



SEND

Parent carer newsletter



SEND Newsletter- Friday 8 December 2023

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British Sign Language Advent calendar!

Catch up with the first 8 days of BSL festive signs and learn a new sign every day.

You can learn 24 festive signs including 'father Christmas', 'snowman', and 'elf'.

See the sign of the day on Families First social media or find the full compilation here: [NELC SEND Local Offer | British Sign Language Advent Calendar! – NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Local story

Understanding myself programme rolled out to local professionals.

Understanding Myself is a six-week programme developed specifically for young people between the ages of 14 and 17 who either have a neurodevelopmental diagnosis or are experiencing traits associated with a neurodevelopmental diagnosis.

The programme is being taught to local professionals so they can deliver it independently with those they support.

Learn more about the programme and read the positive feedback it receives.

[NELC SEND Local Offer | Understanding Myself Programme – NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Preparing for Christmas: Autism resources

The Christmas period can be a very exciting but often stressful time of the year for many autistic people. It can be a time with lots of change, social interaction and expectations.

National Autistic Society has compiled a range of resources with quick tips, sensory saviours, real-life stories, dealing with anxiety around the festive period and more.

[Preparing for Christmas: autism resources](#)

Haven Hearts Christmas events for SEND

Haven Hearts has an upcoming Christmas event.

Saturday 16 December, 2-4pm.



**The Haven Hearts
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 16th December
2023
2pm – 4pm
Free Entrance**

Entertainment be the Haven Hearts kids
and Parents Group

Lucy and Elaine's famous Tombola

Dan the man singing

Bingo at 3pm

Bric a Brac stall

Tea and cake £1

Cake stall

Raffle

**Come along and enjoy
a Christmas cheer!**

They also have a group for parents caring for those with additional needs.

- The Haven Methodist Church
- Lord Street, Grimsby, DN31 2NF
- Time: Friday 9.30am—12pm

Welcome to the

Haven Hearts

Parents and Informal Carers Group

Supporting Families of Adults with Additional Need



Come along to a warm and friendly coffee morning, meet new people, relax and feel supported whilst caring for Adult Kids and the challenges we face. Some of our loved ones are supported at home and some in Supported Living - no matter what your role is in their lives come and join us. We welcome all new comers and we 'Also laugh a lot too when we can' 😊

The Haven Methodist Church



Lord Street, Grimsby, DN31 2NF

Time: Friday 9.30am—12pm



If you are a young person with SEND aged 16+, you can join their social group.

- The Haven Methodist Church
- Lord Street, Grimsby, DN31 2NF
- Time: Thursday 4.30pm—7pm
- For more details please Contact: Mazzy 07543533282

Welcome to the Haven Hearts

Thursday Night Social Evening for
Adults (16+) with Additional needs



Come and join in the fun if you are 16+ with additional
needs, come along and meet new people

Ringo, Games and Disco and Karaoke and lots more



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SEN Play session

SEN Play Session at [The Magical Castle](#)

12 December from 5:30-7pm.



HAF Activities

Climb4

Holiday Activities link for free school meal places is being sent out.

Please look out for an email from: hello@holidayactivities.com so you do not miss out!

Climb 4 Christmas Holiday Club COMING SOON to 4 venues across Grimsby and Immingham

- The Tiger Club – Ages 5-11 years
- The Respect Club – Ages 11-16 years
- Pilgrim Academy
- Bert Boyden Community Centre
- Shalom Youth Centre
- Centre4

PAID places are available to book now

Please visit www.bookwhen/climb.co.uk

For additional information, questions or queries please contact info@climb4.co.uk

Sussex Pavilion

#HAF2023 Club at [The Pavilion, Sidney Sussex Recreation Ground](#)

Sussex Pavilion Christmas HAF club is now on the booking system.

Eligible families will have started receiving emails or text messages for [HolidayActivities.com](https://www.holidayactivities.com) which contains a HAF voucher code.

Please book your funded space following the instructions set from www.holidayactivities.com



Free SEND support and resources

Did you know [Contact – For families with disabled children](#) offer 1-1 telephone appointments with a family support adviser for parent carers looking for a listening ear, reassurance and practical and emotional support?

Disability Living Allowance Guides from [Contact – For families with disabled children](#)

You might be struggling emotionally and looking for strategies to help you cope. Or maybe you just need to talk to someone who understands the extra challenges you face and who can point you in the right direction to get the support you need for your family.

You can book an appointment using the link below

[Listening Ear \(contact.org.uk\)](https://www.contact.org.uk)

Free e-learning course: Holistic Outcomes in Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans from the [Council for Disabled Children](#)



Holistic Outcomes in Education, Health and Care Plans

This is a freely available, self-guided course. This training is aimed at anyone who has a personal or professional interest in understanding the EHC plan process.

Topics include:

- Aspirations
- Outcomes from children, young people and family perspectives
- Outcomes from professional perspectives, including writing SMART outcomes
- Legal considerations
- Annual Reviews

UNITED FOR DISABLED CHILDREN



SEND Christmas Disco

December 12 from 6pm-8pm

Book your place: [Climb 4 Limited – Training Education and Arts – Booking by Bookwhen](#)



CLIMB 4
Christmas Disco

Climb 4 are excited to invite you to join and have fun at our SEND and SEMH Christmas Disco. Get involved with our fun & festive games and activities. Whether crafting, having a sing along or just dancing. Come and have fun!

Activities to include:

- Craft table
- Bingo
- Raffle

REGISTER HERE:
www.bookwhen.com/climb4.com

For more information please contact:
• Tel: 07548825027 • Email: info@climb4.co.uk

TICKET PRICES:
UNDER 5'S GO FREE
FAMILY MEMBERS/ CARERS £5.00
CHILDREN OVER FIVE £3.00

The Main Hall at
Centra,
12A Weston Road,
Bridgely, BN20 1HE

Tuesday 12th
December
2023

6:00pm
to
8:00pm

SHINE

Preparing for adulthood- Ask Annie



Email: askannie@nelincs.gov.uk

Text: **07595 122306**

Are you a young person with Special Educational Needs?

Do you have any questions about post 16 education, training and employment or do you want to know more about preparing for adulthood?

You can always "Ask Annie" about...

- **Planning for the future**
- **Employment**
- **Transport**
- **Leaving school & starting college**
- **Daytime activities**
- **Health**
- **Training & work experience**
- **Living independently**

Find out more about preparing for adulthood and transitions. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Preparing for adulthood \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Your Parent Carer Forum- NELPCF

NELPCF is a collective group of parents passionate about driving positive change, we have come together to rebuild a Parent Carer Forum. Our aim is to be a true representation of the voices of parent carers of children with additional needs and disabilities. We strive to have a positive impact on the planning and provision of services and decision making for the families of North East Lincolnshire- now, and in the future.



Find out more about the forum and how to get involved by visiting their Facebook [North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum | Grimsby | Facebook](#), or the [NELPCF website](#).

SENDIASS

SENDIASS provide support for SEND, across education, health and social care.



[Sendiass North East Lincolnshire | Facebook](#)

Contact SENDIASS:

Call- 01472 326363

Email- ask@nelsendiass.org.uk

[SENDIASS](#) website

To receive this newsletter by email please contact lauren.thompson2@nelincs.gov.uk.

If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help. Please don't hesitate to email sen@nelincs.gov.uk. We always try to make sure that children and parents/carers voices are heard.

These Weekly SEND parent/carers newsletters are shared with teams within education, health and social care as well as parents/carers SENCOs, the DfE and local charities.

If parents/carers or young people over 16 do not have access to the internet or if they prefer to receive paper copies only please contact sen@nelincs.gov.uk.