

# SEND Parent carer newsletter



Monday, 14 March to Sunday 20 March, 2022.

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### **SENDIASS Update**

SENDIASS is preparing to move provider from Barnardo's to NELC.

Letters went out to all open cases on Tuesday 15

March, 2022 asking for permission to share information with the new provider of SENDIASS from Friday 1 April, 2022.

The letter outlines where permission is granted that these files will be transferred to the new provider, and where it is not, then the files will be closed and retained/deleted in line with Barnardo's retention and deletion policy. Service users have till Tuesday 22 March to reply.

SENDIASS will continue to take enquiries/referrals until Monday 21 March. Families will be told about the move and asked how they would like to proceed.

Any enquiries received after this date will be signposted if they are a general enquiry, or will be asked to contact the new service on Friday 1 April if they would like individual support.

From Tuesday 22 March Barnardo's will start preparing case files for transfer so active case work on open cases will not be possible.



## Autism Acceptance Week

The 60th anniversary of World Autism Acceptance Week runs from Monday 28 March- Sunday 3 April, 2022.

Parent carers told us that they want everyone in the borough to be more aware of SEND.

We listened to what you said and are brining a great list of books relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental needs to local libraries.

There are books for children, young people, their siblings and peers, as well as parent carers and professionals.

Read the full book list. **NELC SEND Local Offer | Books about SEND** (nelincs.gov.uk)

This is a great chance to bring parent carers and professionals together and raise the profile of SEND as professionals can host the book club in their setting.

Join us at one of our pop-up events at a library near you to meet the team and check out the books.

#### Library pop-up events

- 28/03/22 09:30-11:30 Cleethorpes Library
- 29/03/22 09:30-11:30 Waltham Library
- 30/03/22 09:30-11:30 Grimsby Library
- 31/03/22 09:30-11:30 Immingham Library



# Parent, baby and toddler group at the YMCA

Join a parent, baby and toddler group at the YMCA, 21 Freeman Street, Grimsby, DN32 7AB.

The group beings on Monday, 28 March, 2022. It runs every Monday, except bank holidays from 09:30-11:30am.

Join in for play time with toys, messy play, songs and stories with refreshments for you and your child.

For more information, please contact the reception at the YMCA on 01472 403020.



# You said, we did. Access Pathway

We have been working with parent carers on an ongoing basis to improve the Access Pathway. We are pleased to show how far we've come to review, develop and improve the Access Pathway with your help.

We have added a new section at the bottom of the page called 'Working with us. How have we improved the Access Pathway?' Read about all things that we have done based on your feedback.

NELC SEND Local Offer | Access pathway (nelincs.gov.uk)



# Autism friendly shopping at ASDA

ASDA Grimsby has picture and symbol boards with common grocery items like bread and milk to help your child with SEND join in the shopping experience.

"They were created by our brilliant Middlesbrough colleague Jenny Barnett, whose five-year-old son Charlie has non-verbal autism, to keep children interested and engaged during their shopping trips."

Find out more. Jenny's Happy Little Helpers will make shopping easier for autistic children (asda.com)- external site

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/carer 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.