ADHD can impact on a child in both a positive and negative way.
- To equip parents with confidence and knowledge of how to spot ADHD and how to support children with the condition.
- A greater 'toolkit' of support strategies for your child's well-being and emotional regulation.

[Click here to register](#)

SEN and Phonics

To celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Week, we're bringing you this webinar with The Phonics Fairy, aka Amy McElhatton, who will talk us through how to help children who have SEN with their phonemic awareness, and ways to support them both at home and in the classroom.

Date: **Thursday 5th October**

Time: **10am-11am (Including Q&A)**

In this webinar, The Phonics Fairy will give you advice on:

- An introduction to phonics
- What most recent research says about children who have SEND and are learning to read
- How schools can support
- The different stages of learning to read and how to support at each stage at home and in the classroom.

[Click here to register](#)

Neurodiversity and Halloween

Unexpected knocks at the door and the dramatic change in environment can cause alarm for our young people. Dr Dee Khaira, Clinical Psychologist for our Group, will be joining us for a live webinar where she will share her expertise on how to navigate the frightful festivities.

Date: **Friday 13th October**

Time: **10am-11am (Including Q&A)**

The aims and objectives of this webinar are:

- To raise awareness of the emotional impact of Halloween on neurodivergent young people
- To consider how this population of young people might struggle at this time of year
- To provide some top tips and strategies that can be used to support your young person

[Click here to register](#)

Events coming up in September and October:

See our 'What's On' guide to inclusive and SEND-specific play and leisure activities and days out [here](#).

See our round-up of coffee mornings, social activities and coffee mornings for parents [here](#)

For parents/ carers of children/young people with SEND who are:	What	When	Where	Details /booking links
Have a rare condition	Free online conference	Wed 4th Oct 10 am – 2 pm	Online	Here
Aged 14 and over	Preparing for Adulthood – the process of applying for a post-16 education setting	Thu 5 th Oct 10.30 am to 12.30 pm	Park Avenue Disability Centre, 65C Park Avenue	here
Aged 16 and over	Monthly drop-in session	Friday 6 th Oct 10 am – 12 pm	Integrated Learning Disability Service Carnegie Building	here
Aged 16-25	Contact workshop on Education and Employment	Tuesday 10 th Oct 7 – 8.30 pm	Online	Here
Aged 14 and over	Supporting Parents and Carers During transition – practical tips and sources of support	Thu 19 th Oct 10.30 am to 12.30 pm	Integrated Learning Disability Service Carnegie Building	here
All	Our Voice Christmas party	Sunday 3rd December 2 -4.30 pm	Russet House School	Pre-booking only – details to be advised

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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