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# SEND Family Voice

A monthly newsletter filled with news, information and events for all things SEND in the Redcar & Cleveland area.

## Soft Play Sessions at The Play Village

As parents of children with SEN we know how difficult it is to find venues where children can play without becoming too overwhelmed or distressed.

Baring this in mind, we funded 6 weeks of sessions at The Play Village at our base in Grangetown and the first was a great success! Children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and some didn't want to leave!

Parents had the chance to meet and speak with other parents and then enjoy a cuppa whilst the children enjoyed juice and a biscuit.









Parents of children aged 6 years and under with a diagnosed SEND or on the pathway for assessment plus their siblings are welcome. Parents must supervise their children at all times.

No need to book you can turn up on the day. Find us as Grangetown United Hub, Derwentwater Road, Grangetown, TS6 7PY

## Your Voice

We are keen to hear your views and opinions about the SEND services in Redcar and Cleveland. Please take a moment to complete this on the "Your Voice" section of the website. Good, bad or indifferent we want to hear from you!

https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/your-voice/

## News & Information



### Roblox Game

National Online Safety have released a poster informing parents of the potential risks associated with playing Roblox online and how to keep your keep your children safe. There are some great tips for parents and carers which they can do on their child's device to keep them safe. See the poster for more details.

### A kind of spark

A new series airing on CBBC whose main character has autism. A relatable character which may help children to explain how they experience the world and how we can best



A Kind of Spark

#### support them.

Children's drama. Sparky autistic girl Addie wants a memorial for the witches of her home village.

### Short Breaks

A reminder that Short Breaks can be accessed by contacting Becky Dale at Short Breaks. All details are on the poster



After School, Weekend and Holidays Clubs Free Activity Discount Cards (Max Cards) The SEND Family Mailing List For more information, please contact: Shortbreaks@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

#### Important Contact Numbers

Sen Services - 01642 204503

Camhs - 0300 013 2000

Shortbreaks Self referral - 01642 771247

Daisy Chain Family Support - 01642 531248 (Option 1)

Carers Together - 01642 488977

## News & Information cont

### SALT referral advice

The speech and language therapy team, often referred to as SALT, operates an open referral system, this means we accept referrals from parents, professionals and children and young people,

The website link below has lots of helpful information, including a link to the Speech and Language website which has an online progress tracker. The SALT website also has lots of useful guides around the different childhood development stages which parents may find useful.

https://www.southtees.nhs.uk/services/children-and-youngpeople/community/speech-and-language-therapy/salt-referral-advice/



The Sleep Service Survey

The Sleep Service is provided under the bubble of support from the Family Support Service. The service have asked we share this survey, which is also on our Facebook page, so they can collect parent carer views on the service. Please take a few moments to complete this survey to provide your feedback. If you haven't used the service I would still recommend you complete the survey to say why you have not accessed the service.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx? id=5abQzwBpnkOw3wvCNhVCD1EzuOdQhM5CqraqvpbudGhUN1IPNUhJUTRGWVV CSVQxNkFaU0VINUExVy4u

## Events

### Parent and Carer Coffee Mornings

You asked - we delivered! We have received some feedback from parents and carers that accessing the coffee mornings at our premises in Grangetown is sometimes tricky. This is due to a transport barrier or needing to be local to collect children from nursery. We have took this feedback on board and have now scheduled a monthly coffee morning at both Dormanstown and Skelton Family Hubs. This will help us to meet new parents and carers and build relationships to help shape the SEND services. We will still continue to hold these at the Grangetown Hub every fortnight. Please see the posters below for more information.



#### SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning at Skelton Family Hub

Do you have a child who is diagnosed with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND)? Is your child on the pathway for assessment? Do you have any concerns around your child's development or suspect they may have additional needs?

Thursday 7th March 1pm - 3pm

Thursday 11th April 1pm - 3pm



**Thursday 8 February** 



#### SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning at Dormanstown Family Hub

Do you have a child who is diagnosed with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND)? Is your child on the pathway for assessment? Do you have any concerns around your child's development or suspect they may have additional needs?

Thursday 29th February 1pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 2nd May 1pm - 3pm

#### Open to all parents and carers in Skelton and surrounding areas.

Please feel free to come along with a relative or friend to meet other parents of children with SEN. There will also be information to takeaway. Free refreshments provided Thursday 22 February

**Thursday 3 March** 

Thursday 21 March

Thursday 11 April

Thursday 25 April

Event will run from 10am - 12.00pm and there will be free tea/coffee and light refreshments. Queries to: infosendfamilyvoicerc@gmail.com



Thursday 28th March 1pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 25th April 1pm - 2.30pm

#### Open to all parents and carers in Dormanstown and surrounding areas.

Please feel free to come along with a relative or friend to meet other parents of children with SEN. There will also be information to takeaway. Free refreshments provided

We will be reviewing the coffee mornings currently on offer at our Grangetown base. Currently we hold these every 2 weeks on a Thursday but numbers have been low on the last few occasions. After Easter, we have decided to revert the coffee mornings at the Grangetown Base back to a monthly meeting. Each Grangetown meeting will be the first Thursday of each month, 10am – 12pm.

## Events cont

### Sensory Information Session

Clare, one of our parent reps, will be holding another Sensory Information Session at our offices at Grangetown United Hub. This is a great taster session to discuss how a child's senses can impact on their wellbeing and behaviour.

Please reserve your place by emailing Clare at claresendfamilyvoices@gmail.com

What other events would like to see? Please let us know by using our new Comments and Suggestions Box!

#### Sensory Information Session

#### Tuesday 5 March 2024

An introductory session delivered by a qualified Occupational Therapist (OT) to raise sensory awareness and how this impacts your child or young person.

Please note this is an awareness session and should not be used as a diagnosis

F.R.O.G , Grangetown United Community Hub, Derwentwater Road, TS6 7PY

Event will run from 10am - 12.00pm and there will be free tea/coffee and light refreshments.

Queries to: infosendfamilyvoicerc@gmail.com









#### Soft Play Sessions at Grangetown United Hub

We have booked 6 exclusive sessions at the Play Village at Grangetown United Hub. All Parents and carers and children under the age of 6 years old are welcome to attend to for a soft play session.





A great opportunity to come along and meet other parents in a safe and welcoming environment.

Children can also play in an enclosed setting and build friendships with other children.

Every Tuesday 1pm until 2.30pm Free refreshments available in the cafe 2.30pm - 3pm

Grangetown United Hub Derwentwater Road, Grangetown, TS6 7PY



### Soft Play Sessions at Hub

We have funded some exclusive at the Play Village at Grangetown United Hub. These sessions are open to all children aged up to 6 years. It will be a great chance for parents to meet up with other parents whilst their children can start to build friendships with other children in a safe and inclusive environment. Evert Tuesdsy starting 20th February.

## SEN Sessions

This month we have tried to show some different offers of SEN friendly events. We will continue to try and add as many as possible. Some of these events are based out of the area.



Providing Forest and Beach School sessions to families throughout Redcar and Cleveland.

At Woods & Waves children and young people have the opportunity to connect with nature, use tools, enjoy the warmth of a campfire, complete scavenger hunts, engage in nature-based arts and crafts and so much more. The sessions are very flexible and child-led, participants are encouraged to follow their own interests and ideas, free play and exploration are a big part of the Forest School approach. Parent/carers stay and join in the fun too.

Children with additional needs are welcome to attend any of our sessions, and we also have SEND sessions every third Saturday of the month from 16th March.

To book a place visit our Facebook page @woodswavesforestandbeachschool Or use our booking link https://bookwhen.com/woodswaves



In addition we also have some availability on our fully funded 10 week SEND Forest School group:







Thanks to funding from Woodsmith Foundation we are able to offer fully funded small group Forest and Beach School to children and young people. To qualify the child/YP must: Be aged 5—18 years, live in Redcar and Cleveland, and have an additional need or disability.

This is for a block of 10 sessions and we have a couple of remaining spaces for our Thursday 4pm sessions beginning in April, so you must be able to come along to Saltburn on this day and time to qualify. To express your interest in your child/young person been involved in this project please contact us: woodswaves2022@gmail.com / 07533366410

### SEN SESSION **E 8 P P** 1 HOUR LAZER TAG EXPERIENCE

TWO 20 MINUTE ACTION PACKED LAZER TAG GAMES Quieter Music Reduced Numbers Add a hotdog and drinkfor £2PP extra

AVAILABLE THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY Month, Extra dates available in School Holidays



Mondays: Saltburn Community Hall 1-2pm for home educators

Tuesdays: Boosbeck Village Hall 4.30-5.30pm Tuesdays: Land of Iron, Skinningrove 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesdays: Disco Babies at Loftus Family Hub 10-10.45am crawling/walking 11-11.45am pre-crawling

ogether Borderlands IRON Foundation



Family dance sessions for home educators

Every Monday from 22 January 1-2pm for 9 weeks

Saltburn Arts, Albion Terrace, Saltburn TS12 1LW



Borderlands

## SEN Sessions cont

#### **TeesstrHive CIC**



Join us for

New Groups, New Experiences, New Adventures **Supporting Young People & Families** 



With weekly groups, events and days out we support young people and families whilst having a great time









teesstrhivecic.co.uk strhivejh@gmail.com Please get in touch to book a place



wellies and waterproofs, old clothes and wear extra layers! Bookings: please email Shortbreaks@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

to book. A registration form will need to be completed. If the session is full, you will be given the opportunity to join a waiting list.

Cancellations: If you are unable to attend, please ensure you cancel your place via the Short Breaks Team. Cancelled places will be offered to families on the waiting list.







#### SILVER LINING SENSORY EASTER COLABERATION

30 Mins Easter Crafts

30 Mins interactive Sensory Session

Easter Egg Hunt Mini Bouncy Castle (under 5s) Party Games Free refreshments A visit from Peter Rabbit with a chocolate egg for each child (please let us know of any allergies in advance) £9.50 per child



