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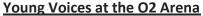
'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



NEWSLETTER 10: February 3rd 2020



We would like to encourage as many children as possible to enter BBC Radio 2's short story-writing competition this year! Please see the attached poster for more information.



Last Thursday 23rd January Mr Burrows took 54 children to represent Glee and sing at the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena for the second time.

This was an incredible experience for all involved and there was great anticipation as the children excitedly boarded the coaches and made their way to London. The arena was huge and the seating seemed very high up – the children had the most amazing view. Everyone had a brilliant time and sung their socks off! The atmosphere was electric and something we hope will be remembered for a long time. A huge well done and thank you to all of the children that performed – you made us all very proud. Thank you also to Mr Burrows and all of the other adults that accompanied the children – it was a very long and tiring day but so worthwhile.





Week beginning 3rd February 2020

Mon 3rd: Year 3 swimming

2.30pm EYFS writing discovery session for parents and children

Thurs 6th: 6pm Mastery maths curriculum workshop for parents

Week beginning 10th February 2019

e-safety week

Mon 10th: Year 3 swimming

Tue 11th: Safer Internet Day 'Together for a better

Wed 12th: 2.30pm Key Stage 1 spelling workshop for parents and children

Fri 14th: FOSS Valentine non-uniform day – wear red, hearts and flowers for a suggested donation of £1.00 Year 1 Fairy Tale Ball

Year 2 Fire Service visit

Please see the attached calendar of key dates and events for the spring term. Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.

French phrase of the fortnight













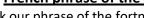












This week our phrase of the fortnight is:

Recycling

Your children will be aware that we have some smart new mixed recycling bins (with lovely green lids!) around the school. Mr Strong (premises manager) has allocated one per year group in order to try and cut down on the amount of bin liners used. We have also started recycling pens and continue to recycle crisp packets and compost fruit and vegetable waste. The children are really good at remembering to recycle and knowing what goes where and it is brilliant to see them taking responsibility to help save our planet!

Safeguarding Updates

SAFEGUARDING

Childline - not just a phone call

The Childline website has lots of valuable information, including their Calm Zone. The activities aim to help children feel better when they're feeling anxious, scared or sad. Although children could be encouraged to visit the website themselves, these are good techniques for adults to use with children. Ideas include: breathing exercises, a 'let it go' box and creating a 'sense drawer'. Go to the Childline website here:

https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calmzone/

Gaming - Fortnite

We've recently been made aware of children becoming very upset by behaviour when gaming online at home. As parents / carers, it is important that you have as much information as possible to help you make informed decisions about your child's digital lives. Attached is a parent guide to Fortnite, which has a recommended age of 13+.

YouTube & YouTube Kids

YouTube is the main viewing platform for children between 3 - 15 yrs. Please find attached further guidance for YouTube Kids and YouTube itself, which also has a recommended age of 13+. Please remember, that if children are uploading videos to YouTube, the videos can be viewed, commented on and shared by anyone. This could put your child's privacy at risk.

Sports Coach

We are delighted to have appointed Mr Kirkwood (Learning Support Assistant) to the role of Sports Coach in the afternoons. This is a new role for our school and is being funded through Sports Premium in order to further improve sports provision and practice across our school. Mr Kirkwood held a similar post at his previous school so has a great deal of experience and expertise to bring to the role. He will be working closely with Miss Walker and Mrs Robins (PE team) as well as the rest of the teaching team and children. We look forward to keeping you up to date with developments and achievements within this area of the curriculum.

Coronavirus

In light of the outbreak of the coronavirus in China and its spread to the UK, we have checked the content of our Personal Protective Equipment Box, as advised by the government with regard viruses such as norovirus and sar virus. We have also taken any other necessary action to minimise the risk of contamination and infection.



New Technology

Last year, schools were given a one-off capital injection to fund school improvements. As a result of this, we are thrilled to have been able to replace 7 of our classroom interactive whiteboards (IWBs). As a key tool for teaching and learning, these more modern and improved IWBs have been greatly welcomed by teachers and are an exciting addition to our classrooms for the children.

Chartwells Menu

Please be aware that on the first day back, after half term (Monday 24th February), there will only be jacket potatoes on the Chartwells hot meal menu rather than the usual selection of main courses.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a very restful end of term break and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back at the start of a new year.

As always, we, the governing body are continuously looking for ways to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of the children of Summerlea School remains a top priority. Therefore, looking ahead to the coming year, we felt it was important to address the issue of parking around the school, which remains a consistent and worrying problem.

We are aware that at the beginning and end of each school day, there are numerous cars which park and drop off on the Zig Zags and double Yellow lines outside the school and in the surrounding roads. Parking in this way is not only illegal but also places the safety of our children at significant risk when crossing the roads. Equally, it causes a hazard for other drivers. The road markings and parking restrictions are designed to ensure that pedestrians and other road users are not placed at unnecessary risk and have a good view of the roads which they are crossing or driving on. Disregarding those restrictions does unnecessarily increase risk to the children, which is of great concern to us all.

Aside from these safety issues, we are also a community school and we work very hard to build and maintain relationships within the community that we serve. Sadly, we frequently receive complaints from local residents in regard to inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Often driveways and pavements are blocked, private roads are mis-used and dangerous and hazardous parking/driving is reported to us.

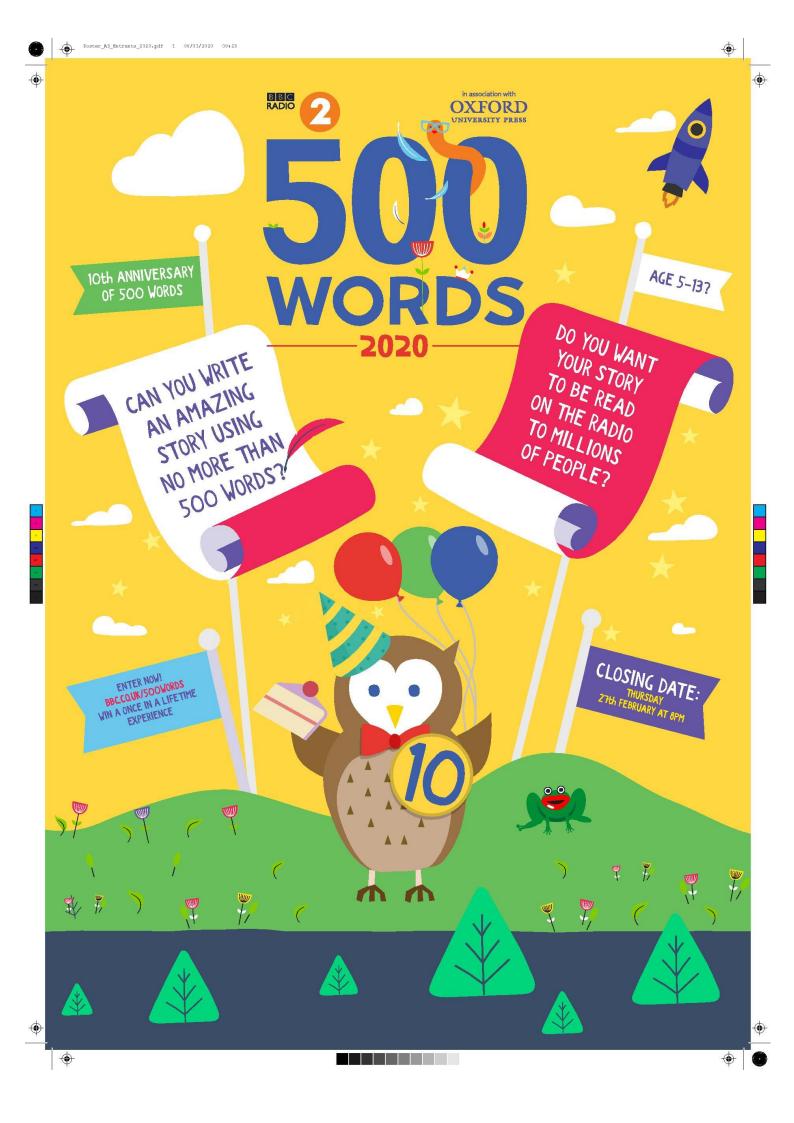
Therefore, we would make a heartfelt request to anyone who needs to transport children to and from the school in a vehicle to always be mindful of the restrictions and not stop or park anywhere that is not permitted, and to be respectful of residents when parking around their properties.

Finally, we would ask that parents and carers always remain respectful and polite towards one another and towards staff members. If you witness inappropriate parking or dangerous driving, please do report this to operation crackdown at: www.OperationCrackdown.org

We do not recommend approaching drivers personally, however If discussion does take place between adults, it goes without saying that this should always be in a polite and measured manner. Any form of altercation or inappropriate behaviour/use of language is unacceptable. We strive to instil the Summerlea Values in our children, and we are very proud of the way they live these every day. These values are learned largely through modelled behaviour. Therefore, it is the duty of us all not only to ensure the safety of our children, but to set the example that we wish them to follow.

With Thanks and Regards

The Governing Body





There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.





What parents need to know about



BATTLE ROYALE

attle Royale games have become very popular ver the last couple of years, and most tend to sillow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an kample, 100 players drop into a map, loot uildings for weapons and armour and attempt to eat all the other players to be crowned victor at een d. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games lovies, you'll have an idea of what this entails, ach game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming ou last to the end) and can be restarted relatively uickly once 100 free players have been found.

IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.

FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional mot play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.

IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB
(Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.







BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50-this is the normal retail price of a game

GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.

LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



TALK TO OTHER **PARENTS / CARERS**

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!



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Although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app.

8 things parents need to know about





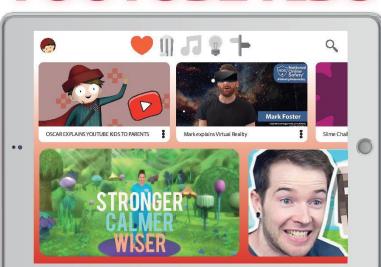




SETTING UP To set up the YouTube Kids app you need to

- the following:

 Download the YouTube Kids app and Specify your child's name, age and birth
- month.
 Select the types of videos to include in the app based on their age or select them yourself.
- yourself.
 If you choose to approve content
 yourself, you will be presented with some
 sample videos to accept or reject. You can
 select collections, shows, music or learning.
 Once chosen you are ready to use the app.





USING THE APP

Based on how you have set it up your child can then use the app to explore a safe set of videos. It's worth noting that YouTube Kids uses algorithms to ensure safe videos rather than a personal check, so it's possible for videos to slip through. If an inappropriate video does appear you can select the menu in the top right to block and report it. This not only helps your child but also improves the YouTube Kids app as a whole.



ADVERTISEMENTS

It's worth remembering that even in YouTube Kids, children will still see adverts. These are marked as "Ad" and preceded by an ad intro. The types of advertisements and products are checked to follow YouTube's advertising policies which exclude things like food and beverages. However, there can be toys or other items included in videos directly by creators themselves to advertise them. You can remove adverts in YouTube Kids, like the main YouTube, by subscribing to YouTube Premium. This has the added benefit of enabling you to download videos for offline viewing and allowing you to watch videos in the background while using other apps. This can be really useful if you have a long journey to take children on.

As with television adverts and bus stop posters, it's a good idea to talk to children about how adverts work and how to recognise them. For example, you could point out the added light and sound effects or the overly exciting narration in TV ads. It's important to do this for other forms of advertising as well. It's important to understand how YouTube Kids collects information about your child's viewing habits and how this relates to advertising and video content. When they watch a video, the device, language, which videos they watch and searches they make are recorded. This is used to help suggest personalized content. It can also be used to serve contextual advertising, although the app does not allow interest-based advertising or remarketing.

SELECTING GREAT CONTENT

e of the best features on YouTube Kids is the ability to select innels, videos or collections of videos for your child to enjoy. This great opportunity to sit with your child and better understand at they want to watch. Are there particular topics or themes that onate? Then you can check through different options in this a, and together with them choose the best matching channels.

The YouTube Kids app also enables you to disable the 'Search' feature to avoid young children stumbling upon content designed for older viewers. The app also avoids videos from inappropriate channels being suggested to watch next. If you have selected content for your child only those will come up. If you have set an age limit, only videos deemed appropriate for that age will be suggested.



VIEWING TIME

are a number of ways you can administer how long a child can v the YouTube Kids app, you can set a timer before handing your Once the time has run out the video will be paused.



RESTRICTIONS

As well as using the YouTube Kids app, you can also set up restrictions on other ways your family watches YouTube. Ensure you are logged in when using YouTube and turn on 'Restricted Mode' in your User Profile. You can also set this at the bottom of the video page by clicking 'Restricted Mode: On: Ensure that you also click the 'Lock Restricted Mode' on this browser to ensure other users can't turn it off. ensure other users can't turn it off.



WATCHING TOGETHER

Another good way to keep You Tube viewing positive is to spend time finding channels and content that your child will enjoy and benefit from. For example, a suggested benefit from. For example, a suggested family activity could be to get together once a month and show each other your favourite videos from the last four weeks. This not only sparks conversations about what you've watched but also enables you to share the things that you've enjoyed watching



RECOMMENDATIONS

For younger children, you can use the YouTube Kids app to keep tabs on what they have been watching. Tap on the 'Recommended' icon on the top of the home screen and then swipe right. You will see videos with the play button on them and a red bar at the bottom. These are the videos your child has watched. Anywhere the bar at the bottom is mostly black is a video your child has skipped.



Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a parent of three children and journalist who writes for national newspapers and broadcast television. His Taming Gaming book helps parents guide children to healthy play.





























What parents need to know about



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EASY TO ACCESS

Any child with a Gmail account can sign into YouTube & access videos. Some content is flagged 'age-restricted', but the platform relies on self-verification, meaning kids can get around the rules with a fake date of birth. This could enable access to vulgar, violent & dangerous videos.



USERS CAN PRIVATELY CONTACT YOUR CHILD

When your child is signed-in to YouTube with their Gmail account, there are various ways they can send & receive messages. This could be via the messages icon, or via the 'About' tab. There is scope here for users who your child does not know to make contact.

YOUTUBE SUGGESTS RELATED CONTENT

YouTube will often 'auto play' videos based on your child's viewing habits. The aim is to show related & appropriate content. But the problem is: it's possible your child will be exposed to inappropriate content that isn't accurately related.



'CHALLENGE VIDEOS' CAN GO TOO FAR

Challenge videos refer to a stunt you're encouraged to recreate & film. Many challenge videos can be harmless & for a good cause, like the Ice Bucket Challenge. But some are dangerous & even life threatening, such as the Bird Box Challenge.





SHARING VIDEOS RISKS YOUR CHILD'S PRIVACY

If your child has a Google account, they can upload their own videos. To do this. they must create a personal profile page known as a 'YouTube Channel'. The videos uploaded here can be viewed, commented on & shared by anyone. This could put you child's privacy at risk.



National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



Tips To Protect © O Your Child

APPLY 'RESTRICTED MODE'

Restricted mode helps to hide any mature or unpleasant videos from your children. It uses YouTube's own automated system & ks at what other users flag as inappropriate content. It must be enabled in the settings menu on each individual device.

CHANGE WHO CAN SEE VIDEOS

You can change who can view your child's content in the settings. Options include Public (available to all), Private (only available to people you share it with & cannot be shared) or Unlisted (available to people you share it with & can be shared further).

BLOCK CONCERNING USERS

To help protect your child from cyber-bullies, harassment o users. Doing so hides your child's videos from the user & stops the user being able contact your child in any way.

CUSTOMISE THEIR EXPERIENCE

Influence & control what your child watches using features such as Playlists (your videos play continuously rather than videos YouTube recommends) & Subscriptions (you choose channels your child can watch). It's also good to turn off auto play by toggling the blue button alongside the 'Up Next' title when viewing a video.

CREATE A 'FAMILY' GOOGLE ACCOUNT

Create a Google account to be used by the whole family. This will allow you to monitor exactly what your child is watching, uploading & sharing. Plus, your child's YouTube page will display their recently watched videos, searches, recommended videos & suggested channels.



GET YOUR OWN ACCOUNT

Create your own account so you can explore features yourself. Learn how to flag inappropriate videos, how to moderate comments & how to block users. This will help you feel more confident when providing advice & guidance to your children

BE MINDFUL OF CYBERBULLYING

Once your child has posted a video, a worldwide audience can see it. Strangers may choose to comment on the video, both positively & negatively. So, be careful to check comments & any other interactions your child is making through the platform.



GET TO KNOW POPULAR CHANNELS

It's good to know which channels are most popular with you children. Some of the most popular channels right now are: PewDiePie, NigaHiga, Zoella, KSI, JennaMarbles, Markiplier, Smosh, ThatcherJoe & Casper Lee.

DON'T ASSUME YOUR CHILD IS TOO YOUNG

YouTube and YouTube Kids are quickly becoming the chosen viewing platforms for children between the ages of 3-15 & it's likely this trend will only increase. It's also possible children will become familiar with the platform at a younger & younger age. So it's important to understand the positives & negatives of the platform.



£2.35



28th February

Choose a main meal...
Fish & Chips
or

Omelette & Chips

on the side...

Baked Beans

or Salad

for dessert...

Pancake with Syrup or Fruit Salad









For more information on special diets please contact westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk. Please ensure special diet requests are made 2 weeks prior to the event.

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RECRUITMENT FAIR

THERE ARE 284 SCHOOLS IN WEST SUSSEX LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU

Saturday 1 February 2020 » 10am-2pm

Premier Lounge at Fontwell Park Racecourse, BN18 OSY

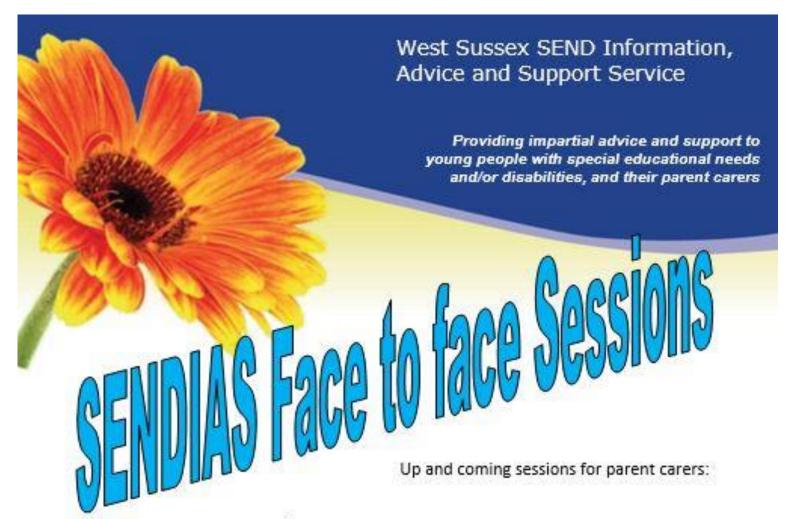
Saturday 8 February 2020 » 10am-2pm

Ifield Community College, Crawley, RH11 ODB

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Whether you are new to teaching, want to train to teach or looking for a new career, your local school may be the answer.



FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2019 - CHICHESTER AREA

Chichester C&FC, St James' Road, Chichester, PO19 7AB (For SatNav use PO19 7HY)

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2019 - HORSHAM AREA

The Needles Children and Family Centre, Three Acres, Horsham, RH12 1RS

TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020 - EAST GRINSTEAD AREA

East Grinstead Blackwells Children and Family Centre, Blackwell Farm Rd, East Grinstead RH19 3JL

FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2020 - HORSHAM AREA

Pulborough Children and Family Centre, Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, Lower Street, Pulborough, RH20 2BF

Would you like to attend a face to face session?

Following your feedback, we have arranged face to face parent carer support sessions across the county with our Advisors where we can give you free, confidential and impartial information and advice on your individual situation.

To book a session on Eventbrite, please copy the following link into your web browser: https://bit.ly/2ZnKyEH
Please make sure that you have chosen the correct venue & time that you wish to book.

If you are unable to book on line, please contact the West Sussex SEND Information, Advice and Support Service on 0330 222 8555 or email: SEND.IAS@westsussex.gov.uk