

## Working with Families News

News:	For more info:
<p>We are excited to offer a <b>FREE antenatal and celebration session for grandparents-to-be living in Sandwell</b>. Funded by Public Health, this fun and informal information session is aimed at families expecting their first grandchild. Come along with the mom-to-be to a fun and friendly party-style information session. Win prizes and grab your baby freebies!</p> <p>As well as celebrating the exciting new arrivals, an experienced health visitor will give families an opportunity to find out all the latest advice and guidance for pregnancy and newborn baby care.</p>	<p>The First Grandchild event is on Saturday 1st October, 10am at The Village Hotel. To book a place: <a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes/e/e-v-sgl9-20221001100000">https://bookwhen.com/changes/e/e-v-sgl9-20221001100000</a></p> <p>For information on other antenatal sessions and activities for Sandwell parents go to: <a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes">https://bookwhen.com/changes</a></p>
<p>The Parent Support Team is also offering a new <b>Antenatal Session</b> for expectant parents living in Sandwell <b>in Community Languages</b> (interpreters available). This two week Changes Antenatal Programme will be delivered by a midwife.</p>	<p><a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes/e/e-v-s7e5-20220929100000">https://bookwhen.com/changes/e/e-v-s7e5-20220929100000</a></p>
<p>Schools and partners have been invited to book their place at an event called <b>'School attendance is everyone's business'</b>. The event is to raise awareness of shared partner responsibility to support schools and the local authority to improve school attendance. The event will be from 1 – 4.30 pm on Thursday, 29th September 2022 at West Bromwich Albion Football Club, Birmingham Road, West Bromwich.</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:saeb_event@sandwell.gov.uk">saeb_event@sandwell.gov.uk</a> to secure your place by 5pm on Wednesday, 21st September, at the latest.</p> <p><b>Please note it is one place per school / partner agency.</b></p>
<p>The updated version of the Department for Education's (DfE) <b>Keeping children safe in education guidance for schools</b> in England, came into force on 01 September 2022. Annex F sets out the changes made.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2</a></p>
<p>We Protect Global Alliance has published a blog about young people <b>self-generating and sharing sexual content</b>. The blog provides guidance for frontline practitioners and caregivers, including: focusing on helping young people understand risks, and teaching them about setting healthy boundaries.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.weprotect.org/blog/self-generated-sexual-content-involving-young-people-demands-understanding-and-nuance/">https://www.weprotect.org/blog/self-generated-sexual-content-involving-young-people-demands-understanding-and-nuance/</a></p>
<p>Check out the website for <b>Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children</b> and find out about the activities and services they are currently offering.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sp-dc.org/">https://www.sp-dc.org/</a></p>

<p>The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) has published a news story <b>summarising online safety changes</b> over the past year following the introduction of the data protection code of practice. Changes include new platform features to safeguard children in the UK.</p>	<p><a href="https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2022/09/children-are-better-protected-online-in-2022-than-they-were-in-2021/">https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2022/09/children-are-better-protected-online-in-2022-than-they-were-in-2021/</a></p>
<p>I CAN’s enquiry service is great for signposting to parents or carers with a concern about their <b>child’s skills in speaking and understanding language</b>, or for practitioners who have a concern. This free service includes a confidential phone call lasting up to 30 minutes with one of I CAN’s speech and language therapists.</p>	<p><a href="https://ican.org.uk/i-can-s-enquiry-service/">https://ican.org.uk/i-can-s-enquiry-service/</a></p>
<p>FREE training opportunity with Citizens Advice on <b>Budgeting and Saving</b> is being held on 28th September 2022 10am - 1:00pm. This includes an indepth look at Budgeting and savings to cover Priority Bills, Budgeting, Banking, Savvy Shopping and Energy Saving . The session will focus on practical ways of helping service users/families, looking at the current issues (cost of living crisis) that are affecting people at present 3 hours.</p>	<p>The training will be held at the training room at Smethwick Citizens Advice, Unit 6, Tollgate Shopping Centre, High St, Smethwick B67 7RA</p> <p>To book contact <a href="mailto:cheryl.s@citizensadviceandwell-walsall.org">cheryl.s@citizensadviceandwell-walsall.org</a></p>
<p><b>Autistic Parents UK</b> is an Autistic-led Charity (CIO) and is committed to supporting Autistic parents in a number of ways including monthly webinars and live Q&amp;A sessions, local peer support groups, volunteer-led one to one peer support sessions, online peer support groups and more.</p>	<p>If you know of any families, colleagues, agencies that may benefit from the charity please signpost them to Autistic Parents UK or email: <a href="mailto:info@autisticparentsuk.org">info@autisticparentsuk.org</a></p>
<p><b>Sandwell Safer 6</b> will be hosting a ‘substance use, tools and pathways for supporting alcohol or drug users’ event on Wednesday, 5th October and Thursday, 6th October at Sandwell Council House from 11.45 am to 4.00 pm. All delegates are invited to bring their own leaflets and literature to the event for the Networking Marketplace.</p>	<p>There are limited places, so email your booking to Nick Shough at <a href="mailto:Nick1_shough@sandwell.gov.uk">Nick1_shough@sandwell.gov.uk</a> as soon as possible with the date you want to attend, your name, organisation and contact details</p>
<p>If you would like to promote services or information in this newsletter or share a good news story, please contact the team.</p>	<p>Parent Support Team <a href="mailto:parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk">parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</a></p>