



Lawrence Weston & Shirehampton Out-of-School Activities

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SEND Information:

Hi, I am Lucinda and am the SENDCO for LWOOSA/SOOSA. The following information is for parents/carers who feel they need additional support. I have twins, one who has ADHD and the other who has severe learning difficulties.

In this pack, I have included information on a number of organisations who provide support for SEND parents/carers, which I know would've been helpful when I was needing additional support. We provide nurturing care for all children and aim to tailor our care wherever possible.

If families want additional support, please feel free to request a meeting via email:
admin.soosa@lwoosa.co.uk

In this pack, you will find additional external services available that you may find useful.





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Incredible Kids are a charity based in Lockleaze at The Vench Adventure Playground. They run inclusive play sessions for children and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs, disabilities and support for families. Parents/carers and siblings are also welcome to attend. No diagnosis is required to attend, however pre-booking and membership is required. They welcome families from Bristol, South Gloucestershire and beyond.

Examples of sessions they provide include:

- Incredible Saturdays - family play
- Incredible Fridays - after-school family play session & a hot meal for children
- Quiet Sessions (Saturday mornings) - limited spaces to provide quiet times
- Incredible girls I have personally used this service and would recommend it to families with SEND.

To find out more, visit their website: incrediblekids.org.uk

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Family Fund

Helping disabled children

To apply for Family Fund, you must be a parent/carer of a children/children/young person aged between 0-24 who has a disability or serious illness that is not in foster care or under care of the Local Authority. Please see the "Are we eligible?" page on their website to check eligibility before applying. If successful in your application for the grant, Family Fund can supply family breaks/holidays, computers/tablets, clothing, kitchen appliances, sensory toys, games consoles, outdoor play equipment, days out, furniture/household, games/books/music, specialist trikes/bikes and clubs/hobbies/activities.

Please see their website for further information: familyfund.org.uk

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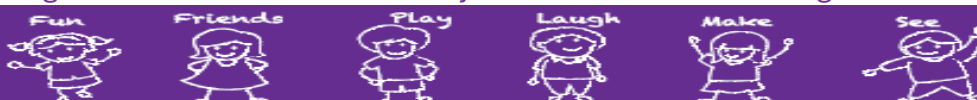
Bristol Autism Support is a charity that provides support, advice and information to parents/carers of autistic children aged under 18, diagnosed or suspected in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and BaNES.

They have the following support available:

- A Facebook group (Bristol Autism Support)
- In person support groups (weekly support group meeting - more information on their website)
- A helpline (07835727394 / helpline@bristolautismsupport.org)
- Webinars/information sessions Support blocks Coffee mornings

For more information, visit their website: **bristolautismsupport.org**

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SEND and You provide information and advice, as well as a support service, for children and young people with SEND and their families in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. They aim to empower parents/carers, children and young people to play an active and informed role in making decisions about their education, health and social care, helping young people to communicate their own needs, wishes, aims and rights. They are free, impartial, confidential, independent and fully trained!

What we DO:



- Explain Jargon
- Promote self-advocacy by empowering you to feel confident to express your views
- Assist you to understand statutory SEND processes and policies
- Help you to understand how to exercise your rights
- Enable you to be more confident when communicating with professionals
- Support you to understand your options so you can make informed decisions
- Help you to prepare for meetings or tribunals
- Provide templates and examples for letters and paperwork
- Provide resources and information sessions to support your learning in specific SEND topics.
- Signpost to local and national sources of information, advice and support, including the local offer.
- Review documents and forms (such as EHC needs assessment requests and appeal forms) where this is necessary to help you to move forwards
- May accompany you to meetings and tribunals. Please [SEE HERE](#) for further details and terms when this applies.

What we cover:



- SENDIAS can offer **impartial** and **confidential** information, advice and support (**IAS**) to enable you to make your **OWN** decisions and choices in the following areas:
- SEN (Special Educational Needs) Support in early years, school, or college
 - Improving communication with educational settings, local authority, health, and social care
 - Transition between educational settings, phased transfer or moving between Children's and Adult's services
 - Transport to educational placement
 - Annual Reviews of Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
 - EHCP Application and Needs Assessment
 - Appeals to Tribunal for refusal to assess for an EHCP, refusal to issue an EHCP, contents of an EHCP, ceasing to maintain an EHCP, and placement
 - Exclusions and part-time timetables
 - Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)
 - Disability Discrimination
 - Making a complaint
 - Health and social care queries related to the child or young person's disability

For more information, please visit their website: sendandyou.org.uk

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SOS SEN helps parents secure the right educational support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

They offer the following services:

- Helpline Walk-in advice centres
- Booklets
- Webinars 1:1 advice
- Document service

They offer advice on the following:

- Getting the right educational help for your child
- Liaising with the school or local authority
- Interpreting official letters
- Requesting an EHC Needs assessment for your child
- Finding independent expert professional advice
- Appealing to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal (SENDIST)

For more information, please see their website: **sossen.org.uk**

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Extraordinary links support children and youth to reach their full potential. They work hard everyday to better the lives of their charity's families through their key objectives:

- We listen
- We build networks
- We strengthen
- We educate
- We signpost
- We care

They have regular activity clubs for SEN and disabled children (siblings welcome, parents must stay).

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