

SEND

Parent carer newsletter



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SEND Award Ceremony



SEND took centre stage on Friday 8 July at the 2022 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Award Ceremony. The ceremony was suggested and planned by local children and young people who wanted something positive and uplifting to represent local SEND. The occasion is themed 'a night at the movies'.

150 people from across the borough coming together to support the winners and join in the fun. Special guests included The Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of North East Lincolnshire, Councillor Steve Beasant, Councillor Margaret Cracknell, Portfolio Holder for Children and young people, and ex-Grimsby Town Player Graham Rodger, Chief Executive Officer at Grimsby Town Sports and Education Trust.



They were joined by children and young people from local groups such as Youth Action, and Green Influencers to enjoy and present awards for deserving winners from across the borough.

Pictures from the ceremony will be uploaded to the Local Offer.

Dancing kept simple at Simply Dance

Do you know about Simply Dance? It's dancing kept simple. No exams, no competitions, no pressure. "We simply offer good fun and memorable times, with friends old and new, for children of all ages." Take dance lessons in ballet, tap, and acrobatics.

Jayne is a local mum who runs Simply Dance. She has a great story about how dance was a safe place for her where she could feel confident about her abilities when other places like school and peer groups were difficult. She shared with us how she learned, through her own experience, about the importance of positive mentorship and for children to have someone that believes in them. Because of her experiences through life, she 'gives every child a chance to have spot at the front', doesn't pick favourites, never pressures students to perform or compares one child to another. Read her story on the Local Offer.

["There's lots to be happy about". James and Jaynes SEND story Part 1](#)

- [Simply Dance | Facebook](#)
- Call 07446 409214
- Email simply_dance@icloud.com

Grimsby Creates, supported employment opportunity for young creatives



Grimsby Creates, funded by Arts Council England and DCNF, is one of five places across England to received funding to support local creatives to further their passion as a career.

We have many young creative people with SEND in our borough who would like to further themselves in creative employment routes.

Two entrepreneurs already involved in the project identify as neurodiverse. They run an art gallery and practice stand-up comedy.

The talent are paid a fair wage for their time by local organisations that hire them and they are then reimbursed for the cost through the funding. This gives new local businesses a chance to employ new talent and offers creatives a leg up to start building their portfolio of work and establish themselves.

Find out more from [Grimsby Creates](#).

Wellness support for your child



Summer holidays can be a fun time for children. It's also a break from their usual routine, it might mean that they spend more time doing things independently, changes in their peer groups, activities, and thoughts about upcoming changes in the new school year.

Did you know that we commission a service called Kooth which provides safe, free, online professional counselling for young people? They also have other help like peer support through forums and live webinars that cover common challenges like social pressures, transitions, starting Secondary and more.

Local youth mental health provider, Young Minds Matter, have online workshops for young people. [Online Workshops :: Lincolnshire Young Minds \(lpft.nhs.uk\)](#).

Your child can also find information about common topics that affect young people on The Mix. They have recently published an article on Disability Rights. [Disability rights | Disability activism | The Mix](#)

WANTED! Parent representatives



Parent carer representatives are needed to co-produce the autism strategy that will be going out to consultation soon.

If you are the parent of someone with autism who is over the age of 18 we would like to work with you to create the new autism strategy. The autism strategy gives our services a strong direction to help adults with autism lead happy and fulfilling lives. Your experience is the expertise that we need to help to make our offer better for all local people.

You are needed right now so please get in touch soon to find out more.

Please contact Angie Kershaw at angie.kershaw1@nhs.net.

School Holiday Activities



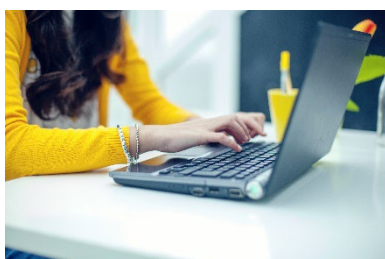
Free holiday activities and food for children that get free school meals with the HAF programme.

[School holiday activities - NELC | NELC \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Find more activities from Families First, the Trin, Centre4, and on the Community Spotlight Calendar.

- [Families First | Facebook](#)
- [The Trin | Facebook](#)
- [Home - Centre 4](#)
- [Community Spotlight - NELC | NELC \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

How to cope when your child can't



Parenting and caring for a child who is struggling to cope can be painful and stressful, and can make it very hard to enjoy life yourself. Feelings of blame, guilt, sorrow, despair, fear, and frustration may be swirling around alongside a desperate desire to cure their pain.

This **free session** used the latest evidence-based research, and examples from parents, to help us understand what we can and cannot do; to help us to accept any distress, worry, anxiety, sadness or loss of control in our situations; to see that we can tolerate these things; and to know that there are ways to move forward.

[How to Cope When Your Child Can't: How parents can help themselves and each other - recording - ACAMH](#)

NELPCF

Join the NELPCF parent carer drop-in session.

Meet other parent carers and find out what they are doing.

Visit their website. [NELPCF](#)

SENDIASS

SENDIASS had two successful drop-in events at Centre4 Community Hub. They held a general drop-in session for parent carers to speak about their needs and understand how SENDIASS can help. They also held specific training for children with additional needs that do not have an EHC Plan.

What's coming up? Why not meet the SENDIASS team at the Immingham Summer Wellbeing event. Check their Facebook for more updates. [\(20+\) Sendiass North East Lincolnshire | Facebook](#)

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