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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS and DISABILITY

INFORMATION DAY

SATURDAY 3 MARCH 2012
THE ISLE OF WIGHT COLLEGE
MEDINA WAY, NEWPORT, PO30 5TA
..... 9.15am to 3.30pm

A free event offering parents and carers of children and young people with special needs, and the professionals involved in supporting them, with the opportunity to gather information about support and services available to them and their children on the Isle of Wight.

- WORKSHOPS
- DISPLAYS
- INFORMATION STANDS



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Aims of the day

- To bring together parents, schools and agencies working with children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- For parents to gain practical information about the services available.
- To provide parents with opportunities to network.

Information Stands and Displays

Drop in at any time to browse the many displays on a variety of topics related to special educational needs/disabilities. Exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions and provide information and support.

Workshops

A series of workshops are being run throughout the day. See next page for further information about the time and content of each workshop. To guarantee places, please book early as workshop places are limited. You can choose workshops from morning and afternoon sessions.

Places can be reserved by:

- Completing and returning the booking form on this programme.
- Emailing Parent Partnership at parentpartnership@iow.gov.uk
- Calling Parent Partnership on 01983 825548

Crèche

The Tops Day Nursery at the Isle of Wight College will provide childcare for parents attending the information day. Places are limited and are for **under fives only**. Staff are fully qualified and will provide suitable play activities to support individual ages.

If you would like to make use of the crèche, please ensure you complete the crèche section of the booking form along with your workshop preferences. Please note that lunches/snacks, nappies and wipes must be supplied by the parents.

Cost

The conference is free, including lunch, refreshments and use of the creche (for under fives only). Come all day or part of it. If you would like lunch please ensure that you book.

Parent Partnership would like to extend their gratitude to Parents Voice for their contribution of funding for this day.

Information Stands

- Autism Inclusion Team
- Bridges for Learning Ltd
- Children and Young Adults Disability Team
- Community CAMHS
- Contact a Family
- Early Support Team
- Education Participation Team
- Family Information Zone (FIZ)
- IOW National Autistic Society
- NYAS
- Parent Partnership
- Parents Voice
- Rainbow Club
- Ryde Children's Centre
- Sandown Bay Academy
- ASRC
- SCOPE
- St Catherines School
- Two Counties: Island Carers Support Service

And many more...

Contact

For enquiries relating to this conference please contact:

Parent Partnership

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Website www.iwpp.co.uk

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If you have difficulty understanding this document please contact us on (01983) 821000 and we will do our best to help you.

Workshops

Session 1 · start time 9.45am

Total communication approach

This workshop will facilitate children to be effective communicators in all environments at all times.

Led by Becca Burr, NHS Speech and Language Therapist

Strategies to support children with dyslexia and literacy difficulties

This workshop will provide information on dyslexia and literacy needs and will give strategies which can be used to support your child at home.

Please note that this workshop is for parents only.

Led by Clare Bowen, Advisory Teacher for SpLD

ASD: feelings and emotions

Young people with an ASD may have difficulties understanding their own feelings and emotions, never mind those of others. This workshop is intended to give an insight into these difficulties and offer practical strategies to enable parents and carers to help.

Led by Autism Inclusion Team

Sensory processing difficulties

An introductory workshop to help parents and carers recognise, understand and alleviate sensory difficulties in their children with special needs.

Sensory processing difficulties are a common feature of many diagnoses including Asperger syndrome and autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), bipolar disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, dyspraxia, epilepsy, foetal alcohol syndrome, Fragile X, Rett syndrome and other conditions including some psychiatric and anxiety disorders.

A child with sensory processing difficulties will experience problems with learning and behaviour. Understanding this very important area can give your child a better chance at accessing education, managing overload and avoiding meltdowns.

See afternoon workshop for further details.

Led by Anita Bradshaw, Teaching in Charge, ASRC, Sandown Bay Academy

Session 2 · start time 11.45am

Are you feeling stressed?

'Mindfulness' is a way of managing difficult situations which make us feel stressed or anxious. NICE recommends mindfulness for helping depression and to reduce stress.

At Bridges for Learning Ltd there are three psychologists who are qualified to use mindfulness techniques. Each psychologist has completed an intensive training validated by the British Psychological Society.

We are currently introducing mindfulness to a number of schools on the Island and are working with adults and children to promote emotional health and well-being by reducing stress and anxiety.

Come along and find out all about it!

Led by Siobhan Aubin, Educational Psychologist and Director, Bridges for Learning Ltd.

"This is my life"

Ross Forde is a 24 year old young man with high functioning autism. In this workshop Ross will give a summary of his experiences from school days to present day. Ross is also happy to answer any questions that may arise from the audience.

Led by Ross Forde and Toni Devine, Occupational Therapist and Specialist Personal Assistant

Understanding ADHD

A range of activities and exercises to provide an improved understanding of ADHD and the impact on children's social and emotional development and learning.

- An opportunity to consider ADHD from the child's perspective.
- Developing and sharing strategies for both coping and for managing ADHD behaviours.

Led by Penny Crossley and Kate Smith, Behaviour Support and Parenting Advice Team

Session 3 · start time 1.45pm

Sensory processing difficulties

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This workshop will give you a better understanding of:

- What signs should you look for to recognise sensory processing difficulties. Why it is important to understand your child's sensory issues. How you can help. Where you can get more information. Who is available on the Island to help you, and when you should ask for help.

See morning workshop for further details.

Led by Anita Bradshaw, Teaching in Charge, ASRC, Sandown Bay Academy

Parents Voice: Speak Up

Parents Voice is a network of parents/carers of children with SEN/disabilities on the Isle of Wight. This workshop aims to inform people of the work Parents Voice is doing and has done, and to gather further information for future events and to enable people to become involved with it.

Led by Craig Goldsmith and the Parents Voice team

Dyspraxia: developmental coordination disorder. Hints and tips to support children and families.

A simple approach to looking at a range of issues associated with dyspraxia including the social impact, tactile defensiveness and handwriting.

Led by Lucy Walshe, Independent Educational and Therapeutic Psychologist at 'Good Thinking'

Annual statement reviews: what do you expect?

What is the purpose of the annual review? Or the interim review? How should it help your child? What information should you receive and when? What input should you give? Who else should attend? What happens if you don't agree with something? When should they be held? What are the outcomes?

Find out if what you expect to happen, what should happen and what really happens are the same thing.

Led by Jane Chown, Manager, SEN Assessment and Review Team

Workshop Booking Form

- Please note that morning workshops have been timed so that places can be booked on sessions at 9.45am and 11.45am.
- Please use one form per person. Photocopy for additional bookings or telephone your booking to 825548.
- Your booking will be acknowledged and directions to the college will be sent.
- Please tick the box next to the workshops you wish to attend.
- Please only tick one box per session.
- Please return completed booking form to: Parent Partnership, 11 Orchard Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1JZ

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

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Phone number

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Email

Please let us know below if you any specific requirements

(e.g. specific diet, access, induction loop, sign language interpretation)

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- Strategies to support children with dyslexia
- ASD: feelings and emotions
- Sensory processing difficulties

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- Sensory processing difficulties
- Parents Voice: Speak Up!
- Dyspraxia: developmental coordination disorder
- Annual statement reviews: what do you expect?

Lunch

Please tick the box if you require lunch.

Crèche

If you would like to make use of the crèche please give details of your child/children and return form by no later than Friday 10 February 2012. **The crèche is for under fives only.**

Name of child/ren

Age

Morning

Afternoon

All day

If you child/ren has special care needs please give details below.