

Newsletter

September 2024

Welcome to our September newsletter. We hope you all had a lovely Summer Holiday. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a

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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:

SEND Support in School & School Meetings

Tuesday 17th September 10am– 11:30am

Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall

AND

Making a request for a Needs Assessment for an EHCP

Tuesday 8th October 10am-11:30am

Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall

For more details and to book your place please email us at:

walsallsendias@family-action.org.uk

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 and a coffee at Manor Farm Community Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th September 10am – 11am
Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall,
WS41EU (Room 3)

FOR A LIST OF OUR DROP IN SESSIONS 2024-2025, PLEASE SEE THE BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER 😊

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.

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[Tips for going back to school for young people](#)

Going back to school can be a very nerve wracking time where children and young people wish they could stay at home and have numerous worries. Please see the link below for your young people to access. There's even a message board where young people can post a question/worry and get support from others.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/school/>

[Walsall Local Offer](#)

The Local Offer website has recently been updated. The Local Offer provides information about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities in Walsall.

Take a look at the Local Offer [here](#)

[Walsall SENDIAS Feedback](#)

If you have used our service, we would love to receive any feedback from you, please complete this very short survey [here](#) – Thank you!

[Autism West Midlands - Autism Confidence for Adults](#)

2nd September 10am – 29th November 12pm



Autism Confident for Adults

In the Black Country



An opportunity to learn more about autism in a small, supportive, group.

This program offers a safe space to share experiences and discover strategies that may help in your day-to-day life.

Programme Highlights:

- 6 interactive sessions
- 2 one-to-one meetings with the group leader (before and after the program)

Sessions will take place from September until November 2024

Sessions delivered online via Microsoft Teams

- Understanding Autism
- Social Communication
- Sensory Awareness
- Anxiety
- Flexibility of Thought
- Disclosure

To register please email: michelleh@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

[Toy Appeal](#) ☆

We plan on doing our Annual Toy Appeal in December, so keep your eyes peeled for this years date!

We are so excited to be hosting an inclusive fun free event for you all 😊

[Witherslack Group – Understanding Emotionally Based School Avoidance \(EBSA\)](#)

In this Presentation, they explore the manifestations of EBSA, the causes and triggers, plus the approaches to support children and young people with managing feelings of overwhelm, and resistance to attending school

Online Webinar

Wednesday 25th September

10am – 11am

Register your free place [here](#).



[WALSALL SENDIASS SEND FAIR](#)

We are hosting a SEND fair at Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, WS41EU on:

Tuesday 21ST January

10am-12pm

Please come along and join us at our free SEND Information Fair. There will be a wide range of stalls from various organisations providing useful information. The SENDIASS team will also be available to offer free and impartial information and advice.

[Walsall Family Hubs – CAMHS Parent/ Carer Workshop](#)

11th September 2024

12-1:30pm

Virtually: On Zoom

Further Workshops to follow:

23/10/24 – Speech and Language

20/11/24 – Depression/ Low Mood

18/12/24 – Anxiety/ OCD

15/01/24 – Self-Harm

12/02/24 – Anger/ Conduct Difficulties

12/03/24 – Anxiety

Walsall Family Hubs have lots available for families, including Stay and Play Sessions and 'Empowering Parent, Empowering Communities – Being a Parent Groups'

Take a look at their upcoming events [here](#).

[Walsall SENDIASS Team](#)

Claire Smith – SEN Case Worker

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Find us on Facebook [here](#)

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Drop in Sessions 2024/2025

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 24 th September 2024	10.00am – 11.00 am	Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, WS4 1EU
Thursday 24 th October 2024	10.00am-11.00 am	West Locality Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE
Monday 25 th November 2024	1pm- 2pm	North Locality Hub, 275 Blakenall Heath, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	10am – 11.00am	Manor Farm Community Association, Room 3 King George Crescent, Rushall, WS4 1EU
Tuesday 28 th Jan 2025	6pm -7pm	Virtual Drop- in Microsoft Teams
Monday 24 th February 2025	1pm -2pm	South & Central Locality Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NG
Thursday 27 th March 2025	1pm – 2.00pm	West Locality Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE
Thursday 10 th April 2025	10.00am – 11.00pm	North Locality Hub, 275 Blakenall Heath, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	1pm – 2.00pm	East Locality, 13 Silver Court, Brownhills WS8 6HA
Thursday 19 th June 2025	1.00pm – 2.00pm	South & Central Locality Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NG
Monday 14 th July 2025	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, WS4 1EU