



Lewisham Parent and Carer's Forum—Leemore Central Community Hub
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NEWS BULLETIN – 1st May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Parent Forum are very excited that we will have a new website soon. We will keep this updated with all of the news in the borough, have information about the work that we do, have policy information readily available and news of activities. We will let you know when it is all ready to go.



SEND GUIDANCE PATHWAY

INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS - A CONSULTATION EVENT AT THE CIVIC SUITE – Monday 4th June 2018 – 10.30am to 2.30pm – refreshments provided

The Local Authority are working with the Parent Forum, and other local groups, on a new SEND pathway for parents and carers in Lewisham. We would like you to come along and be involved in a questions and answers session to give your views on what works and what does not work for your child or young person.

We need to have a clear pathway for children and young people as they travel through the various systems and processes that is part of the children's services for our children with additional needs.

It is very important that parents share their experiences with service providers as you are the voice of your child/ren.

If you can attend please contact Sue Stocks on 07534568020 or info@lewishamparentcarer.org.uk



Nandini Ganesh

SEN SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS – for those without EHC plans

Thursday 14th June 2018 – 10.30 to 12.30 – join us for refreshments from 10am.
– Leemore Centre, Bonfield Road, Lewisham SE13 5EU – map is found at the end of the newsletter.

1. The Law (a slide or two)
2. What is considered SEN and what is not
3. Graduated approach (Plan Assess Do Review)
4. What is an effective review
5. At what point should you apply for a Plan
6. Equality Act
7. Reasonable adjustments
8. Mediation and Tribunals
9. Resources and how Contact can help

Contact Sue Stocks – Lewisham Parent and Carer's Forum at
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Understanding Autism, Asperger's & ADHD – Free online course Now available!

A free online short course is designed to help you learn more about autism, Asperger's and ADHD, their differences and the importance of understanding the classification, assessment and diagnosis. The course is ideal for families of those diagnosed with autism or ADHD and those working or seeking a career in education and health and social care industries.

Find out more here: <https://www.derby.ac.uk/online/mooc/understanding-autism-aspergers-adhd>

Lewisham SENDIASS

How to access this service:

KIDS operate an open referral system for this service. Parents can either ring or email to make a self-referral to the service.

Contact:

Phone: 0203 319 2163

Email: Lewisham@kids.org.uk

Visit our [Facebook](#) page

Visit the [Lewisham](#) Local Offer

Lewisham Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service or SENDIASS is a free, confidential and impartial service for parents and carers, children and young people (up to 25 years). Lewisham SENDIASS offers independent support for parents and families who have children and young people with a SEND. We also provide this independent advice directly to young people aged 16 up to 25 years with SEND.

Our experienced team of local advisors offers impartial, confidential advice and support on all matters relating to SEND. Our aim is to enable you to make informed decisions.

How does the service work?

The type and range of support offered includes:

Information regarding the local offer, local policy and SEN/ disability law from independently trained staff

Advice for parent/carers, children and young people on gathering, understanding and interpreting information and applying it to their own situation

Personalisation of personal budgets

Information on the local authority's processes for resolving disagreements, its complaints procedures and means of redress

Signposting children, young people and parents to alternative and additional sources of local and national information, advice and support

Individual casework and representation where needed including support in attending meetings, contributing to assessments and reviews and participating in decisions about outcomes for the child or young person.

Support for parents and young people in managing mediation and appeals to the SEND Tribunal

Who is the service for?

Our impartial service is available to parents of children with SEND, and to young people from the age of 16 up to 25 with SEND (living in Lewisham).

How much does it cost?

This service is free.

Drumbeat: Free Workshops for Parents/Carers

Drumbeat Outreach provide FREE workshops for parents/carers of children on the autism spectrum.

All workshops take place at Drumbeat Brockley, Revelon Road SE4 2PR and run from 10am to 12pm on the following Tuesdays:

- 15th May: It's Different for Girls
- 12th June: Preparing for Puberty
- 10th July: Supporting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing

Early Years Parent Training

In addition to the above workshops, Drumbeat are offering the following 3 sessions on Wednesday evenings 6-8pm at the same venue:

- 9th May: What is ASD?
- 16th May: Sensory challenges
- 23rd May: Communication

Although all places are free, booking is essential, so please contact Drumbeat Outreach Admin on 020 7635 9022 or outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk For more details, go to

<http://www.drumbeatasd.org/page/?pid=199>

London Zoo SEN Weekend:

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May 2018

Once a year London Zoo holds a weekend of events for children with special needs and their families and friends, with increased specialist facilities and staff numbers, as well as special interactive events and discounted entry.

All Special Children's Day events are free.

Ticket prices: children over 3 years £9, carers free (other adults £13.25).

Please note that the Zoo is open as normal during this event, so be prepared for it to be busy!

www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/special-childrens-day



JOIN OUR FREE INCLUSIVE PRIDE PROGRAMME AIMED AT HELPING 16 – 25 YOUNG ADULTS WITH A DISABILITY BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT

Are you age 16-25? Do you have Physical Disabilities/Learning Difficulties? Do not miss out on this FANTASTIC opportunity and join our FREE Inclusive Pride Programme here at Millwall Community Trust.

36-week programme
Tuesday's
4.30–7.00pm

The Lions Centre
Bolina Road
London
SE16 3LD

Open to new participants to join during the year!
Sign up now

Overview of programme:

ASDAN short course qualification covering a range of subjects such as:

- ◆ Weekly Multi-sports sessions
- ◆ Independent living
- ◆ Independent travel
- ◆ Money management
- ◆ Peer monitoring
- ◆ Diet and exercise
- ◆ Personal effectiveness
- ◆ Employability

And many more...

- ◆ 1:1 mentoring sessions/ peer mentoring
- ◆ A community event will be organised for other young disabled individuals who live in the area..

For more information contact;
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DOWN'S FRIENDSHIP & CREATIVITY GROUP



INVITATION TO A COFFEE MORNING



Join DFCG and other parents for the return of our regular sessions where views and stories are exchanged, meet and support other parents

Find out about DFCG's latest activities or events

Help to improve the wellbeing of your children as well as yourself in this social and educational environment.

9th MAY 2018 from 10am-12.00pm

Guest presentation: Lewisham Maternity services

Giuseppe Labriola- Head of Maternity, Pip Stalberg - **Senior Midwife/Professional Midwifery Advocate & Chair of MVP** Toyin Adeyinka

A unique opportunity to engage with the '1st services in the life of your child!'

Parent/Carer

- Professional Language Used
- Support Upon Diagnosis
- Your Experiences

Maternity/Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP)

- Why They Exist
- Their Roles
- An Introduction To The 'Whose Shoes Event'
- Update on supporting 'different' families

Refreshments and Snacks provided

VENUE: BELLINGHAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE, 109 RANDESDOWN RD, SE6 3HB

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR FURTHER COFFEE MORNINGS ON:
13TH June and 11th July**

WHERE TO FIND US



**Based in the same building as CAB
Leemore Centre, Bonfield Road, Lewisham, London SE13 5EU – through green gates at side
of building in Bonfield Road – LPCF - 07534 568020**