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We have a number of events, training courses and drop-ins for families in the Borough who have a child with any special educational need and/or disability.  These include; SENDIASS training courses and our Drop-in & Chat sessions. There are more details in the events section of our website here: [www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/events](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk%2Fevents&data=05%7C02%7Ceducation.news%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2cb350f7889e4ebb76f408dd34b2ee5b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638724665303689439%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DMGkTsbdT0I2w3EaUXXZHzbMpup%2FVCefTmNlmi5M%2Fho%3D&reserved=0)

**Dates for this Half-Term**

**Drop-in and Chat**

All SEND parent carers are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat.  We will be holding 2 session this half term, both on Tuesday 28th January.

**Daytime** 10.00am - 12 noon

**Venue:** The Acorn Centre, Fernlea Drive, Woosehill, RG41 3DR

All Welcome. We are pleased that we will aslo be joined by Claire Doyle (WBC Early Years Area SENDCO).  Claire will be able to chat to any parent carers with  0-5 year old looking for information about SEND support available in the early years.

**Evening** 7.00 - 9.00pm

**Venue:** ​Elizabeth Room, Radstock Community Centre, Radstock Lane, Earley, RG6 5UZ

There is no need to book. Members will also be able to collect a Max Card, you can also join on the day (please remember to bring proof of your child's SEND to collect your max card). More details about the Max Cards and the discounts offered are their website here: MAX CARD

**SENDIASS Training Courses**

We are pleased to be able to host the following SENDIASS Training courses via Zoom this term. To book please email [info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk) stating which of the training courses you would like to attend.

**EHCPs Annual Reviews ~ A Parent's Guide**

Does your child have an EHCP?

Do you know what should happen with their Annual Review?

This training will help you to understand the process and to participate fully in the EHCP process.

Date: Tuesday 21st January

Time: 7.00m - 8.30pm

**EHCP Process ~ A Parent's Guide**

(for those going through the EHCP process for the first time)

Are you thinking of applying for an EHCP Needs Assessment, or have you just applied?

This SENDIASS training course will help you to understand the process and to participate fully. (Please note, this training is not suitable if your child already has an EHCP)

Date: Thursday 6th February

Time: 10 - 11.30am

For more information about any of our events, free training courses or drop-ins please visit our website here: [SVW Events.](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk%2Fevents&data=05%7C02%7Ceducation.news%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2cb350f7889e4ebb76f408dd34b2ee5b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638724665303717502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cM90dVHjWtnfMt9kC%2FZYaozUtOmGTxEIRvNh1FWCVX4%3D&reserved=0)

Other events we will be attending:

**SENDIASS Drop-in sessions**

We attended the SENDIASS drop-ins which are held at Wokingham Youth Centre, 35 Reading Rd, Wokingham RG41 1EG, 10.30am - 12.30pm  We provide a cuppa and chat with parents attending.  The dates for next terms sessions are:

* Friday 31st January
* Tuesday 11th February
* Friday 28th February
* Monday 10th March
* Friday 28th March

More details are available on the SENDIASS website.

**Who are SEND Voices Wokingham?**

SEND Voices Wokingham is the parent carer forum for the Borough.  We are an**independent** group of parent carers of children & young people with SEND.  ​We act as a **collective voice** to represent all parents of children & young people up to the age of 25 with any special educational need or disability in the Wokingham Borough.  ​

​SEND Voices Wokingham act as a **critical friend** and work with the Local Authority, Education and the NHS to help improve services today and in the future.

​We run various activities for parent carers in Wokingham Borough which include:​

* Coffee Mornings
* Zoom drop-in sessions with the Local Authority
* Produce information guides and leaflets
* Run the Local Offer Family Information Day
* Share information and updates through our membership email and Facebook page
* Organise surveys, consultations and focus groups​
* Run training and information sessions for parent carers in the Borough​
* Provide FREE [Max Cards](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mymaxcard.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ceducation.news%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2cb350f7889e4ebb76f408dd34b2ee5b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638724665303746050%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rnnluE5i6NPQ6T%2FKJKglRsEISmvupWKsvK6nQuMhWP8%3D&reserved=0) to our members

It is completely free for parents to join, full details and more information about what we do as well as links to all the resources above is on our website: [www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Ceducation.news%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2cb350f7889e4ebb76f408dd34b2ee5b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638724665303759059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aq0g7xatiKWbSd7etYu0I%2FfdsPaWWW1Ve6rbCLJq6lY%3D&reserved=0)