



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

Supporting schools and home learning for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

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The Coronavirus outbreak means that parents and carers of young people with SEND are facing uncertainty. If your child is not able to attend their setting/school, we want to support you with some practical home learning advice, hints and suggestions through these newsletters and on the Blackpool Local Offer page on Facebook. If you would like any advice or support with any aspect of home learning, please visit the Blackpool SEND Local Offer page on Facebook and submit any questions, your child's school are always there to help too.

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>


Useful Numbers and Websites


Corona Kindness - If you need any support at this time or feel you are in a position to offer help please contact the corona kindness team at

helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or
helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk

If you need help call 0808 1963080.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronavirus/Corona-Kindness.aspx>

 <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>

 <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

ChatterPack is a voluntary-run, special educational needs and disabilities hub. <https://chatterpack.net/>

Communication and Interaction

Free resources for parents from Talk for Writing. Talk for Writing English Booklets - TalkforWriting.talk4writing.com Pie-Corbett have made units available for year groups from Year R to Year 9 supporting talking about books and talking for writing. These are structured activities which parents of younger children can through with their children and which older students may be able to access independently.

This week's App is called HFHS ABC. Designed by Occupational Therapists, each letter contains an object and activity. Each activity is meant to be used together with a parent or friend 4+ years old.



SEMH - Children's Mental Health Week

It is important that we talk about and raise awareness of mental health with our children and young people. If you would like some guidance on how to support your child's mental health needs go to www.place2Be.org.uk and select the parents and carers tab.

In the section, 'supporting your child's mental health' you will find lots of useful advice. For a range of activities and resources you can complete at home with your child visit the website childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk.

If you are finding it difficult to engage your child in a conversation and are worried they may need to speak to someone here are some suggestions for you -

1. For children aged between 8 and 11 go to www.parentzone.org.uk and select Meet Ollee. This site helps families talk about these difficult topics.
2. For children in upper KS2 and beyond use the Young Minds crisis text service. Simply get your child to text YM to 85258 and they will get a response and advice within 5 minutes. This is a free service.
3. Children and young adults aged between 11 and 24 can also get advice from the website www.kooth.com. This site offers emotional and mental health support until 10pm every day.



Blackpool SENDIASS (@BpoolSendiass)

Do you have a child, young person with SEN (Special Educational Needs), or do you feel that your child/young person is struggling with their education? Do you have questions about how your child should be supported in nursery, school or college?

If so, why not come along to one of our informal SENDIASS virtual Skype tea and talk information sessions to see how we can help?

Just contact us via email at sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk to let us know which date you would like to come along and we will send you an invitation, it could not be easier!

Session numbers are limited so register early to secure your preferred date. We look forward to seeing and chatting with you!

- Tuesday 9th February 2021
- Tuesday 9th March 2021
- Tuesday 13th April 2021

