

Newsletter July 2026



Welcome to our newsletter, we hope you all have a lovely summer break. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a [Like](#) 👍

You can access FREE and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with your questions.

Please note that if we are not able to answer your call please do leave a voice message with your name, contact number and post code, and a member of the team will get in touch with you as soon as possible within three working days.



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Walsall SENDIASS New Website:

Walsall SENDIASS have a new and improved website, scan the QR code to view.



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Our Drop-in Sessions

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIASS do?
- Education, Health and Care plans?
- The law on SEND?
- Mediation with the Local Authority?
- Appeals and Tribunals relating to SEND?
- Meetings with school?
- Where to get support?

Come along to our next drop-in session if you require free and impartial information and advice.



Walsall SENDIASS Feedback

 **Thursday 16 July 2026**
1pm–2pm

 **Manor Farm Community Association, King George Crescent, Rushall, WS4 1EU**

At Walsall SENDIASS we would love to hear your feedback on our service.



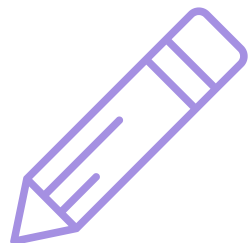
Please scan the QR code below to access our survey.



Our Workshops

At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops every month where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported.

Please join us and improve your knowledge of the law around SEND so you feel more confident in discussions and understanding decisions.



Our upcoming session:

Surviving the Summer Holidays and Activities available



Tuesday the 14 July
10 am–11:30am



Manor Farm Community Centre
(Room 3)
Rushall
WS41EU

You can book a place via Eventbrite.

If you would like to attend scan below:



Upcoming sessions 2026–27

We will be releasing our new Drop-In and Workshop dates in September for September 2026–July 2027 .

It would be great to hear any suggestions of any topics you'd like us to cover in our upcoming workshops or any location ideas, for our drop in sessions.

If you would like to email your ideas across to us at:



Walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk



Summer Holiday Activities



Walsall SENDIASS Summer Event – Princesses and Superheros!

There is still time to book your place at our Summer SEND Event.

Join us for a magical morning filled with fun, activities and the chance to meet with other SEND families in a welcoming and relaxed environment. Whether your child dreams of being a princess, a superhero, or both, we'd love to see them there!

Spaces are limited, so be sure to book your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you there.

 Thursday 6 August
10:30am–12:30pm

 Manor Farm Community Centre
Rushall
WS41EU

You can book a place via Eventbrite.
If you would like to attend scan below:



AGE 2-5 YEARS

SUMMER 'READY TO LEARN' ADVENTURE PASSPORT

FREE

A fun Summer of Learning, Play & Adventure
Help your child get ready for school or childcare while having fun this summer!

What is the Summer Adventure Passport?
The Summer Adventure Passport offers free, fun activities for children aged 2-5 years to enjoy over the summer holidays. Complete activities together, collect stamps, and receive a FREE Ready to Learn bag, with chances to win prizes along the way.

Collect your passport from the 13th July 2026 from a Family Hub or Library

SCAN ME

Short breaks

Short breaks allows families of children and young people with SEND to take a break in their caring responsibilities while encouraging independence and promoting new experiences and friendships for their children.

If you are not sure about whether your child or young person is eligible to access short breaks or would like further information then please [click here!](#)



Helping Hands

Helping Hands offers support, advice and guidance to parents/careers and their families, diagnosed or on a pathway for autism or ADHD.

Helping Hands facilitate TIM workshops (This is Me) these can be face to face or virtual sessions and they focus on understanding behaviours.

If you are interested in finding out more about this service and would like to look at their leaflet and referral form then please [Click here!](#) to view their website.

The Witherslack Group webinar: Transitions and Change Helping SEN Children Adapt



Join their free webinar with Birgit Forstmaier-James, an Occupational Therapist, from the Witherslack Group.

Brigit will be sharing practical tips and supportive strategies to help your child manage transitions and embrace change with greater confidence and resilience – from the summer holidays through to the return to school.

 Wednesday 15 of July 10am–11am

To book a free space [Click here!](#)

The New Art Gallery Walsall

Arts and Craft Activities:

Animal Headbands

Look like your favourite animal by adding funky ears, antlers or horns to a headband.



Wednesday 29 July
11:00am– 15:00pm

Ages 4+

Free, drop-in.



Floral Sun Catchers

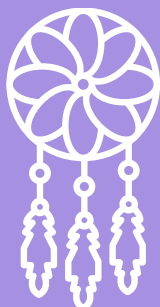
Make and take home a colourful summer sun catcher using pva glue.



Sunday 9 August
12:00pm – 15:00pm

Ages 4+

Free, drop-in.



To view other events on their website please [click here!](#)

The Walsall Light Cinema

The Light cinema offers 'relaxed screening' viewings which are designed for people with sensory sensitivity.

For further information on this and to view showings please [click here!](#)



Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

HAF

Summer 2026

What's on offer this Summer?

This Summer we have lots of exciting & free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 yrs on income based free school meals. The portal will be live from June for you to get booked on.

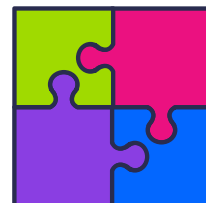
Free activities:
Football, Mobile Youth Bus, Gaming & Coding, Snooker, Performing Arts, Music & DJ and much more!

FREE Healthy Meal

Sign up now!

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Sassy Sensory



Sassy Sensory offer sensory play sessions as well as inclusive swim and sports sessions these sessions are tailored for children with special educational needs and disabilities, offering an inclusive and enjoyable experience for the whole family.

If you would like to join any of these sessions or learn more then you can contact Sassy Sensory via email:



toni@sassysensorysurprises.co.uk

The Walsall Local Offer

The Local Offer website has recently been updated. The Local Offer provides information about help available for children and young people (aged 0–25) with special educational needs and disabilities in Walsall.

Take a look at the Local Offer by scanning the QR code:



A SEND PARENT'S GUIDE: EHCP ANNUAL REVIEWS - MAKING THEM MATTER



This session explores how Annual Reviews work, why they matter, and how they support key transitions. Families will learn how to prepare, contribute effectively, and work with schools and professionals to ensure plans stay relevant and focused on their child's needs.

What The Session Covers:

- What an Annual Review is and why it matters
- Roles of schools, families, and other professionals
- How Annual Reviews link to key transitions (e.g., primary to secondary, post-16)
- How to prepare effectively and contribute as a parent
- Practical ideas and helpful resources

 **9th July 2026**  **10am - 11:30am**

 **Online Via MS Teams**

Use the link or scan the QR to book your place now:
[EHCP Annual Reviews - Making Them Matter](#)





Supported Waiting Parent Network

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?
Come and join us for support while you wait to be seen.

Forthcoming dates for 2026

March 25th

~~April 29th - Cancelled~~

May 27th

June 24th - Venue change - Oakwood School,
Pelsall Lane, WS4 1NG

July 29th

August 26th

For further advice or information,
telephone **01922 656463** or
email pals.officer@nhs.net



 **9.30am-11.30am**

 **Manor Farm Community Association**
King George Crescent, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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GRO Health



GRO is Walsall's Adolescent Healthy Weight Service. They support young people aged 12–25 who live in Walsall and parents/carers of adolescents aged 12–19. GRO covers topics to support nutrition, exercise, sleep and wider wellbeing.

Funded by Walsall Public Health, Walsall's free Healthy Weight Service is here for you and your family with personalised support that fits around your life. Whether you want to join a group in person or online, we'll help you feel confident, energised, and in control of your health.

For further information [click here!](#)



Positive Outcomes Project (POP)

POP is a health and wellbeing service aimed at supporting young people aged 15–25 at various aspects of life.

POP ups are free drop-in sessions for young people to improve their wellbeing, please see their two new POP up sessions below

Wednesdays 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Focus: Loneliness, isolation, social skills, and more.

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Fridays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Focus: Education, employment, and more.

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No need to book, just drop in!

To view their website and full timetable [click here!](#)

Sanctuary Hubs

Feeling lonely, overwhelmed or that things are too much for right now? **The Sanctuary Hubs are here for you.** The Hubs are open for you to drop-in every **Monday - Friday 6.00pm to 11.00pm** and **Saturday and Sunday 12(noon) to 11.00pm**. If you can't visit a Sanctuary Hub you can self-refer or be referred with your consent by contacting the Black Country 24/7 Helpline by phone or text.

Dudley Sanctuary Hub	DY1 Community Centre, Stafford Street Dudley, DY1 1SA
Sandwell Sanctuary Hub	Hope Place, 321 High Street West Bromwich, B70 8LU
Walsall Sanctuary Hub	1 Queen's Parade, Bloxwich Walsall, WS3 2EX
Wolverhampton Sanctuary Hub	84 Salop Street, Wolverhampton, WV3 0SR

If you need urgent help with your mental health or you are struggling to cope, please call NHS 111 and selection Option 2. You can also access this service by texting 07860 025 281

The Kaleidoscope Group
Creating brighter futures together

FACE Walsall Coffee Morning & Breakfast

Join us for a relaxed and friendly morning with other parents and carers of children and young people with SEND.

Tuesday 7 July 2026 at 10:30am

Harvester George Stephenson,
Stephenson Ave, Walsall WS2 7EU

We're delighted to be welcoming representatives from Manor Farm and local schools, giving families a fantastic opportunity to meet education professionals, ask questions, learn more about available support, and build connections within the community.

Enjoy breakfast, a hot drink, and friendly conversation in a welcoming environment.

You can book a place via Eventbrite. If you would like to attend scan below:

