



March/April 2021

## PROGRAMME UPDATE

*Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme*

### 10. SENDIASS Events

#### Listening Ear Wednesdays

The four IASS from Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell are joining together to offer some FREE virtual sessions for local parents and carers offering emotional support and a listening ear.

We know that things have been difficult for families, particularly where a child has additional needs. There are still many concerns even as we step closer to returning to normality. We invite you to join us remotely and chat about what you might be finding difficult. We can offer you impartial advice and guide you to appropriate support.

Information, Advice and Support Services (IASS) advise and support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

The next **FREE virtual sessions** will take place on **Wednesday: [28 April - 10am to 11am](#)**

*Click on the date to book your place via Eventbrite and receive instructions on how to join.*

#### Dudley SENDIASS Young Person online Question and Answer Sessions

Dudley SENDIASS is hosting a number of sessions specifically aimed at young people:

- Tuesday 20th April
- Thursday 6th and Tuesday 18th May
- Thursday 10th and Tuesday 22nd June
- Thursday 8th and Tuesday 13th July

All sessions are 4pm-5pm on MS Teams. To book on to a session contact us at [dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

Dudley Sendiass Service provides a range of information, legally based advice and support to help young people, children & parents/carers, on all matters relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The service offers free, confidential and impartial support to children and young people aged 0-25 years old with SEND and their parents and carers.

We are here to help you make informed choices and are running on-line Q&A sessions to give you an opportunity to ask questions and find out about the support linked to your Post-16 hopes and aspirations.

#### **The Q&A sessions will look at:**

- SEND support in settings
- What support a school/college or training provider can offer
- Support in requesting an education health care assessment
- What is an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan)
- How an EHCP can help you in your setting or training provider
- The timeline of the EHCP process

#### **Signposting to**

- Key People in colleges and training providers with knowledge around SEND.
- Services who can support you to choose a college, training provider or find employment.
- How to highlight your SEND to colleges, training providers and employers.
- Dudley's Local Offer

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