

Dear Parents/Carers,

Do you consider your child to have a special educational need and/or disability? Would you like more information and guidance about the ways in which you and your child can be supported?

I would like to share the attached information and training opportunities from the Hereford and Worcester branch of the Special Educational Needs Information and Support Service (SENDIASS). SENDIASS is a service offering information, advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The service is completely confidential and impartial, and the advisors have extensive knowledge of the SEND system, often because of personal experiences.

SENDIASS is currently offering parents the opportunity to access a range of information sessions on several topics relating to SEND. The attached poster offers a brief outline of what SENDIASS can offer. In addition to this, please see below for the specific information sessions available and the dates/times of these:

Upcoming sessions

Who are SENDIASS and how can they support me? Online Information Session.

This online information session is aimed at parent carers and professionals in Herefordshire and Worcestershire who have or support a child/ young person with an additional need and/or a disability. It will provide you with information about the Special Educational Needs Disability Information, Advice and Support Service and how we can support you.

The session will discuss:

- Who are SENDIASS?
- What services do SENDIASS offer?
- How to contact SENDIASS

Participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions during the session.

You will receive an invitation to the Microsoft Teams event via email the day before the event.

Parents/ carers can find out more about this workshop and book their place here:

Date Thursday 23rd March 6-7pm

Location: Online Microsoft Teams Event

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/herefordshire-worcestershire-sendiass-information-session-parent-carers-tickets-560660840667>

What does a good Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) look like?

This workshop is aimed at parent carers and professionals in Herefordshire who are currently going through the EHC assessment process or who have a draft EHC plan. It may also be useful to those attending Annual Reviews and looking to update and amend the plan.

The workshop will discuss:

- What is an Education Health & Care Plan?
- What content should an Education Health & Care Plan have?
- How to request amendments to the plan
- Annual Reviews
- Useful Resources

- The session will be interactive to enable participants to ask questions.

Parents/ carers can find out more about this workshop and book their place here:

Date Tuesday 14th March 10.30-12.30pm

Location The HARC Hereford

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/for-parent-carers-what-does-a-good-ehcp-look-like-tickets-564977000417>

Autism & Me

Autism & Me has been developed with Young People who have Autism.

The Young People themselves talk about their own experiences.

Contents

- What is Autism?
- Behaviours explained - What you see and what is actually happening.
- Young People explain-
- What Autism means to them,
- What Challenges they face,
- How you can provide support.
- Useful Resources.
- There will be an opportunities to ask questions.

Parents/ carers can find out more about this workshop and book their place here:

Date Thursday 16th March 1.30-2.30pm

Location The HARC Hereford

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/for-parent-carers-autism-me-tickets-565030520497>

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any further questions, please email Sally at SENDIASS direct on SENDIASSTraining@worcestershire.gov.uk

Best wishes,

Mrs Beecham

(Special Educational Needs Coordinator)