



# SEND

## Parent carer newsletter



This is the SEND Newsletter for 16- 22 May 2022.

## SEND Revisit

Joint area SEND revisit in North East Lincolnshire.

The area has made sufficient progress in addressing all three of the significant weaknesses identified at the initial inspection.

LEADERS, with a 'genuine desire' to work with families, have a 'firm grasp' of what is needed to support young people with special educational needs.

This is one of many areas of praise for members of North East Lincolnshire Council's SEND (special educational needs) team, following a March revisit by Government inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. The team is a part of the authority's Children's Services offer.

Read the Ofsted report from their revisit. [SEND Ofsted report 2022 revisit](#)

## NELPCF

NELPCF is a collective voice for parent carers of children and young people with SEND in North East Lincolnshire. They make sure that parents' views and experiences influence local services to make things better.

The new NELPCF is underway, led by a group of local parents passionate about driving positive change.

If you would like to join then please attend their next forum on 27 May at 10am at Carers Support Centre, Grimsby, DN31 1HY.

No need to register, just drop by. If you have any questions then please call 01472 242277.

Subscribe to NELPCF e-news today by emailing, [nelpcf@gmail.com](mailto:nelpcf@gmail.com).

**WE'RE STRIVING FOR CHANGE**

**NELPCF**  
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE  
PARENT CARER FORUM

**JOIN US!**

- Are you a parent of a child aged 0 - 25 with additional needs?
- Do you live in North East Lincolnshire?

NELPCF are a group of Parent Carers passionate about driving positive change. If you can answer 'yes' to the questions above, we welcome you to join us for an informal chat about what is working well for you and what changes you would like to see in your home town.

**WHERE:** Carers Support Centre, Town Hall Square, Grimsby, DN31 1HY

**WHEN:** 10am Friday 27th May 2022

Want to know more? Call 01472 242277 or just come along!

**MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD**

## SENDIASS



Jayne Parrish, North East Lincolnshire Interim SENDIASS Manager said: “It’s great to see progress has and still is being made.

There is a better working relationship between parents and the local authority which is a great basis to move forward.

SENDIASS will always maintain to be that impartial advice service and will encourage the development of the co-production working.

The local offer has been improved and is a good source of information.

There seems to be a better understanding with all professionals across education, health and social care, about SEND and the wider issues for families.

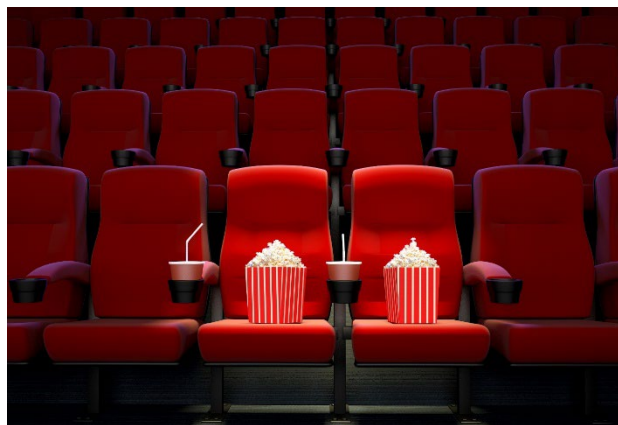
SENDIASS is pleased that significant progress has been made – we are looking forward to build on that progress, so our families in the area can benefit.

## → Transitions

Once new school places are confirmed, families start thinking about the transition, from practical ones about drop-off and pick-up, uniform and homework, to concerns about their child making friends or settling with their new teacher.

Check out our page on changing schools, key stages or classes, transition planning and moving to the next stage of education. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Changing schools, key stages or classes \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/nelc-sen-send-local-offer-changing-schools-key-stages-or-classes)

## Watch ENCANTO



Watch Encanto FOR JUST TWO cans of food.

Welcome to the CANS film festival 2022. Enjoy a family film while helping a great cause.

Bring two cans of food per person. This means a family of four could get have a family day out for just 8 cans of food that will be donated to We Are ONE Foundation.

The film will be shown on Sunday 22 May at 11am.

Tickets can only be collected in person at the cinema with your donation. Donations are now being selected during box office hours to secure your tickets in advance.

[Parkway Cinemas | Facebook](#)

Anyone facing hunger can contact We Are ONE Foundation on 01472 596290 or visit [www.weareonefoundation.co.uk](http://www.weareonefoundation.co.uk).

### **Sensory cinema**

Speaking of the cinema. There is a separate event on 18 June which is a SEND friendly sensory cinema at the Grimsby Minster, St James Church in Grimsby.

Get your tickets, [Sensory Cinema - Mingle with Moana | CineShow](#)

## **Cheaper broadband and phone for struggling families**



Social tariffs can provide a safety net for eligible households who might be struggling to afford their broadband or phone services.

[Cheaper broadband and phone packages - Ofcom](#)

## **Inclusive SEND events**

Next week there is a host of fun events taking place in our area. Our Future Starts Here, Grimsby explores important issues of our time with a bold programme of cultural events to inspire, educate and surprise.

**Our Future Starts Here, Friday 27th – Sunday 29th May**  
Find out more at [www.ourfuturestartshere.co.uk](http://www.ourfuturestartshere.co.uk)

These events include impressive outdoor performances and installations from leading UK artists, thought-provoking talks and hands-on workshops to inspire the next generation.

This includes acts that are suitable for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and have performers with SEND.

1. Volo: Dreams of Flight - a virtual reality swing - one of them is suitable for Wheelchair users
2. Strong Lady (Sunday), is a RELAXED performances
3. Frock by Stopgap Dance is the diverse company with disabled performers

4. Most of the outdoor programme is fully accessible

## Cleethorpes adapted beach buggies on BBC

Did you know that we have adapted beach buggies for people with mobility issues?

[NELC SEND Local Offer | Cleethorpes beach buggies on BBC News \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

## Teen life



Teen Life is a six-session programme **free** of cost for parent carers of young people aged 10-16 with a diagnosis of an Autistic Spectrum Condition.

Teen Life is offered by NELC Community Educational Psychology Service, autism experienced, professionals who have been trained and licensed by The National Autistic Society's Licensed Training team to run the programme for families in their local

area.

Session last for two and a half hours.

Three places are allocated on the Teen Life Programme. There are two for parent carers and one for a professional if you would like to bring one.

Topics include understanding autism in teenagers, women and girls, self-esteem, spending time with other people, stress and anxiety, behaviours, puberty, independence skills, education strategies and planning for their future.

For further information access the National Autistic Society.

Interested? Email [EPtraining@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:EPtraining@nelincs.gov.uk).

Schools and other professionals please support your parents and carers wishing to express interest in participating in the Teen Life programme by emailing, [EPtraining@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:EPtraining@nelincs.gov.uk), or visit [Educational psychology support for parents and carers - NELC | NELC \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#).

## Autism in Schools May update

The Autism in Schools parent carer forum met again on Tuesday 17 May.

It was a successful forum where parent carers shared their views. We also heard more about how Compass GO are facilitating engagement with children and young people. When we capture the voice of the child what we offer them improves, it also increases our understanding of their wants and needs and increases their confidence.

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The Autism in Schools book club read chapter 3: Enthusiasms of Uniquely Human.

Dr Prizant highlighted the importance of enthusiasms in the life of children with autism. He shared case studies which detailed how important it was to build on children's enthusiasms to engage them in their learning, to communicate with them, and to build on connections.

This quote sums up the chapter, "Children with autism develop all kinds of enthusiasms, talking non-stop about or focusing endlessly on subjects like skyscrapers, animal species, geography, particular kinds of music, sunrise and sunset times, or turnpike exits. Perhaps focusing on one topic gives the child a sense of control, of predictability and security in a world that can be unpredictable and feel scary."

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

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