

Newsletter

March 2022

Welcome to our March update. 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](#).



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:

Requesting an EHC Needs Assessment

Wednesday 9th March 1pm -2pm

Virtual session

Appealing to the SEND Tribunal

Tuesday 29th March 10am – 12pm

Manor Farm Community Centre, WS4 1EU.

Walsall SENDIAS – What we do

Wednesday 4th April, 1pm- 2pm

Virtual session

Please email us at

walsallsendias@family-action.org.uk for more details and to book your place.

Drop in Session with SENDIAS

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIAS do?
- Anything SEND related?

Join our friendly team for an informal chat at Manor Farm Community Centre on the following date:

Tuesday 22nd March, 1pm – 3pm

Please contact us to book in advance

Save the Date – SENDIAS Spring SEND Fair

We will be hosting a Spring SEND Fair on **Thursday 29th April, 12pm – 3pm at Manor Farm Community Centre**. A number of services will be there and we hope it will be useful source of information for parents, carers and young people. More details to follow soon!

New Local Phone Number for SENDIAS

Our office number is **01922 612008** – there is a 24 hour messaging service and we aim to respond to all initial enquiries within **2 working days**. Please leave any message and the team will get back to you.



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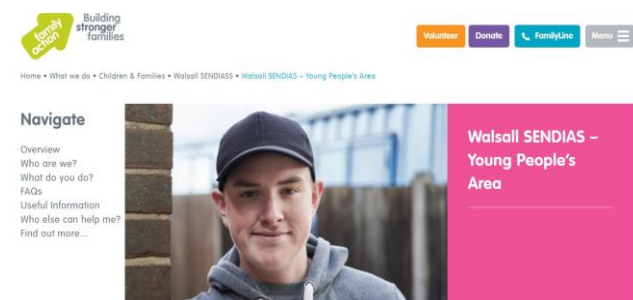
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Young People's Area



We are pleased to say our website now has a new Young People's Area!

Please click [here](#) to look and do let us know what you think, we hope it is useful for young people.

Walsall SENDIAS support young people aged 16-25 years who live in Walsall.

Parent Sessions with Walsall Local Authority SEND Team

Important information from the SEND team at Walsall local authority.

The SEND team are planning two update sessions. These will be repeated so please only sign up to one. They will be virtual and provide an opportunity to hear their plans, share all updates and discuss ways to become involved.

Please email: Hannah.Glennon@walsall.gov.uk to confirm attendance at one of the sessions below;

- *7th March 10.00am to 11.30am*
- *7th March 4.00pm to 5.30pm*

Hope – Parent Support Group

Hope Autism Network is a group for parents and carers to join together and share the excitement, hope, frustrations, achievements and positive strategies with each other.

The group meets once a month at Rushall Hub in Walsall, from 9:15am till 11:15am. The meetings are a combination of informal chat and talks/presentations from invited guest speakers. Find out more [here](#)



Wellbeing Walsall



The Lets Chat Bus visits communities across Walsall each morning and afternoon. The service provides support for a wide range of challenges. Find out more [here](#)



Things to do

The Light cinema in Walsall have regular screenings for guests with autism to find out more have a look at their website [here](#)

Beacon park in Lichfield have an accessible swing which is available for children in wheelchairs to use. It can be accessed with a radar key, which is available from Beacon Park's Ranger Station.

A parent recently recommended Oak Tree farm to us as it was small and had lovely little books in the shop with wooden spoons to match the story (sensory type packs) – a small donation can be made in return for food to feed the animals – the website can be found [here](#)



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 you questions.

SENDIAS Feedback

We welcome all feedback on our service. If you have used our service, we would appreciate it if you could complete a brief survey regarding the information and support you received from the team at Walsall SENDIAS.

Please complete the survey [here](#)
Thank you!

Walsall Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)



A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals. The programme is running over Easter, summer and Christmas 2022. Registration opens at 10am on 7th March 2020 and information can found [here](#)

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Act for Autism - Useful Webinars for Parents Carers and Professionals

Monday 14	What you 'Aut' to know: Autism and transitioning into Adulthood (8 - 9 PM GMT) During this webinar, Mr Colin W Larkworthy (from HND to Oxford University Researcher) will discuss his experience of receiving a late autism diagnosis and navigating adulthood.
Monday 21	Autism and Happiness: Mission Impossible? w/ Peter Vermeulen (8 - 9 PM GMT) Join speaker Peter Vermeulen - an internationally recognised and respected educator - for a discussion on the emotional well-being and happiness of autistic individuals.

Find out more and find links to book your free tickets [here](#)

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