




## Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

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

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### 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](mailto:helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk) or [helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto: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/>

### SEMH

Do you have a child diagnosed with ADHD? Is your child struggling to cope with lockdown or the thought of returning to school?

The ADHD foundation website has a range of information, stories and booklets that can be used to support your child's understanding. Their website is <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk>

If you select the option 'ADHD and me' the resources can be found at the bottom of the page. There is also a section for parents and carers.

### 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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>

### Family Learning workshops

Have you heard about the Family Learning workshops for parents? They are packed full of ideas to support home learning. The following workshops are running through February and March

Help your child with Early Writing

Help your child with Early Maths

Help your child with Phonics

All families need to do to sign up to the workshops is to complete their online enrolment form [bit.ly/FLspring](http://bit.ly/FLspring) and they will send a link to access the sessions. As well as these workshops, there are exciting plans for Story telling week and possible 'Crafternoons'

[Blackpool Council Adult Learning | Courses](#)

### Cognition and Learning

The National Literacy Trust have created an online library to support schools and families, they are offering free virtual books, activities and advice.

[Words for Life | National Literacy Trust | Words for Life](#)

Numicon is an approach to teaching maths that helps your child to see connections between numbers. It is a **multi-sensory** way of learning, which means your child learns by seeing and feeling. Numicon are currently offering a free activity book to download.

[Numicon guide for parents | Oxford Owl](#)