

Newsletter

Summer 2021

Welcome to the Walsall SENDIAS summer newsletter! We are keen to keep you informed with information relevant to SEND and Walsall. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a [like](#).



Walsall Help & Support

To read the latest information, guidance and support regarding COVID-19 visit the dedicated page at Walsall Council [here](#)

Parent / Carer Workshops

At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops every month where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported. Please join us and improve your knowledge of the law around SEND so you feel more confident in discussions and understanding decisions.

Our upcoming sessions are:

Returning to School – SEN Support

Tuesday 10th August

10am -11am

Please contact us for more details.

Cuppa & Chat with SENDIAS Team

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIAS do?
- Anything SEND related?

Join our friendly team for an informal chat on:

Tuesday 3rd August, 1pm – 2pm

Friday 27th August 10am – 11am

Please contact us for more details.

The Team at Walsall SENDIAS

Catherine Price – Project Manager

Claire Smith – SEND Caseworker

Tanya Joesbury – SEND Caseworker

Matti Henderson – Children and Young People's Caseworker

Summer Holiday Period

Walsall SENDIAS will be open as usual over the school holiday period – please do not hesitate to get in touch with the service if you need any information or support.



Holiday Activities Programme (HAF)

Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals and their families will be able to access free activities and a healthy recipe box during the summer holidays.

Click [here](#) to find out more!



Activities on Offer to All Families

In Walsall there are a variety of both paid and free activities for families and children to enjoy over the holidays. Some of the providers and their activities available over the summer holidays can be found by clicking [here](#).

SEND Multi-Sports Camps

Albion Foundation are running summer camps in Walsall Wood and Portway. Both camps offer free places and booking details can be found by clicking [here](#).



Walsall Parent / Carer Forums

FACE Walsall Parent Carer Forum is a voluntary group of parents and family carers of children & young people aged 0 - 25 years with various disabilities working in partnership with Education, Health and Social care to help shape the future services in Walsall.

To find out more please email: facewalsall@gmail.com or visit their website [here](#)



The Parent and Carer Support Group for Walsall/Wolverhampton and surrounding areas are a support group for Parents, Guardians & Carers. They aim to connect members, potential new members and where appropriate professionals to local services and organisations from relevant sectors.



To find out more please email: Walsallwtonparentgroup@gmail.com or visit their website [here](#)

Special Needs Adventure Playground

S.N.A.P. is a Special Needs Adventure Playground in Cannock.

It provides a safe, secure and non-judgemental play area for children and adults with special needs. Siblings without special needs are also welcome.

There is a range of equipment and facilities.

All booking details and up to date information can be found on their website [here](#)



Young People Update

We want to hear your voice!

We are looking to set up a group for young people in Walsall. The aim of this group is to listen to the voices of young people. We want to know what they think about the support they receive from their school or college, the local authority, and us.

This group will be led by Matti, the SENDIAS Children and Young People's Caseworker. If you are a young person, or know a young person, who may be interested in joining please contact Walsall SENDIAS, or contact Matti directly.

WhatsApp/text: 07971 759232

Email: matti.henderson@family-action.org.uk



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You can access FREE and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with your questions.

Black Country Careers Fair

The Black Country Careers Fair (blackcountrycareers-expo.co.uk) is now live and running until 30th July.

There is a SEND opportunities zone which has lots of information about specialist support, colleges, training providers and supported internships.

Take a look by clicking [here](#)

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Workshops

The friendly team at Walsall SENDIAS will be delivering a free 6 week course around Positive Behaviour Support (PBS).

PBS workshops are designed for families of children/young people with additional needs. Focussing on the reasons behind the behaviours and exploring different strategies to help with managing them.

Our next course will start on Tuesday 14th September, 10am – 11am and will run for 6 weeks.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like further information or to book a place

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Walsall Getting It 'Right for SEND' Guidance and Banding Document

Please join Face Walsall for an online Zoom meeting on:
Tuesday 20th July at 10am
or
Thursday 22nd July at 7pm

Walsall have adopted a policy of applying a banding system of funding for SEND provision. This is now being introduced into EHCPs.

Alex Webley, SEND Team Manager is hoping to join the meetings (to be confirmed) and it is hoped that these sessions will clarify the implications for EHCPs and how children/young people with complex needs across many areas of need can be categorised into a single area.

Please email facewalsall@gmail.com for the link and password for the session you would like to attend.

Contact us:

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