



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter


Supporting schools and home learning for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

Summer Term

1st July 2021



Useful Websites

 <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>
 <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

SEMH

Here are some great ideas of activities for you to access over the Summer holidays.

- Movement Monday [a to z movement activities for young kids | Teacher Angie LECCO \(angeliquefelix.com\)](#)
- Turn-taking Tuesday [How To Develop Turn-Taking – Practical Ideas and Resources \(lucysanctuary.com\)](#)
- Wellbeing Wednesday [Wellbeing activities for kids stuck indoors | 5 Minute Fun](#)
- Thoughtful Thursday [100 Acts of Kindness for Kids | Coffee Cups and Crayons](#)
- First Time Friday [100 Summer Activities for Kids: Boredom Be Gone! \(healthyhappyimpactful.com\)](#)
- Sensory Saturday [20 Sensory Activities for Kids \(thesprucecrafts.com\)](#)
- Celebration Sunday [9 Games To Help Your Child Develop and Improve Self-Reflection \(kidsconnect.com\)](#)

Summer Holidays Activities

Maintaining a routine during the summer holidays is a challenge for any parent, but daily activities at home can be fun way to nurture your child's instinctive curiosity and learn new things together. [20 Summer Holiday Activities - Keep Learning Going - The Elms \(trentschools.net\)](#)

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 13th July 2021

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

Tuesday 7th September 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>

The Blackpool Parent Forum

The Blackpool Parent Forum consists of a group of parents and carers of disabled children and young people, aged 0-25. They represent the parent and carer voice for those with children who have special educational needs and disabilities aged from birth to 25. They aim to ensure that local services in the area meet the needs of disabled children/young and their families. Visit their web page to find out more.

[Blackpool Parent Forum - Home](#)



Communication and Interaction

DLD Together Project - Afasic have joined with the wonderful Stephen Parsons to develop face to face and video conference training for parents about DLD. Do contact Afasic to find out more.

<https://www.afasic.org.uk/contact/>

Afasic also offer a helpline for parents to help you understand your child's speech, language and communication difficulties.

[Afasic Helpline – a lifeline for parents – Afasic It's never just a sandwich by Emma D \(autisticrightstogether.ie\)](#)

Emma is an adult on the spectrum and a mother of children with autism. Emma has written about meltdowns and how they feel. In her article she describes how it feel from her perspective and how to help your child.



Visual Impairment

[Visual Impairment Awareness Video](#) – Kathryn and her dad made a video about her visual impairment. Kathryn's VI teacher and class teacher used this as part of an awareness session in school. A group of young people have made a short film about their experiences at mainstream secondary school – [watch the "Through their eyes" video or read the transcript](#)

Children's Art Week 2021

Children's Art Week is a UK-wide programme run by Engage, the National Association for Gallery Education. This year it will run over 3 weeks from 28th June till the 18th July.

[Children's Art Week – Engage](#)

The RSPB are holding a children's art competition, visit their website for more details.

[Kids WildArt 2021 Competition - The RSPB Children's Art Week – Engage](#)

