

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

Project SEARCH

Are you aged 18-24, with EHCP, and would like support moving into employment?

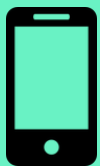
Project SEARCH HAVE INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE AT

amazon Swindon BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCAN HERE
TO SIGN UP FOR THE RECRUITMENT DAY

TUES 12 MAY 2026
9:30AM (lasting 1-2 hours)
IoT Centre, 6th Floor,
New College Swindon, North Star Campus
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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



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:



COFFEE MORNING

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with additional needs who either attends New College North Star Campus or is thinking of attending in the future?

Please come along to chat with the Inclusive Learning Team and Swindon SEND Families Voice.

Location: North Star Campus - sign in at reception
Date: 11th May 2026
Time: 9am - 10am

Swindon SEND Families Voice

Coffee morning, Swindon SEND Families Voice are running a coffee morning for parents and carers of young people with additional needs who are attending New College North Star Campus or are thinking of attending in the future.

Location: North Star Campus - sign in at reception
Date: 11th May, 9-10 am



BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP EVERYONE WELCOME

Tel: 07486 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 19th May

Where? Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 367 043 096 067 411
Passcode: uf2dU6ub

Time? 7pm - 8.30pm

Guest Speakers: Swindon SIAS - this session will cover Phase Transfers and what families can expect when children move from primary to secondary, and from secondary to post-16 education.

Working Together Support Strengthening Support Reaching Out

Swindon SEND Families Voice

BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed

Branches support group, for all parents/ carers of children with SEND, on Tues 19 May 2026 7-8:30pm. Guest speaker is Swindon SIAS and will cover phase transfers.

This will be held on Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 367 043 096 067
Passcode : uf2dU6ub



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

<https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364>
Subscribe for free and give your feedback.

Deaf Awareness Week

Deaf Awareness Week takes place from 4 to 10 May. It is an annual event that aims to raise understanding of deafness and celebrate British deaf culture, community and history. The week focuses on increasing awareness of the experiences and challenges faced by people who are deaf and the importance of inclusion and accessibility.

A key aim of this week from the National Deaf Children's Society is to help people recognise signs for hearing loss in children so they can receive support as early as possible.

To get involved and find out more click [here](#)

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 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.

Helping your child with anxiety

Course: Friday
Dates: 1st May
Times: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, will explore what anxiety is, how it commonly presents in children and young people, and why it can sometimes feel overwhelming for them. We'll look at how to talk to your child about their worries in a calm and supportive way, and we'll share practical approaches and techniques you can use at home to help them manage anxious feelings more confidently. If you're looking for simple, effective strategies to support your child's wellbeing, this session may be helpful for you. By the end of the course, you will:

- Have a clearer understanding of what anxiety is and how it can show up in children
- Feel more confident using simple, practical strategies at home to help your child manage their worries more effectively.

To request a place on this course:

01793 466482
acls@swindon.gov.uk

Find details of more Adult Community Learning courses using the QR code above or 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 2020, 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 £2,736 a year. For more information about our eligibility criteria please visit our website www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning

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Helping your child with anxiety

Friday 1st May, 10am–12pm

This session will explore what anxiety is and how it commonly presents in children and young people. The session will also look at how to support children in managing their anxiety.

To request a place call 01793 466482 or email acl@swindon.gov.uk

Helping your child through exams

Course: Friday
Dates: 8th May
Times: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, explores what exam stress can look like both at home and in school, and why it happens, including how the brain and executive functioning respond under pressure. We'll look at how to talk to your child about their worries in a supportive, non-judgemental way, and share practical, emotional and organisational strategies you can use to help them feel more confident and prepared. By the end of the course, you will:

- Have a clearer understanding of what exam stress looks like and why it happens
- Be more confident using practical emotional and organisational strategies to support your child through exams

To request a place on this course:

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Helping your child to stay safe online

Friday 8th May, 10am–12pm

The session looks at what exam stress can look like, why it happens and emotional and organisational strategies you can use to allow your child to feel more confident.