



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

Supporting schools and home learning for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

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Useful Numbers and Websites

Corona Kindness - If you need any support at this time or feel you are in a position to offer help please contact the corona kindness team at helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk
If you need help call 0808 1963080.
<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronaviruses/Corona-Kindness.aspx>

 <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>
 <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

SEMH

Mindfulness is a great way to help children and adults calm, relax and regulate their emotions. It is also a rewarding activity you can do with your child. If you would like some ideas on mindfulness activities, watch the following PowerPoint - https://alderhey.nhs.uk/application/files/9815/8515/7280/Mindfulness_activities_for_kids.pdf
For mindfulness apps try the following:
Smiling Mind – for children in KS3 onwards
Chillpanda – for children in KS1 & KS2
Headspace – for children of all ages.
Colouring is fantastic for relaxation, if you don't have any colouring books at home try the app - Toonia colorbook.

Blackpool SENDIASS (@BpoolSendiass)

Do you have a child, young person with SEN (Special Educational Needs), or do you feel that your child/young person is struggling with their education? Do you have questions about how your child should be supported in nursery, school or college?

If so, why not come along to one of our informal SENDIASS virtual Skype tea and talk information sessions to see how we can help?

Just contact us via email at sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk to let us know which date you would like to come along and we will send you an invitation, it could not be easier!

Session numbers are limited so register early to secure your preferred date. We look forward to seeing and chatting with you!

- Tuesday 9th March 2021
- Tuesday 9th April 2021

The Coronavirus outbreak means that parents and carers of young people with SEND are facing uncertainty. If your child is not able to attend their setting/school, we want to support you with some practical home learning advice, hints and suggestions through these newsletters and on the Blackpool Local Offer page on Facebook. If you would like any advice or support with any aspect of home learning, please visit the Blackpool SEND Local Offer page on Facebook and submit any questions, your child's school are always there to help too.
<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>

Communication and Interaction

Get ready for World Autism Awareness Week 2021!

World Autism Awareness Week will be back from 29 March - 4 April 2021.

One in every 100 UK school children is on the autistic spectrum.

The recommended app for this week is Visuals2Go. Visuals2Go is an all in one educational app created to support people with communication and learning difficulties. They do offer a yearly subscription at a cost but there are many free materials available.



Chinese New Year – 12th February 2021

Chinese New Year is a very important day in China and is celebrated widely all over the world. The Chinese New Year is also a fab opportunity to introduce kids to China as a country and its amazing geography, wildlife, history and food.

Learn more about Chinese New and the Year of the Ox [Chinese New Year 2021 – Year of the Ox](#)

Here are some great sites full of activities and craft ideas for all the family.

[Easy Chinese New Year Crafts & Ideas for Kids 2021 - Red Ted Art](#)

[Chinese New Year for Kids \(activityvillage.co.uk\)](#)

[Chinese New Year Activity Ideas for Kids - Early Start Group](#)

[Chinese New Year Story - CBeebies - BBC](#)

