

SIGNPOSTplus Information Snippets

Southern Devon and Surrounding Area

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Signpost Plus

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Stagecoach

is encouraging passengers who are unable to wear a face covering on the bus due to a health condition or

a disability to apply for new face covering journey assistance cards. Apply here:

<http://soc.devon.cc/U0bCu>

More info here:

https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/archives/9945?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn



NatWest MoneySense

Don't know where to start when it comes to teaching your child about money? It's easy with MoneySense. NatWest have free, fun interactive

learning activities as a great way of introducing money topics at home.

For more details go to: [Here](#)



Speech and Language Therapy Service

A virtual drop in for parents of children under 2

and professionals who are concerned about their speech, language and communication development.

This will be delivered via the 'attend anywhere' platform.

The Speech and Language Therapist will spend up to 10 minutes listening to the parents'/professional's concerns, asking questions and observing how the child and parent/s communicate and interact. Follow the steps below to use the service:

1. Log onto <https://nhs.vc/tsdft-cfhd-child-speech-lang>
 2. Sign in using the code "Drop In"
 3. The Therapist will see that you are in the waiting area and will join the video room when they are ready
- Available from: 10am till 12pm on the following dates: 15th and 29th September
13th and 27th October
10th and 24th November
8th December

Attached posters for full details.

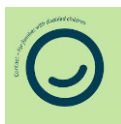


Kooth

If you're concerned about the mental health of a young person aged 11 to 25, why not check out Kooth?

Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community that offers free and confidential mental health support to young people in Devon.

Find out more here: www.kooth.com/



Contact - For families with disabled children

How long you can continue claiming benefits for your son or daughter when they turn 16 will depend on whether they remain in full time non-advanced education or approved training. Tune in for a free webinar on Thursday 20th August for a complete and simple overview of how benefits work for the 16-19 age group. Register here <http://ow.ly/fr3R50APqBs>



Devon Information Advice & Support (DiAS)

New DiAS top tips for a successful virtual meeting. One of the many changes that's happened over lockdown has been the rise of the virtual meeting.

So, DiAS have written some top tips to help parents (and professionals) get ready for meetings and get the most out of them. There are lots of practical suggestions and ideas from knowing what to do when your invitation arrives, to muting your microphone and wearing the right clothes.

Find out more here: <http://soc.devon.cc/sNxiv>



ICAN, in partnership with NASEN, have recently published FREE online training aimed at practitioners working in Early Years Settings. The on-line

modules are part of the 2020 – 21 EYSEND partnership programme. These two webcast modules will introduce practitioners to Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) in the early years. They aim to help practitioners take the initial steps in exploring the impact of SLCN on young children and identify and support SLCN in early years settings.

The two webcasts last 90 minutes each. They include opportunities to reflect and consider application to individual early years settings. There is a participant pack to download for each module. To access the training please visit:

https://ican.org.uk/eysend-partnership/?mc_cid=765d11d8a4&mc_eid=3ad334cae8



Cerebra

There's still time to request some of the clear visors that

Cerebra's Innovation Centre are creating. If you work in a special school or your child attends one, fill out the form on their website:

<https://cerebra.org.uk/campaigns/visors/request-visors/>



DCC small grants scheme

If you're a provider of services for children and young people

with special education needs and disabilities (SEND), Devon County Council are inviting applications to their Small Grants Scheme for financial support. The scheme provides funding to organisations who support children and young people with SEND to access their local community and take part in activities alongside their friends. The scheme, provided by Devon County Council in partnership with Parent Carer Forum Devon can grant up to £5,000 to eligible organisations.

For more information including application form and guidance, please visit

<https://www.dcfp.org.uk/small-grants-scheme-send-2021/> or email childrenscommissioningsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk



Buddy Dogs for Children

Guide Dogs buddy dogs bring a new friend into the lives of children

with sight loss. By helping to develop their self-confidence, improve relationships and build a greater sense of trust, these dogs can have a hugely positive effect on your child's wellbeing – and your family, too.

A buddy dog is:

- a friendly, well-behaved pet dog
- here to help your child increase their physical activity, build confidence, create better relationships with others, and develop a sense of fun and trust
- a great way to show your child the responsibility of caring for a dog
- owned by Guide Dogs
- looked after and paid for by your family, including vets' bills and insurance

Guide Dogs are continuing to run an adapted Buddy Dog Service. For more information call the advice line on 0800 781 1444



30 hours funded childcare

Funded childcare is now available to all 3 and 4-year-olds and some 2-year-olds. From September 2017, for eligible 3 and 4-year-old children, the government extended the funded early education and childcare entitlement from 15 to 30 hours per week.

The deadline for applications for Autumn term funding is 31 August 2020

Find out more about the 30 hours funding and apply here:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/early-years-and-childcare/childcare/free-childcare-3-4-year-olds/30-hours-free-childcare>



British Red Cross

Can't wait until the kids go back to school? Or going to miss that quality time

British Red Cross monthly activity packs – posted right to your door – can help you and your little ones to connect, develop and play all year round. Sign them up to Little Heroes today. It only takes 2 minutes. Activities can be enjoyed by all ages, especially children aged 3-8 who will particularly love them.

For more details click to: [Here](#)



Devon SEND

Worried about your child potentially feeling

apprehensive or anxious when they eventually return to school? Nip in the Bud have produced a short film and a fact sheet to help you help your child deal with these emotions.

<http://soc.devon.cc/RPHgu>

<http://soc.devon.cc/IBUtb>



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Useful Emergency Contact Numbers:

NHS Helpline: **111** Use **999** if a medical emergency.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, if you are concerned about your own safety or that of a child or young person: **0345 155 1071**

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Devon): **0808 2000 247** (24 hours) Use **999** if you are in immediate danger.

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger, for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis. If you need urgent help **text YM to 85258**

Samaritans (24 hours): **116 123**

Citizens Advice Bureau National Helpline: **03444 111 444**



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