

# Good to Know

8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Working with Families News

News:	For more info:
Up-to-date local information on <b>COVID-19</b> can be found on Council's website	<a href="#">Sandwell Latest</a>
<b>MORE DATES ADDED DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND.</b> Would you like to become a <b>Changes Parenting Practitioner</b> and support families with children aged 0-19? Book a place and receive high quality resources to support you in helping parents develop skills in managing behaviour, communicating effectively, routines, online safety and much more. Simply log onto the booking page and sign up for the core and common course and then select either one or more of the specialist age ranges. The training is currently <b>free</b> . All resources will be posted beforehand.	<a href="https://bookwhen.com/parentsupport">https://bookwhen.com/parentsupport</a>
<b>Changes Antenatal</b> is being offered as both a three-week virtual course and as a distant-learning programme. If you know anyone who lives in Sandwell and is expecting a baby encourage them to book a place. Check out the <b>sessions for Grandparents-to-be</b> too!	<a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes">https://bookwhen.com/changes</a>
<b>More Pop-Up Vaccination clinics</b> in Sandwell are announced, including at The Hawthorns.	<a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6069/more-pop-up-covid-19-vaccine-clinics-in-sandwell-announced-including-the-hawthorns">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6069/more-pop-up-covid-19-vaccine-clinics-in-sandwell-announced-including-the-hawthorns</a>
Net aware has produced a guide to using the <b>Lego-Life App</b> . LEGO Life is a creative app that allows users to share their LEGO builds and join in with build challenges. Users can post pictures of their builds to the app and comment on posts using app specific emojis. You cannot make your profile private, so all users of the app can see your posts.	<a href="https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/lego-life/">https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/lego-life/</a>
Having <b>strong passwords helps to keep children's accounts secure</b> and helping them create a strong password will empower them with good habits as their online activities grow. The NSPCC has produced a guide for parents with tips on how to create strong, secure passwords and how to keep them safe.	<a href="https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/how-to-create-strong-passwords-online/">https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/how-to-create-strong-passwords-online/</a>
<b>Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children</b> has published its newsletter for July.	<a href="https://www.spdc.org/uncategorized/parent-carer-newsletter-july-2021/">https://www.spdc.org/uncategorized/parent-carer-newsletter-july-2021/</a>

<p><b>NSPCC Learning</b> has launched an updated version of its online child protection training course for people who work or volunteer with children in sport or other physical activities. The course is designed to help adults understand their role in and responsibility for protecting the children they come into contact with.</p>	<p><a href="https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/child-protection-safeguarding-sport">https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/child-protection-safeguarding-sport</a></p>
<p>Families, communities and local organisations across Sandwell are working together to provide eligible children and young people between the ages of 5 and 15 years with fun activities as part of the @educationgov <b>Holiday Activities and Food programme (#HAF2021)</b>. The booking of events will go live on 12 July 2021.</p>	<p>To find out if your family is eligible, and to register your interest:</p> <p><a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/homepage/298/holiday-activities-and-food">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/homepage/298/holiday-activities-and-food</a></p>
<p><b>Go Play Sandwell</b> will be out and about in parks and open spaces, popping up with planned play sessions, play bombing. Who knows where they will turn up. They'll be celebrating Playday, the national day for play, on Wednesday, 4 August, encouraging families and small groups of friends to grab a picnic, pick a park and play. Plus, there are regular zoom sessions for those that might not be able to get out and about.</p>	<p>All these activities are FREE so check out</p> <p><a href="https://goplaysandwell.co.uk/">https://goplaysandwell.co.uk/</a> or follow them @goplaysandwell on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to find out when and where sessions will take place</p>
<p>Don't forget that Sandwell Leisure Trust offers <b>free swimming</b> during the school holidays for under-16s who live in the Borough. Click on the link to register.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.slt-leisure.co.uk/free-swimming-in-sandwell/">https://www.slt-leisure.co.uk/free-swimming-in-sandwell/</a></p>
<p>Explore the Black Country with the '<b>Go Explore' App</b>. The games and guided trails have been designed for families to enjoy together. Find a fairy or a dinosaur and answer the questions about your location.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.activeblackcountry.co.uk/what-we-do/communities/love-exploring-app/">https://www.activeblackcountry.co.uk/what-we-do/communities/love-exploring-app/</a></p>
<p><b>Traffic management measures</b> are being put in place from 15th July-3<sup>rd</sup> September as part of a major scheme to upgrade the electricity network in the Oldbury-Tividale area.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6073/improving-and-protecting-our-electricity-supply-lane-closures-and-temporary-traffic-signals-in-oldbury-tividale-from-15-july-to-3-september">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6073/improving-and-protecting-our-electricity-supply-lane-closures-and-temporary-traffic-signals-in-oldbury-tividale-from-15-july-to-3-september</a></p>
<p>There are several <b>vacancies in the Voluntary and Community</b> sector advertised on SCVO's website.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.scvo.info/category/vacancies/">https://www.scvo.info/category/vacancies/</a></p>
<p>If you would like to promote services or information in this newsletter or share a good news story, please contact the team.</p>	<p>Parent Support Team <a href="mailto:parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk">parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</a></p>