

Working with Families News

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<p>Funded by Sandwell's Public Health Team, the Parent Support Team are currently offering FREE Changes courses at Soft Play Centres in Sandwell, starting in June. Parents with pre-schoolers, or primary aged children can join other parents in a discussion group whilst their little ones play. Refreshments are included.</p> <p>Sandwell families will also find other free activities on this booking page, including Tree Babies, Born to Move, Sensory Play, Paediatric First Aid Awareness, Zumbini and Babbling Babies. More activities/ dates are being added all the time, so keep checking back!</p>	<p>https://bookwhen.com/book4changes</p>
<p>Do you know a Sandwell resident who is having a baby? Then make sure that they are aware of the suite of antenatal activities that are available free of charge. These include online and face to face antenatal classes, aquanatal classes, Bump to Baby, Breastfeeding Support Sessions, and a bespoke antenatal session especially for grandparents.</p>	<p>https://bookwhen.com/changes</p>
<p>The Early Help Partnership are pleased to introduce their new website. The website focuses on providing practitioners with information, training, resources and access to local targeted support. The majority of support is delivered by local charities and community organisations, although public sector projects and services can be included. The site aims to be a hub for practitioners to link up, and to foster familiarity and confidence between partners.</p>	<p>www.sandwellearlyhelp.info</p> <p>For further information contact: Angel, Early Help Partnership Co-ordinator, earlyhelp@scvo.info or 07587 136072</p>
<p>Free school meal vouchers will again be distributed to eligible families in Sandwell this half-term holiday. Parents and carers will be contacted through their child's school and will receive vouchers to go towards the cost of food for the week-long break.</p>	<p>www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6427/free_school_meal_vouchers_for_this_half-term_holiday</p>
<p>Ofcom has released the second episode of their new podcast series Life Online which explores themes around online safety. This episode centres on cyberbullying and includes three teenagers sharing their own experiences of online bullying.</p>	<p>https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/threat-of-online-bullying-greater-than-offline</p>

<p>Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children have released their June newsletter. All bookings should be made through spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org.</p>	<p>https://www.sp-dc.org/uncategorized/spdc-parent-carer-june-2022-newsletter/</p>
<p>Doxxing is when someone on the internet posts personal information about someone else for the world to see. This information is sensitive, meaning it can be used to figure out who someone really is, where they live and how to contact them. Find out what you can do to help prevent this happening and advice on how to handle it if a child is a victim of doxxing.</p>	<p>https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-doxxing-and-how-can-you-keep-your-child-safe/</p>
<p>Schools can apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and up to half a day of professional outdoor training to deliver outdoor learning and play. The funding is being made available through the charity Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant Programme and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery. Funding will also be open to Early Years settings that have their own building and more than five staff.</p>	<p>The next closing date for applications is the 17th of June 2022</p> <p>https://www.ltl.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/</p>
<p>Sandwell Council, the Black Country Housing Group (BCHG) and social enterprise Repc Ltd have together launched Sandwell Digital Donations to help narrow the 'digital divide'. The new scheme encourages businesses and residents to donate unwanted PCs, laptops and tablets to be wiped, refurbished and given a second lease of life to households and organisations within the borough.</p>	<p>For more information on how to donate, contact digital_donation@sandwell.gov.uk or ring Repc Ltd on 0121 557 6439.</p> <p>https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6423/sandwell-digital-donations-narrows-the-digital-divide</p>
<p>Join The Albion Foundation and Black Country legend 'Blind Dave' Heeley for their annual Colour Run on Saturday, July 16th in partnership with Sandwell SHAPE Youth Summer Festival. The 5km colour run will take place at Sandwell Valley Country Park, and runners will be doused from head to toe at 6 different colour stations. Funds raised will go to the Albion Foundation.</p>	<p>https://www.wba.co.uk/news/blind-dave-heeleys-colour-run-2022</p>
<p>If you would like to promote services or information in this newsletter or share a good news story, please contact the team.</p>	<p>Parent Support Team parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</p>