



Godwin's SEND Newsletter - 5th May 2023

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Head Teacher's Message

There is a lot on offer for children with SEND and their families within Newham; we don't want you to miss out on anything! Usually we would include this within our weekly newsletter but there is so much to share this week that it deserved its own space! There are social and sports groups, parent/carer forums, training sessions and much more on the following pages. Please take a look if this is useful for you or someone you know.

activeNewham's free inclusive activity programme

Come join our free and inclusive activity programme running every Tuesday. Have fun, make friends and try new sports, such as Badminton, Boccia, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, Hockey and more.

The programme runs Tuesdays, 10:30am-12:30pm at Newham Leisure Centre (281 Prince Regent Lane, E13 8SD).

Please reserve your space before attending by emailing Craig Hughes at Craig.hughes@activeNewham.org.uk



Summer 2023

SCERTS Training Course for Parents/Carers **face-to-face!*

Training for parents/carers of children who:

Are in Reception to Year 11 who have social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism.

Parents/carers must be Newham residents or children must attend a Newham school YR-Y11.

Social
Communication
Emotional
Regulation
Transactional
Supports

Learn about autism, social communication and strategies to support your child's communication and ability to stay focused, calm and engaged.

Please attend ALL 4 sessions:



Tues 6th June 2023	9.30-12.30
Tues 13th June 2023	9.30-12.30
Tues 27th June 2023	9.30-12.30
Tues 4th July 2023	9.30-12.30



Course delivered in person at Tunmarsh Centre, Tunmarsh Lane, E13 9NB

*Parking is NOT available



Click here to book a place:
<https://forms.office.com/e/CqwSDi98dU>

Opening of new Connaught School and expansion of JFK Beckton

Over the past year, officers in the local authority have been working hard to increase the number of places available for children and young people with autism. This is in response to the demand in places, particularly for those with more complex autism.

Following the successful Expression of Interest (capital funding) process in summer 2022, an expansion of JFK has been agreed. This provision, with some enhancements and new building at the Beckton site, will deliver an additional 40 places. 20 places will be available this autumn, with a further 20 places in September 2024.

This means that JFK Special School will now cater for:

Beckton campus: up to 100 young people with a diagnosis of autism who also have severe learning disabilities. Currently this campus accommodates children from Year 7 and above.

Stratford campus: up to 60 children and young people aged from 4-19 with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) or with severe learning disabilities (SLD).

North Woolwich campus: up to 18 primary aged children with a diagnosis of autism who also have severe learning disabilities.

Plaistow campus: up to 25 young people with a diagnosis of autism who also have severe learning disabilities. Currently this campus accommodates children from Year 7 and above who can access more formal learning.

Connaught Special School

The new Connaught School will be a special school for children aged 4-19 with a diagnosis of autism who also have severe learning disabilities. These disabilities are such that their needs would not normally be able to be met at JFK Special School, a resource provision or a mainstream setting. As an initial priority, new admissions to Connaught are likely to be children and young people that are currently educated out of borough or at home. However in recent years, we have seen significant pressure on placing children during the transition to secondary school with high levels of need. These children were our next priority for placement at the school.

The school will build up, over 4-5 years, to 105 places. For September 2023, the school is expected to start with around 26 pupils, across a number of year groups.

The permanent site for Connaught School will be ready in autumn 2024 in fantastic purpose-built accommodation. In the meantime the school will be situated in a designated part of the grounds of Upton Cross Primary School. Preparation for the temporary site is proceeding at pace. As with most building work, we expect there might be delays to the opening of the temporary site, possibly until October half term.

Connaught Special School and JFK Special School are part of the Learning in Harmony Trust family of schools. Local authority officers are working closely with the Learning in Harmony team to develop potential interim support for pupils should the opening be delayed and we will be contacting schools directly where this may affect the transition date for a pupil.

We expect to fill all 20 places at the expanded JFK Beckton site as well as all 26 places for the new Connaught School. Placements for both are currently being agreed and confirmed, in line with the standard process of naming schools in EHC plans.



Free

**For SEND
young
people
aged up
to 25**

**Saturday
3rd June
13:00 – 18:00**

**Newham
Leisure Centre
281 Prince Regent Ln
E13 8SD**



Ever wondered what sports & leisure activities are on offer for SEND young people in Newham?

Come and try out some sports taster sessions such as Bollywood dance, pilates, cricket, rowing, multi-sports, tennis, & swimming.

There will be information stalls about other services, opportunities to have your say about important issues that effect SEND young people in the borough, as well as a relaxation and sensory space.



Click on the link for more information about the day and to book places
<https://tinyurl.com/GR8DAY2PLAYJUNE>



Newham Education Psychology Phone In Service

Newham Educational Psychology Service



Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.

Sessions are monthly on:

16 May

13 June

11 July 2023

To book a session between 10 and 12 noon contact

Terrie on: [07855 975308](tel:07855975308) or email: eps@newham.gov.uk

Book early to avoid disappointment

Online Training for Parents

Online Training for Parents/Carers Intensive Interaction

About this Course:

Intensive Interaction is an approach which involves following your child's lead and facilitating motivating interactions in order to develop the early fundamental skills of communication e.g. joint attention, turn-taking, increased vocalisations and the development of meaningful eye contact.

We will cover what 'Intensive Interaction' is, how it can help your child and how you can use the key strategies at home.

There will be opportunities to ask questions about topics covered with the Speech and Language Therapists/Specialist Teachers/Practitioners delivering the course.

- For parents of children Reception to Year 11 who have social communication needs or a diagnosis of autism;
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or children must attend a Newham School;
- 1 parent/carer to register per child (but more than 1 parent can attend on the same link).

Click here to book a place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jE9R3vCbJZ>

Wednesday 21st June 2023

10 am Registration

10.15-11.30 am course online

Meeting link will be sent via email nearer the date

Language,
Communication
& Interaction Service (LCIS)

Online Training for Parents

Online Training for Parents/Carers: Core Vocabulary Boards (CVB)



About this Course:

You will learn what a Core Vocabulary Board is and why and how to use them at home with your child. There will be opportunities to ask questions about topics covered with the Speech and Language Therapists.

Core Vocabulary Board: CVB is a form of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). It is made up of colour-coded core words and aims to support the understanding and use of words to communicate.

This training is appropriate for parents/carers of children and young people where a Core Vocabulary Board (CVB) is being used in school or has been recommended by a professional

- For parents of children with social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism in Reception to Year 11
- Parents/carers must be Newham residents or child must attend a Newham school
- 1 parent/carer to register per child (but more than 1 parent/carer can attend on the same link)

Click here to book a place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7xJDLuT378>

Thurs 29th June 2023

10 am Registration

10.15-11.30 am course online

Meeting link will be sent via email nearer the date

Language,
Communication
& Interaction Service (LCIS)

Sibling Space

An online group for siblings of children/young people with social communication needs or a diagnosis of Autism.

What is it? Siblings will have an opportunity to take part in fun activities, ask questions they may have about their brother or sister's differences and share their own experiences with other siblings in a similar situation.

Who is it for? Siblings in Years 3-7 who live in Newham or attend a Newham school. They must be able to access group learning online.

Who will be running the online group? Staff members (speech and language therapist and specialist teacher/SENCo) from the Language, Communication and Interaction Service (LCIS) and Rosetta Primary School.

When? Part 1: Thurs 8th June and Part 2: Thurs 15th June 2023, both at 4.30-5.30pm. The sessions will be online on Microsoft Teams.

How can I book a place? Click on the link below to complete the online booking form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HrPLPNSBJr>

Who should I contact if I have more questions? Email your questions to lcis@newham.gov.uk with 'siblings' in the email subject.



Language, Communication and Interaction Service
Specialist Education Support Service
0 – 25 SEND
Education & Skills, CYPS
London Borough of Newham



Rosetta Primary School

Sophia Road
Custom House
London
E16 3PB

Pan Disability Football



PAN DISABILITY FOOTBALL

Saturday, 10am-11am

Fortnightly

Newham Leisure Centre, 281 Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow E13 8SD.

Participants must register.

CONTACT/ BOOKING INFORMATION

Sports@activenewham.org.uk

07741 293 506

<https://tinyurl.com/Pandisabilityfootball>



Autism Advice for Parents - Drop in Surgery

Contact Details:

Email: kenny@resourcesforautism.org.uk Mobile: 07506 259 643

AUTISM ADVICE FOR PARENTS

DROP-IN SURGERY

What would you like to talk about?

Contact: Kenny 07506259643
kenny@resourcesforautism.org.uk

- Communication
- Understanding Behaviour
- School & Family
- Knowing Your Rights

FREE



Newham Youth Sensory Tennis – Complex Needs

Saturdays, 12.15pm-13.15pm

Weekly

Sensory tennis is a set of activities designed by Sense to make tennis accessible for Children and young people with complex disabilities aged 8-24.

Please be aware that Parents and Carers need to remain at the activity for the full session.

Venue: Sports Hall, East Ham Leisure Centre, 324 Barking Road, East Ham, E6 2RT




Participants must register.

Contact details / Booking link

Sports@activeNewham.org.uk

k 07741 293506

<https://tinyurl.com/YouthsensorytennisNewham>

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- > Private 2:1 Swimming Lessons


 **Every SATURDAY**
5 pm - 6 pm

 **Newham Leisure Centre:**
281 Prince Regents Lane, E16 3LW (free parking)

To book:

 Ali-GatorSwimmingClub@outlook.com

 07732 024864

 [AligatorSwimmingClub](https://www.instagram.com/AligatorSwimmingClub)

* Limited spaces available *

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Saturdays: 5pm - 6pm

Contact Us
0300 124 0123

www.activeNewham.org.uk

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the day**

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COG Cycling

Saturday Sessions

- ✔ Balance to pedal bike session (ages 3-6) 10am to 11am
- ✔ SEND only BMX session (ages 5-17) - 11am to 12pm
- ✔ Beginners BMX session (ages 6-17) - 12pm to 1.30pm
- ✔ Intermediate BMX session (ages 6-17) - 1.30pm to 3pm

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Location **GOOSELEY PLAYING FIELDS (PUMP TRACK)**

Newham St Albans Avenue, East Ham, E6 6HQ

www.cogcycling.co.uk
info@cogcycling.co.uk

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Book online
bikeworks.org.uk/cycle-taxi-service

Want to become a Pilot? Get in touch!
bikeworks.org.uk/work-for-us

Free Premier League Kicks Sessions at the Beckton Hub and the Barking Abbey Hub

The West Ham Foundation hosts free football sessions for children and young people.

This includes sessions specifically for girls and for those with disabilities.

For more detail on these events, please click [here](#) for the Beckton Hub sessions and [here](#) for the Barking Abbey sessions.



Bikeworks - inclusive drop-in cycling club (Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park)

Come along to the Bikeworks' weekly inclusive drop-in cycling club in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The clubs offer the chance for people of all abilities and experience levels to try out our range of adapted cycles in an off road park environment. The cycles we have include: standard two wheel cycles, tricycles, side by side cycles, recumbents, hand cycles and wheelchair platform cycles.

Who can attend?

The clubs are free to access for everyone and are drop-in, so you can simply turn up whilst a session is running to attend.

Generally we say **anyone over the age of five** can take part due to the size of our smallest cycles. **The sessions are tailored towards people with SEND.**

When are the sessions?

Sessions occur between 10am-1:45pm just outside the Lee Valley VeloPark, Abercrombie Rd E20 3AB.



If a group of six people or more would like to attend they are encouraged to get in touch with us in advance so we can recommend a time for them to attend to avoid congestion and waiting too long for a turn - they can do so by emailing all.ability@bikeworks.org.uk or calling 0208 980 7998 and dialling option 3.

What should you expect?

When you arrive, an instructor will welcome you to the session and register you on our tablet. The instructors will then help you to choose an appropriate cycle to ride around the park and on your first visit, will show you how everything works. Parents and support workers are encouraged to cycle with the person they are supporting as the instructors aren't always able to offer one-to-one riding support to individuals.

For more info: www.bikeworks.org.uk/Pages/Category/what-is-all-ability/



Join the Newham Parent Forum



Newham Parent Forum (NPF) is a voluntary group of parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with special/additional needs and disabilities (SEND) living in Newham. The group works closely with Newham Council and Newham NHS and Clinical Commissioning Groups and also work in partnership with other local support groups so that collectively, they can make a real difference.

The forum also provides a range of information and signposting services as well as a platform for Newham parents/carers to:

Express their views

Meet other parent/carers

Influence current and future services.

Contact NPF at:

St Marks Community Centre,
Office Room 12,
218 Tollgate Road,
Beckton,
E6 5YA

Phone: 07495021062

Email: info@newhamparentforum.co.uk

Website: www.newhamparentforum.co.uk

Facebook: Newham Parent Forum

Twitter: @NPF_SEND_Parent

If there's a service or subject that you would like the forum to cover in a coffee morning, please contact as above.

Contact the Newham SEND Service

If you want to contact the Newham SEND Service, please email local.offer@Newham.gov.uk