



Supporting families with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

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Well we've got to the end of the first half term of 2021. We hope you are coping with all that the lockdown brings.

### Half Term Activities

If you're looking for activities to do at Half Term, here's some we've heard about:

**CEF Lyncx** are running **Zoom Fit 4 Dance!** sessions for young people with SEND as part of their Summertime Saturday programme. Next session is Saturday 13th February at 3pm.

Contact [Navlet@cefi.or.uk](mailto:Navlet@cefi.or.uk) or [Kasia@cefi.org.uk](mailto:Kasia@cefi.org.uk) for registration details.

**Fulham Football Club Foundation's Pan DisAbility Virtual Soccer School** has a packed week planned. The Pan DisAbility Virtual Soccer School is open to anyone from 5 years to adults with any form of physical and/or learning disability. Sessions will consist of fun individual football skills, games, challenges as well as creative fun too.

To access all of the above it is just a one off sign-up fee of £10, so why not get yourself booked onto the Pan DisAbility Virtual Soccer School today! [Click Here to book!](#)

**My AFK's Holiday Programme for 14 - 25 year olds** includes Creative Movement, Cooking, Arts and Crafts and Exercise at a cost of £10 per day. You can find the timetable and book [here](#)

**Artburst** is an award-winning social enterprise providing creative educational workshops that improve the lives of young people and their families, including a project for children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs.

February Half Term has an Animal Safari theme with workshops on Instagram and Facebook. More information on the [Artburst website](#)

**Movement Works Online** offer online movement sessions including Sensory Yoga, Autism Movement Therapy, Rhythm and Rhyme and Developmental Dance Movement. Full details of the sessions and how to book are on their [website](#)

**Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC)** has a full programme of activities for Half Term for children and young people who are blind or partially sighted. Full details and how to book on their [website](#)

**DASL (Disability Advice Service Lambeth)** have a weekly **Radio Show, Smashing Records** every **Thursday 4 - 4.30pm** <https://www.resonancefm.com/>

You can listen [here](#) to a recent interview with Hope and her photography mentor Alfie.

They would love to have more families on the show to share their stories and talents. They record on Zoom. If you're interested, contact DASL [enquiry.line@disabilitylambeth.org.uk](mailto:enquiry.line@disabilitylambeth.org.uk)

Families are also welcome to join **DASL's Happy Drums** sessions on **Saturday mornings 11-11.45am** on Zoom. For more information and to book, contact Owais Nais, Sports and Social Coordinator, [oniaz@disabilitylambeth.org.uk](mailto:oniaz@disabilitylambeth.org.uk) or 07904 002512

Attached is **DASL's Sports and Social Activity Guide** for adult members of DASL. Do have a look.

**SEND Youth Forum** - Lambeth Council is setting up a new Forum to allow young people with additional needs to contribute their views on the services provided for them, and what they want to see available for them (flier attached).

Some of you will have heard Jerome Martello speak about the SEND Youth Forum at our Come Together! Coffee Morning in January.

The first meeting of the SEND Youth Forum will be on **Friday 20th February at 10.30am**. If your young person would like to be involved, with your support if necessary, or if you want to know more about it, contact Jerome [jmartello@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jmartello@lambeth.gov.uk) or 07999 019189

**Clapham Common Inclusive Playground** - Lambeth's new disabled friendly playground for children from toddlers to pre-teens has opened on Clapham Common near Windmill Drive. Lambeth Council has invested over half a million pounds in this playground which aims to become the first PiPA (Planned inclusive play area) Gold Accredited playground in Lambeth.

If you're in the area over Half Term, do go and have a look at the new playground.

We'd love to hear how it works for your children. You can email us [here](#) or use the Issues Log on our website [here](#)

Not for Half Term, but looking ahead to going back to home learning.

**Richard Semmens**, who some of you will know from the **All Aboard Club** (formerly EngineShed), is running free online drop in sessions on Tuesday evenings where you can get ideas and advice about home learning for your child with autism or ADHD. More information [here](#).

Richard also offers a tutoring and mentoring service for autistic and ADHD children and young people. Find out more [here](#)

## **Lambeth SEND Strategy and Local Offer**

As discussed at our recent Come Together! Coffee Mornings, Lambeth is working on a new SEND and Inclusion Strategy. This includes updating the Lambeth Local Offer, which gives children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities and their families information about what support services the local authority think will be available in their local area.

The **new Local Offer page** on Lambeth's website can be found [here](#)

This is still a work in progress and will be updated over the coming weeks. There is a Feedback link on the page which you can use to share your views of the page.

## Communication Survey

In preparation for consultation on the new SEND and Inclusion Strategy, Lambeth wants to know how you would like them to communicate with you. There is a short survey on the Lambeth website [here](#). Do complete it if you can - it's open until 26th February 2021.

**Lambeth Made Charter Mark Awards** celebrate the positive impact of businesses on young people and communities in Lambeth. Nominations are open until 14th February and the awards ceremony takes place on 2nd March 2021. Read more about it [here](#)

## Covid Information

### COVID Testing

In Lambeth, you can now get a rapid Covid test if you don't have symptoms at 4 sites across the borough, from Streatham Library in the south to Lilian Baylis School in the north of the borough.

Tests are free and available to anyone living or working in Lambeth, including for children aged over 3 and young people. Full details and how to book can be found on [Lambeth's website](#)

There is also enhanced testing in some parts of West Norwood and Streatham, SE27 and SW16. Again full details can be found on [Lambeth's website](#)

### COVID Vaccines

Information about how the vaccine is being delivered in South East London can be found on the [SELCCG website](#)

Details of the Priority Groups for Vaccination can be found in the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, 30th December 2020, [here](#)

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals are in priority level 4 and should have received an invitation for their first vaccination.

Unpaid carers under 65 are included in priority group 6: all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality.

**Carers** are mentioned in Footnote 3: *"This also includes those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill"*. This includes parent carers.

**Unpaid carers** do not have to be registered as a carer with their GP to be included in priority group 6 but it is **strongly advised they do register** as this will make it easier for them to be identified. Most

Practice websites will have an opportunity for people to register as a carer online. The online form can be hard to find so it's probably quickest to put the word carer into the search bar.

Easy Read information about Covid vaccines can be found [here](#)

## **Join Lambeth Parent Forum**

Lambeth Parent Forum is open to all parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities aged 0 - 25 in the London Borough of Lambeth. Our aim is to provide opportunities for parents and carers to contribute to developing services that meet the needs of their families, whilst sharing experiences and knowledge with other parents and carers.

If you know anyone who would like to join Lambeth Parent Forum, please ask them to complete our joining form on our website [www.lambethparentforum.com](http://www.lambethparentforum.com)