



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 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/>

ChatterPack is a voluntary-run, special educational needs and disabilities hub. <https://chatterpack.net/>

SEMH

Many children experience negative thoughts, and it is important that as parents and teachers we support the child or young person in managing them. Here are a few suggested apps that you could encourage your child to use if you feel they are struggling with negative thoughts -

Super Slime Simulator for KS1 & 2

Anti-Stress 3D for KS1 & 2.

Wysa: Mental Health Support for upper KS2 & KS 3 upwards

Catch it – KS3 +

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
- Tuesday 11th May 2021
- Tuesday 8th June 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>

Communication and Interaction

DLD stands for Developmental, Language Disorder. Having DLD means your child may have difficulties with understanding and/or using language. They may not talk as much as other children as they may struggle to find words to express themselves and may not always understand what has been said to them. To learn more about DLD, first-hand from children who have been diagnosed watch the following 5-minute videos on YouTube

- DLD and me
- This is me and DLD
- Signs of DLD
- Living with DLD as a teenager



Preparing your children for the return to school

As we look towards school reopening to all children and young people, our children may be experience worries and some anxiety about being back in school or being in a bigger class if they have already been in school. The Mental Health Foundation, Scotland are able to offer some practical advice for parents and care for supporting children and young people go back to face to face learning. [Tips for parents and caregivers – preparing your child to return to school | Mental Health Foundation](#)

Young Minds are also offering parents and families support [Supporting a child returning to school after lockdown \(youngminds.org.uk\)](#)