

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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SEND Transition Newsletters

We are excited to announce our new Early Years SEND transition fortnightly newsletter. It is filled with transition top tips to share with our parents of pupils with SEND.

We have worked in collaboration with Swindon SEND Families Voice, SIAS, Swindon Early Years Centre and All Aboard Nursery to develop these newsletters. Huge thanks to them for all their hard work and dedication in making this fantastic document.

Newsletters will be distributed to relevant parents via our nursery settings and childminders.



Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is between 18th and 24th March 2024. It is a worldwide event that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

You can find more information on neurodiversity on the Local Offer:

[ADHD | Swindon Borough Council](#)
[Autism | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life



Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs but some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

[The Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one of the childcare schemes together and get the most out of it.

And from later this year even more help is on the way:

- From April 2024, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.
- From September 2024, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.
- From September 2025, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as 'wraparound care'.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) to check what offer you may be eligible for.

[Childcare Choices](#) | [30 Hours Childcare](#), [Tax-Free Childcare and More](#) | [Help with Costs](#) | [GOV.UK](#)

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.

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**Swindon SEND
Families Voice**

Join Our Team!

**We are looking for Parent
Representatives**

**Can you spare the occasional couple of
hours?**

What we can offer you?

We can remunerate you £12 an hour for meetings you attend.

We can refund your travel expenses.

We can offer flexible working within school hours.

We can offer you free training and the opportunity to learn new skills.

You will be part of a growing team that is striving to make a real difference to all children with SEND and their families in Swindon.

What would I have to do?

Attend meetings/events/school visits with a steering group member or another parent representative. Complete a feedback form to say how it went.

Want to know more?

For more information or to apply: Email us at swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com or call us on 07486 873 405

The closing date to apply for a role as a parent representative is 5pm on Monday 25th March