



**Special Educational  
Needs & Disability (SEND)**

Information, Advice  
and Support Service  
for children, young people and parents

Hello,

We hope that you are all well and keeping safe as this unprecedented time.

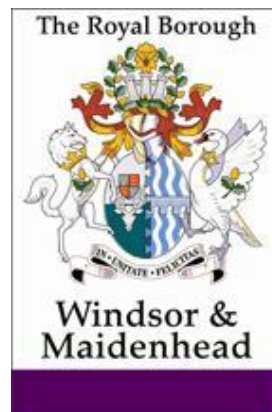
We thought it might be helpful to put together some local and national information and resources for you during the pandemic. We are working as usual, albeit from home. If you need to get in touch with us you can email us at [ias@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:ias@rbwm.gov.uk), or leave us a message on our confidential voicemail 01628 683 182. We are picking up messages daily and will respond within three working days.

Stay safe, with very best wishes,

*Jean, Christine, Lisa & Millie*

### **Covid -19 RBWM Update**

The Royal Borough has an up to date designated Covid-19 [webpage](#) which includes community response and resident information.



**East Berkshire  
Clinical Commissioning Group**

### **COVID-19 and Your Wellbeing – #Coping Guides for Children, Young People and Families - East Berks CCG**

East Berkshire CCG has put together a series of Coping Guides for families in the current circumstances - you can read them [here](#).



## WellChild - Direct Response Service

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and WellChild's recognition of some of the challenges vulnerable children and their families may be facing, WellChild are offering a Direct Response Service to try and help you get the things you need. See more information [here](#).



## Parenting Special Children

Parenting Special Children have a detailed information page which also features several social stories around Covid-19 which may be helpful. They are also offering a series of online courses (for a fee) - you can find a list of events [here](#). Some courses may have eligibility criteria so do check first.

## Autism Berkshire Online Resources

Berkshire Autism are launching a series of online autism advice workshops and support groups from Monday, April 20, so that they can help parents and carers and their families in a different way during the coronavirus shutdown. Click [HERE](#)



## COVID-19 Support and Guidance from The National Council for Disabled Children

The Council for Disabled Children (CDC), at the Minister's request, has launched two new email inboxes aimed to answer questions, collate resources and share information on Coronavirus and the impact on children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They are designed to be used by professionals, practitioners, parent carers and families of children and young people with SEND.

The new '**CDC questions**' inbox, [CDCquestions@ncb.org.uk](mailto:CDCquestions@ncb.org.uk), provides the opportunity to ask questions about how coronavirus will impact on children and young people with SEND as well as other questions relating to the impact on families; the education, health, social care sectors; and the voluntary and community sector. We will collate Frequently Asked

Questions (FAQs) and share them with the Department for Education and Ministers as appropriate, in order to publish an FAQs newsflash each Friday. To receive the FAQs newsflash please sign up to our mailing list [here](#), selecting the 'CDC Digest' option.

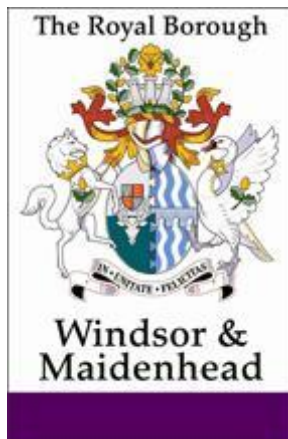
The '**CDC resources' inbox**, [CDCresources@ncb.org.uk](mailto:CDCresources@ncb.org.uk), is designed to enable parent carers, sector professionals and practitioners to share resources, to support families of children and young people with SEND and practitioners across the disabled children's sector. We will add these resources to our COVID-19 Support and Guidance webpage, which you can find [here](#). The webpage is kept under continuous review. You can ask your questions by emailing: [CDCquestions@ncb.org.uk](mailto:CDCquestions@ncb.org.uk)



**Emerging Minds** have put together a short pdf guide to supporting people children and young people with worries and anxiety - you can find the webpage and pdf document [here](#).



**Contact** is the charity for families with disabled children. They support families with the best possible guidance and information. Contact have support and advice during the Pandemic -you can find more information [here](#).



Up to date information from [The Local Offer](#)

The Local Offer for RBWM provides information on local services and support available for families including children and young people aged 0 - 25 years with special educational needs or disabilities.



## Parent Share - Your ideas

We are always happy to receive ideas of events, speakers and/or services you would like more information on especially for our Parent Share mornings which we hope will be back on soon.

Please either call 01628 683 182 or email [ias@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:ias@rbwm.gov.uk)