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# SEND Family Voice

A monthly newsletter filled with news, information and events for all things SEND in the Redcar & Cleveland area.

# Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed the summer break however that may look for your families. We understand some children love their time at home away from the routine of school whilst others are the complete opposite. Whatever it looks like for your family we hoped you enjoyed it.

We have been busy working behind the scenes over the summer holidays planning events and getting the office ready. We have some exciting new things planned to support our families better and now we have moved to premises in Redcar, we hope this will be easier to get to.

# We have moved!



Civic Centre on the right.



Swimming baths to the left, Civic Centre on the right.

We have now moved to offices in Redcar Civic Centre opposite the swimming baths and Redcar

Library. We hope that having a more central base, families can access events and our coffee drop in's more easily.

We are based at Office 2a Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar TSI0 ITD. When you come into the office building there is a receptionist who can ring the office to let us know you are here. They will then direct you up to the second floor. If you use the stairs we are directly opposite the stairs, if you use the lift turn right when you come out of it and right again this will bring you to the same door from the staircase. You will find our poster outside with the office telephone number to ring to gain entry.

There is free disabled parking outside the library. Other parking options are available underground the Civic Centre and nearby on Kirkleatham Street.

Redcar railway Station is located directly behind the Civic Centre providing more transport links.

# Your Voice

We are keen to hear your views and opinions about the SEND services in Redcar and Cleveland. Please take a moment to complete this on the "Your Voice" section of the website. Good, bad or indifferent we want to hear from you!

https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/your-voice/

# News & Information

## PINS Update

The PINS working party have been meeting and working during the six weeks holidays to plan the interventions available to schools who have signed up for the project. Once schools are back Emma and Clare will be contacting Schools to arrange a coffee morning between school staff and parents and carers to address the issues which were raised in the parent and carer surveys and first coffee mornings. This will start as a basis to build positive relationships with schools and families and addressing issues together in a productive manner. We will post details of dates via our Facebook page and email, schools will also be circulating the dates and times via their social media and communication apps.

Just a reminder of the schools signed up for the project:

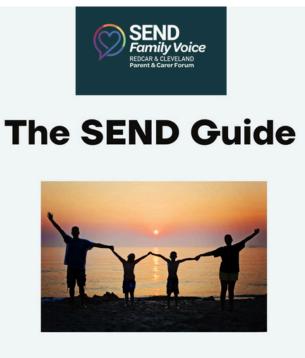
Bankfields Galley Hill Teesville Skelton Green Gates St Gabriel's Saltburn

Caedmon Normanby Hummersea St. Paulinus Ormesby Chaloner St Bedes Nunthorpe Handale St. Josephs Errington Zetland Whale Hill

## The SEND Guide

Here at SEND Family Voice we have been busy putting together a useful guide for parents and carers who have children with a diagnosed Special Educational Need and/ or Disability (SEND) or those on the pathway awaiting assessment.

We understand how confusing it can be when you start on this journey or even if you are a couple of years post diagnosis, as information changes and families are unsure what information is correct or if it applies to them. We hope that by preparing this guide, which we will keep updated, it will help with the basic information you need to know as well as the links for more information or to apply.



A guide for parents and carers with children or young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) or on the pathway for assessment. This guide may also be useful if you have any concerns about your child's development. We will be sending this to all parents and carers via email as well as producing paper copies which will be available from the office and at events.

We have also shared this guide with professionals and will ask them to also forward to parents and carers as well as having copies in their reception areas.

You can pick up a copy at our opening event at our new offices. Further details on the events page.

# News & Information cont

## HAF Summer Update

Our HAF sessions were throughly enjoyed by our children and parents alike during the 6 weeks holidays. As this was the first time we offered anything like this we were unsure how successful it would be! We had great weather for our play village session and lots of fun arts and craft activities which children proudly took home to show off. Karen at Senses Wellbeing Centre at Skelton also held an event on our behalf with lots of activities to keep children engaged.

We are hoping to host HAF again at Christmas so if you have any ideas for sessions you would like to see please let us know. Here's hoping this will be a successful event we can put on during all school holidays for our SEND families.

# Upcoming SEND Family Voice Events

We have lots of events coming up for parents and carers from September until the end of November. As detailed before priority will go to members who have signed up for our membership so make sure you sign up as soon as possible. You can do so on the link below.

### https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/membership/

All our events are bookable from Eventbrite and links for each event will be available on our social media pages and our newsletters. All our upcoming events are detailed below :

September Events :

Makaton Course Understanding Sensory Differences Introduction to SEND Law Understanding Autistic Overload and Burnout

### October Events

Social Prescribing SENDIASS Drop in Sensory Worx Information session

November Events:

Oral Health care

All events are being held at 25k Community Centre, Ayton Drive Redcar.

## Important Contact Numbers

Sen Services - 01642 204503

Camhs - 0300 013 2000

Shortbreaks Self referral - 01642 771247

Daisy Chain Family Support - 01642 531248 (Option 1)

Carers Together - 01642 488977

# Events

# Wednesday Drop Ins

Following our move to more central premises, we are now able to offer a weekly drop in session to Parents and Carers. Our poster explains in more detail what we will be offering at these sessions. During our Wednesday drop ins we will also have our Sensory Pop Up Shop open! You can purchase sensory items for your child' / young person at a discounted price.

We will also have professionals drop into these events sometimes such as officers from the SEN department at Redcar and Cleveland Council to answer any queries and questions you have, Short Breaks to sign up for a max card and explain the Short Break offer plus Camhs officers and many more. We will add the professional dates to our Facebook page and via email for your information.

The first Parent and Carer Drop in Session will start on Wednesday 11th September at 9.30am.





who can provide support and/or signpost to further help and support.

*Office 2a Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar TS10 1TD Please go to reception for directions.* 



## Sunflower Lanyard Scheme

We are proud to announce we have joined the Sunflower Lanyard Scheme to become more aware of all invisible disabilities. All forum members have undertook training and we have official Sunflower items for families to purchase at a highly discounted amount. These will be available at the Sensory Pop Up Shop during Wednesday drop ins.



# Events cont

# Multi Agency Drop Ins

The Family Support Service hosted by Daisy Chain have released the new dates for their weekly coffee mornings and monthly multi agency drop ins.

Please note that the venue has changed from September and the multi agency drop in will now be held at 25k Centre, Ayton Drice, Redcar.

### Redcar & Cleveland Multi-Agency Drop Redcar & Cleveland Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings Delivered by: The Family Support Service Delivered by: The Family Support Service Do you live within Redcar & Cleveland local authority? Do you live within Redcar & Cleveland local authority? Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years old, has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD? Do you have concerns that your child, who is 0-18 years old, has autism, sensory processing, ADHD or FASD, whether diagnosed or not? The drop-ins are friendly and welcoming but feel free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support if you would like. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support can't be provided at these drop-ins. To access 1:1 support, please contact Would you benefit from introductions to and support from other family.support@daisychainproject.co.uk agencies? No diagnosis is needed, the service can be accessed if you have any concerns, regardless of If you answered yes to the questions above, drop in to one of the below sessions to meet other agencies and find out what they can offer. The sessions are friendly and welcoming but feel diagnosis/neuro developmental pathway status. free to bring a friend, partner, relative or anyone else for support if you would like. Please note, these are group sessions and 1:1 support can't be provided at these drop-ins. To access 1:1 UPCOMING DATES support, please contact family.support@daisychainproject.co.uk Sessions starting from 11th September 2024 Agencies attending may include\* Sendiass, CAMHS, Mental Health in School Team, Parent Carer Forum, Early help This list is an example of agencies who may attend. If you are seeking WHEN: Weekly on Wednesdays (term-time only) 10am - 12pm ecific support please contact the team to clarify which professionals will be in attendance on each date. WHERE: Redcar Coast Family Hub, Rainbow Lane, Redcar, TS10 1RR **UPCOMING DATES** Get support and advice Meet other parents WHEN: Monthly on Mondays 10am-12pm WHERE: 25K Youth & Community Centre, Ayton Drive, Redcar, TS10 Share top tips 4LR Signposting 12th September / 3rd October / Access resources 7th November / 5th December / 9th January / 6th February / 6th March / 3rd April / 1st May / 5th June / 3rd July DAISS Delivered by CHOIN For more information, please contact The Family For more information, please contact The Family Support Team on 01642 531248 (option 1) Support Team on 01642 531248 (option 1) Scan the QR Delivered by code to join our North East and North Cumbria CHOIN CHOIN SEND Facebook group NHS SEND North East and North Cumbria



## Home Educators Day at

The Family Hubs are offering communication advice with our Speech and Language Therapist, Iona.

## Beamish

Travel back in time to take part in an immersive day of learning a Beamish Museum. Take part in our free\* activities or book a learning workshop for the full, immersive learning experience.

### Find out more and book your place



### Enjoy a fantastic day of learning at Beamish Museum's Home Educators' Day.

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Hobby Horses Take it in turns to ride around our hobby horse course at Spain's Field Farm.Suitable for all ages.

AMAZING ACTIVITIES Take part in a number of FREE\*

Some of the crafts made at these activities can be entered into the Beamish Challenge at the North East Horticultural Society and Beamish Museum Annual Show which takes place at the museum on 7th & 8th September 2024.

Peg doll making at Pockerley Have a go at peg doll making! You can even enter your creations into the Beamish Challenge. Suitable for all ages, more suitable for 7+.

Animal Drawings in the 1950s

Animal Drawings in the 1950s welfare hall Be inspired by some of the animal-related objects in our collections and create your own artwork using a choice of medium The artwork can be entered into the Beamish Challenge. Suitable for all ages. for all ages.

Handwriting Competition Visit the school in The 1900s Pit Village to enter our handwriting competition. Children can have a go at copying an extract of a poem using a dip pen or slate. Entries will be judged at 4pm on Fridge, eth July. Suitable for all ages.

robertmartin@beamish.org.uk to request an alternative milk option This workshop takes place in the \*Museum admission fee applies. STEM learning space in The 1950s Town at 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS and 2.30pm. £2.50 per child, per session, pre-booking essential. Folk Music and Dance (Suitable for ages 4+) Enjoy folk music and dance with North East musician Bill Elliott. Workshops are individually priced accompanying adult admitted to workshop free of charge. Museum admission fee applies. This session will take place in Parental supervision is required the band hall in The Pit Village at throughout 10.30am and 11.30am. £1.50 per child, per session, pre-booking essential. Scarecrow Making (Suitable for ages 6+) Work together to make a scarecrow! Day must be booked in advance. Use your Beamish Unlimited Pass or Friends of Beamish membership to visit free of charge.

This workshop will take place in the marquee on the Events Field at 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm. £2.50 per child, per session, pre-booking essential. If you don't have a Pass, a special day ticket (£7.25pp) is available for this Home Educators' Day. Entry is free for under 5s.

Science of Ice Cream Making (Suitable for ages 6+) Learn how to make a simple vanilla ice cream and taste your creation!

Please note, we use dairy milk category/46292

BOOKING INFORMATION Places for our Home Educators

soya milk or almond milk are available on request. Please en

Workshops are subject to availability and must be booked in advance.

Book your place for the Home Educators' Day here https://

### Who is this for?

This session is aimed at parents or carers of children under 5 years who have concerns about their child's speech and language skills. The session can be in person or over the phone!



### How can this help?

You can get advice and tips to support your child's communication skills from our Speech and Language Therapist, Iona

### **Contact information**

If you'd like to find out more, please call 01642 770810 No need to book! These sessions run alongside our Little Explorers groups, just drop in and ask for Iona!

Redcar Coast Family Hub 22/08/24 12:30-3pm Rainbow Lane Redcar TS10 1RR		Skelton Family Hub 02/09/24 9:30-12pm De Brus Site, Marske Lane Skelton	n S e, ie	Ormesby Family Hub 17/09/24 9:30-11:30am Daisy Lane Ormesby TS7 9JF		South Bank Family Hub 30/09/24 1-3:30pm Poplar Grove South Bank TS6 6SY		Dormanstown Family Hub 14/10/24 9:30 -11:30am South Avenue Redcar TS10 5LL Grangetown Family Hub 16/10/24 9:30am-12pm Grange Farm Road Grangetown TS6 7HP
Guisborough Family Hub 23/08/24 9:30am-12pm Park Lane Guisborough TS14 6NT		TS12 2HA United Kingdom		Greengates Family Hub 20/09/24 12:30-3pm Keilder Close Redcar TS10 4HS		Loftus Family Hub 01/10/24 1-3:30pm Duncan Place Loftus TS13 4PR		
<ul> <li>redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/family-hubs</li> <li>/RCBCFamilyHubs</li> <li>/RCBCFamilyHubs</li> </ul>								

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# SEN Sessions

### In and around the Redcar and Cleveland area.





### **Sunday SEN Session**

Session specifically for SEN – Children with Special Education

Need

### No general public admittance.





Where? Guisborough Family Hub When? 10am - 12pm How Much? Free Dates : Saturday 4th May 2024 Saturday 18th May 2024 Saturday 1st June 2024 Saturday 15th June 2024 Saturday 29th June 2024 Saturday 3rd August 2024 Saturday 17th August 2024 Saturday 24th September 2024 Saturday 5th October 2024

> Saturday 19th October 2024 Saturday 2nd November 2024 Saturday 16th November 2024









Providing Forest and Beach School sessions to families throughout Redcar and Cleveland.

At Woods & Waves children and young people have the opportunity to connect with nature, use tools, enjoy the warmth of a campfire, complete scavenger hunts, engage in nature-based arts and crafts and so much more. The sessions are very flexible and child-led, participants are encouraged to follow their own interests and ideas, free play and exploration are a big part of the Forest School approach. Parent/carers stay and join in the fun too.

Children with additional needs are welcome to attend any of our sessions, and we also have SEND sessions every third Saturday of the month from 16th March.

To book a place visit our Facebook page @woodswavesforestandbeachschool Or use our booking link https://bookwhen.com/woodswaves





In addition we also have some availability on our fully funded 10 week SEND Forest School group:

Thanks to funding from Woodsmith Foundation we are able to offer fully funded small group Forest and Beach School to children and young people. To qualify the child/YP must: Be aged 5—18 years, live in Redcar and Cleveland, and have an additional need or disability.

This is for a block of 10 sessions and we have a couple of remaining spaces for our Thursday 4pm sessions beginning in April, so you must be able to come along to Saltburn on this day and time to qualify. To express your interest in your child/young person been involved in this project please contact us: woodswaves2022@gmail.com / 07533366410

# SEN SESSION **£ 8 P P** 1 HOUR LAZER TAG EXPERIENCE

TWO 20 MINUTE ACTION PACKED LAZER TAG GAMES Quieter Music Reduced Numbers Add a hotdog and drinkfor £2PP extra

AVAILABLE THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY Month, Extra dates available in School Holidays









Mondays: Saltburn Community Hall 1-2pm for home educators

Tuesdays: Boosbeck Village Hall 4.30-5.30pm Tuesdays: Land of Iron, Skinningrove 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesdays: Disco Babies at Loftus Family Hub 10-10.45am crawling/walking 11-11.45am pre-crawling

MOVE Together@ Border@ands



Family dance sessions for home educators

Every Monday from 22 January 1-2pm for 9 weeks

Saltburn Arts, Albion Terrace, Saltburn TS12 1LW



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