

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and new year!

We will still be monitoring the Local offer mailbox throughout the festive period however our replies may be slower.

SIAS Drop-in Sessions



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Please note that from January 2026, SIAS Drop-in sessions will change to fortnightly **Thursday** afternoons. Come along to speak to us on the below dates:

12:30 - 3:30pm
Swindon Central Library
Town Centre
SN1 1QG

Term 3:	Term 4:
15 January 2026	26 February 2026
29 January 2026	12 March 2026
12 February 2026	26 March 2026

SIAS
SEND Information Advice & Support

SEND Information Advice & Support (SIAS) are running drop-in sessions fortnightly throughout Term 3 and 4. The sessions are on a Thursday afternoon from 12:30-3:30pm at Swindon Central Library, Town Central, SN1 1QG.

Contact the SEND Service



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641
Lines are open Monday to Thursday
8am-5pm and 8am-4.30pm on Friday.



Alternatively, you can email
SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk



For more information, please visit the
Meet the SEND Service page on the
Local Offer -

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20208/what_is_the_local_offer/1462/meet_the_send_service

Events:

Branches Support Group

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Swindon SEND Families Voice
run Branches Support groups
for parents and carers of
children and young people with
SEND.

Their next event is on Tuesday
20th of January 10-11:30 am.

It is being held at the Coleview
Community Centre, Towcester
Suite, Towcester Road,
Swindon SN3 4AS.



BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME

Tel: 01486 873405
Email: swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com

BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

When? Tuesday 20th January 2026
Time? 10am - 11.30am
Where? Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Suite, Towcester Road, Swindon SN3 4AS
Guest Speakers: Milly Moffatt, GP specialising in neurodevelopmental conditions. Sue Barnes, School & Bladder Specialist Nurse
Working Together: Strengthening Support, Reaching Out.

Swindon SEND Families Voice



PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY EVENT

Information Session with Kirk Anderson
We are delighted to be hosting an online event with Kirk Anderson, who will be running a session on Mental Health in Neurodivergent Children.

WHEN? Wednesday 14th January
WHERE? Microsoft Teams
TIME? 6.30pm-8pm

Who is this event for?
-Parents of children with diagnosed or undiagnosed conditions. It is aimed at supporting parents/carers and how they can help their neurodivergent children at home
-Professionals or volunteers who work with children or young people with SEND.

In attendance:
Kirk Anderson is a Learning Disability Nurse with 30 years' experience of working with autistic young people and those with a learning disability. He is currently the Specialist Keyworker in the IC's Keyworker service, working with autistic young people and those with a learning disability, up to the age of 25, who are at risk of a mental health admission.

Meeting information:
Meeting ID: 934 916 070 242 3
Passcode: n2ox27

Kirk Anderson - Mental Health In Neurodivergent Children.

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Jodie Clarke - Neurodivergent Burnout And Its Impact

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The next session is:
Monday 23rd February 6:30-8pm. The meeting will be held on Microsoft teams.

Meeting ID: 936 742 756 852 4
Passcode: sv6pH3



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COMMUNITY EVENT

Information Session with Jodie Clarke
We are delighted to be hosting an online event with Jodie Clarke, who will be running a session on Neurodivergent Burnout and the impact it has on children and their abilities to thrive at school.

WHEN? Monday 23rd February
WHERE? Microsoft Teams
TIME? 6.30pm-8pm

Who is this event for?
Parents of children with diagnosed or undiagnosed conditions. Professionals or volunteers who work with children or young people with SEND.

In attendance:
Jodie Clarke who is an independent specialist working with autistic children, their families and their schools. Her services are bespoke to individual families to ensure needs are positively identified, understood, accepted and supported.

Meeting information:
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<https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364>
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