



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/>

Communication and Interaction

The differences between Autism and DLD

One of the most well-known neurodevelopmental conditions is Autism, which has some similarities with Developmental Language Disorder DLD but also some important differences. Autism receives more attention in the public consciousness however latest research figures show that while 2% of children have Autism, nearly three times as many, approximately 7%, have DLD.

You can read the full article at:

www.dldandme.org/differencesbetweenautismanddld

By Jacob Michaelson PhD

You can find many other interesting articles, strategies and support about DLD at: www.dldandme.org

World Book Day 2021

World Book Day is a charity on a mission to help change children's lives by making reading together and reading for pleasure a habit for life. Visit www.worldbookday.com/ideas/share-a-story to access

- Resources including activity sheets, lesson plans and discussion guides for Nursery, Primary & Secondary.
- Author & Illustrator Academy video lessons
- Free Audiobooks
- Videos on our YouTube channel including stories for under 5's and masterclasses from some of your favourite authors and illustrators.

[World Book Day 2021 - Live Lesson - BBC Teach](#)



Cognition and Learning

Raising Early Achievement in Literacy (Early years)

Join a fun family workshop with a focus – They will be talking about four strands of literacy and the importance of

- Books and stories
 - Songs and rhymes
 - Paint, draw, mark making and early writing
 - Using signs and logos all around to help with early reading
- Sessions will be delivered by Zoom
- On Friday 5th March 10.00-11.00
 - Monday 8th March 2.00-3.00
 - Wednesday 10th March 1.00-2.00
 - Tuesday 16th March 11.00-12.00

Contact Ganiyat at gimafidon@ncb.org.uk 07736292520



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 March 2021
- Tuesday 13th April 2021

SEMH

Many children struggle to switch off and fall asleep at night. If that is your child, try one of these Apps -

Pzizz Free, with in-app purchases. The Pzizz app helps you quickly calm your mind, fall asleep fast, stay asleep, and wake up refreshed.

Sleepio Free with In App Purchases. Sleepio is an online sleep improvement programme fall asleep faster, stay asleep through the night.