

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Mobiloo

Mobiloo is an accessible toilet/changing place that is available for hire for events in the community to provide the same opportunities for residents with additional needs.

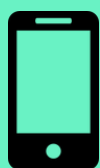
Inside the Mobiloo there is:

- a changing bed (suitable for both adults and children): height adjustable, waterproof, and suitable for use with a shower or as a shallow bath
- an accessible toilet with grab rails and a ceiling track hoist, the toilet uses a low-flow single flush for sustainability
- an accessible sink for those both in a wheelchair and standing
- an electronically controlled ceiling track hoist to transfer users onto the changing bed or toilet

RADAR Key access to allow independent use anytime, ensuring privacy and convenience for all users

To find out more or to make a booking please email: [mobiloo@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:mobiloo@swindon.gov.uk)

## Contact the SEND Service



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641  
Lines are open Monday to Thursday  
9am-5pm and 9am-4.30pm on Friday.



Alternatively, you can email  
[SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk](mailto: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](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20208/what_is_the_local_offer/1462/meet_the_send_service)

## Events:



## SEND Stay & Play Support Group

For Children aged 0-5 with SEND

Every Thursday 10am-12pm at The Meadow, Leigh Road, Swindon SN2 5DE

Please note parents/ carers are responsible for their young people and are expected to stay for the session

## Screen Time Guidance

The Government has recently released guidelines on screen time for children ages 0 - 5 years. The guide is to help support parents and carers with shaping healthy screen time habits for their children.

The guidelines include a range of topics such as:

- How much screen time should my child have?
- What content is better?
- How does my own screen use affect my child?
- When and where is okay for my child to use screens?
- My child has SEND. Is the advice the same for us?
- Safe Screen Swaps

To read more click [here](#)



Check out our useful bite-sized videos on the **Local Offer YouTube channel**.

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

Subscribe and give your feedback.

## Parent Workshops

The Swindon Educational Psychology Service are running a series of free online parent workshops.. The workshops are aimed at parents and carers of children and young people and focus on themes that we know are frequently raised by families, including sleep, anxiety, online safety, school attendance, exam stress and transitions. They are designed to be supportive, practical and accessible, and open to all parents and carers.

**Helping your child get better sleep**

**Course Dates:** Friday 17th April  
**Times:** 10:00am to 12:00pm  
**Location:** Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, explores why good-quality sleep is so important for children's wellbeing, learning, and emotional regulation. We'll look at how sleep and stress affect the developing brain, common sleep difficulties, and what helps, including routines, environment, and reassurance. The session also shares practical, easy-to-use strategies you can try at home to support healthier sleep patterns.

By the end of the course, you will:

- improve your understanding of why good-quality sleep matters for your child's wellbeing and learning
- be more confident using simple strategies at home to support healthier sleep routines

To request a place on this course:

01793 466482  
acl@swindon.gov.uk

Find details of more Adult Community Learning courses using the QR code above or [www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning)

\* To be eligible to enrol on these free courses you need to: be over 19 years old as of 31st August 2022; have the right to reside in the UK; or be an asylum seeker and have applied for asylum more than 6 months ago; be unemployed, or working and earning less than £2,726 a year.  
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**Helping your child to stay safe online**

**Course Dates:** Friday 24th April  
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**Location:** Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, explores how the online world affects children and young people, including their three core psychological needs, the constant presence of the virtual world, and how technology can influence developing brains. We'll look at the four main types of digital harm, alongside the many positives that technology can offer. The session will also share practical strategies and advice to help you support your child in staying safe, balanced, and confident online.

By the end of the course, you will:

- have a clearer understanding of how the online world affects your child
- be more confident using practical strategies to help your child stay safe online

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## Assistive Technology Software Spotlight

As part of the Change Partnership Programme, Swindon Borough Council has established an Assistive Technology Lending Library specifically for SENDCOs to utilise in their schools. This library provides a wide range of equipment and software, including Read & Write.

Read & Write is a comprehensive literacy aid designed to improve reading and writing skills. It includes features such as text-to-speech, word prediction, translation, and a dictionary, making it ideal for both independent and guided learning. This resource is especially beneficial for students needing extra support including those with English as an additional language. Within the Assistive Technology Lending Library there are laptops and ipads which can be borrowed to install Read & Write.

Read & Write is already having a huge impact in schools. "At St David's High School, Read & Write has transformed teaching by reducing the need for one-on-one support. Teachers can focus more on delivering quality instruction. Students access tools on their own, which helps meet diverse learning needs and saves time." To read more click [here](#).

If you are a SENDCO interested in borrowing Read & Write or anything else from the Assistive Technology Lending Library please email [SENDInclusion@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENDInclusion@swindon.gov.uk).

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