



**PARENT CARER SUPPORT
GROUPS
Oxfordshire**

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running before you head along ****



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**** If you'd like to receive these newsletters, please email us! ****

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

**** NEW ****

First get together Wednesday 1st
of November 9.30-11.30 at Bizzy
Bees Cafe, GWP.

Venue - Didcot



**Coffee & Chat for Parents/
Guardians - Children welcomed!**

A chance for your child to see,
meet other children and for you
to spend sometime with other
parents, get advice and support.

**New parent support group starting on 1st November in Didcot. For more
information if you need it, please contact:-**

Terez Moore on 07816 586655 - text or WhatsApp.

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**** NEW ****

Oxford area...

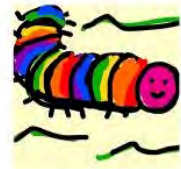
**Oxford
Hub**

Throughout the year, PAP (Parents and Professionals) is organising Fortnightly Coffee Mornings, mainly aimed at PARENTS of children with SEN (diagnosed/undiagnosed) to get together for a FREE talk presented by a guest speaker. Its a time to relax, refresh, chat, spill the beans, share opinions & experiences, support each other, have a laugh or shed a tear, all over a cup of coffee.

The Coffee Mornings are held from 9.30am to 11am Every other Thursday Starting 2nd November

Location:

The jungle, Templar Square OX4 3XX



Parent and Professionals Coffee
Morning

Contact Kylie for more information:

kylie@oxfordhub.org

A joint venture from [Parent Power](#) and [SENTipede](#) - working together to support our families.
Starting - Thursday 2nd November - fortnightly thereafter.

Please contact Kylie for more info - kylie@oxfordhub.org

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SEN Support Group Banbury

About us

A support group that is run every other Monday to help support parents/carers of children with SEN, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided. £1 donation per person.

Find us on Facebook: SEN Support Group Banbury or message us 07432003645

Cromwell Lodge Hotel, OX16 0TB. Every other Monday 09.30am-11.00am.

Sessions are held every other week on a Monday & the next face to face session is on **Monday 13th November**.

Please do come along...everyone is welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087505368087>

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£2 per Family!

**Family Drop In Session
for Children with SEN**

Every Wednesday
6-8pm

The Hill Community Centre
Dover Avenue, Bretch Hill, OX16 0JJ

All Children must be
accompanied by an Adult.



This family session runs weekly so why not pop along enjoy some free refreshments & meet new people.

All ages & abilities welcome, we look forward to meeting you all.

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ALL THINGS SEND

Family SEND Support Group

You are an amazing bunch who are working incredibly hard, day in day out, to support and nurture your children despite their challenges. You deserve an hour to yourselves to chat about your experiences over a cuppa and a biscuit!

Grab the time and opportunity to **chat freely** to each other in a **non-judgemental** space. There is no formal agenda, just the chance to talk about **what works well** and **what is tricky**.

WHEN: Friday mornings, drop in between 8:45am and 11am

WHERE: Hill View School Community Bungalow, OX16 1DN



If you would like to come along, just turn up!

To find out more please contact Emma Ford at eford@hillview-school.co.uk or Emma Jeavons at ejeavons@hillview-school.co.uk



When you are supporting a child with additional needs, it can be extra fun but extra tricky too! This is an informal group where you can come to share a cup of tea/coffee and a chat freely in a non-judgemental space. You might have tips you want or feel you can share. You might want to link up with others for play-dates out of school. There is no fixed agenda or regular 'talks' - just a chance for you to chat to others in a similar situation about what works well and what is tricky.

For more information, contact Emma Ford (eford@hillview-school.co.uk) or Emma Jeavons (ejeavons@hillview-school.co.uk) or check out our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067604964138>

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Kidlington area...

Are you a parent or carer of a child who struggles with mental health issues and/or is neuro-diverse?

If so, you might be interested in joining one of the following support groups:

Mondays – 6.30pm-8.00pm A support group for parents or carers of dependent adults (18+)	Tuesdays – 9.30am-11.00am A support group for parents or carers of children aged between 11-18
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These will be facilitated groups where parents/carers can meet together to share experiences and get moral support in a safe space. The facilitator is a professionally accredited therapist (UKCP, MBACP).

There is no fee for attending.

Groups will start on Monday 9th /Tuesday 10th of October 2023 and will run for 10 weeks. It is expected that you will attend all ten sessions if possible.



This project is an initiative of the Anglican Church in Kidlington and the groups will meet on Church premises. Please contact Rev'd Felicity Scroggie in the first instance to express an interest: felicityscroggie@gmail.com. Places are limited.

If you'd like more info or to express an interest in attending, please email:-

felicityscroggie@gmail.com

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Walking With You

A parent led support group hosted by Oxfordshire CAMHS



The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes

Walking with You is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people (up to the age of 25) who are experiencing mental health difficulties.

You can take part discussing shared experiences with other parents and carers as well as having mental health professionals from CAMHS on hand to support and answer any questions you may have.

The sessions are being run over Teams and you can join or leave at any point (meetings are not recorded).

If you would like to join our sessions or would like further info, please contact:
WWYoxon@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Please contact the team direct to find out when the next sessions are taking place...

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

If you'd like more info or to attend, please email:-

WWYoxon@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortbreaks to keep up to date with short breaks and respite care services for disabled children in Oxfordshire

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People

We are delighted to announce
Growing Minds and John Henry Newman
have partnered with Jigsaw
to offer a new SEN parent peer support group.

Mondays from 9.15am to 10.30am

There will be a stay and play session for children,
a chance to chat and share some
of the challenges and delights of having
a child with additional needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy on
07734389799 or
lucy@homestartoxford.org.uk




This SEN Parent Peer Support Group is a partnership between Growing Minds (find out more here: <https://buff.ly/3PyESzM>), John Henry Newman and Jigsaw.

It is free & will run weekly at the John Henry Newman Academy, Littlemore.

If you would like any information please contact Lucy - lucy@homestartoxford.org.uk

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Positive Measure

Parent lead support group for parents of children with additional needs

Every Monday	Baptist Church, Eynsham	19:30-21:00
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Chat over a cuppa
Helpful advice from parents
Non-judgemental
Meet parents that get it

Suggested donation: £2



Baptist Church, Lombard Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HT

If you'd like more information, please contact Emma on
07828 888064

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SPACE

Come join us at SPACE

**Where & When
does
SPACE meet?**

Friday's - Term time only
Time - 10am to 12.30pm
Upstairs lounge @ ICE Centre,
Langdale Hall Witney OX28
6AB
Parking in public car park
Wheelchair & pushchair accessible

**Who is
SPACE for?**

SPACE is for
parents/carers of
children or adults with
special needs

A place for parents and
carers to meet, chat and
feel included.
To share experiences,
infomation and support
with one another

**What is
SPACE for?**

Contact Jo on 07875890775

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For families supporting children on the autistic spectrum

Please come and join us on the **last Friday of the month** (term time only) for a friendly cuppa and chat.

All families welcome, with or without a diagnosis.

Welcome Church, High St,
Witney OX28 6HL
10am - 12noon
If you have any questions,
please email
chatandacuppa@yahoo.com

For more information, please message us:-
chatandacuppa@yahoo.com

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DROP IN SESSIONS THIS WEEK:



**Parents:
9:30-4PM**

**Young people:
4-6pm**



APCAM

Assisting Parents with Children Affected by Mental Health



**Carterton Family Centre
The Allandale
Carterton
OX18 3AA**

**apcamgroup.org.uk
info@apcamgroup.org.uk**

We usually meet on the above times each week but please do check our info/website before attending as occasionally we need to adjust our session times.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support either via email info@apcamgroup.org.uk or come to our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/apcamgroup>

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Abingdon...

Parent/ Carer Drop Ins

Is your child or teenager struggling with attending or engaging in school?

Free, friendly informal sessions for sharing experiences, support and guidance. Young children welcome.

1.45- 2.45 Thursday 9th November
1.45- 2.45 Thursday 14th December
@Abingdon Carousel Family Centre



Secondary School Groups

Safe, inclusive mental health support for young people aged 12- 16 struggling with school attendance.

Contact us confidentially for information about our next groups.



For more info - <https://www.mentalhealthnatters.org/young-people>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/mentalhealthnatters>

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WHO ARE WE?

SHIFT are an informal support group that welcomes parents, carers and extended family members of any child with SEND (with or without a diagnosis)

WHAT DO WE DO?

SHIFT meet together in the Abingdon area for a friendly, supportive chat, offering help and advice to those in need.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

SHIFT meets monthly in person on the first Friday of the month for 'Coffee & Chat' from 10-12 noon.
We also hold online 'Virtual Shift' sessions via Zoom on the third Monday of the month from 8-9.30pm.

For more information visit: shift-abingdon.org.uk

The upcoming dates for this term are:-

In person at the Wells Café, Garden Room, Peachcroft Farm, Whites Lane, Abingdon, OX14 2HP between 10.00am and 12.00pm (1st of the month, term time only)

Fridays 10th Nov (Pauline, Disability Info Officer, Family Information Service is attending) **& 1st Dec**

Online Monday evenings (Zoom) between 8.00pm and 9.30pm (3rd of the month)

20th Nov & 18th Dec

To join our mailing list, please email info@shift-abingdon.org.uk

Or for more information, please go to our website - www.shift-abingdon.org.uk

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Parent Coffee Morning

OXFORD CREATORS
EDUCATION

Is your child having difficulty accessing a full time education or mental health support? Pop along to our weekly group. Dates, times and directions can be found here:

VENUE
Unit 7
Hawksworth Road
Didcot
OX11 7HR

OxfordCreators.co.uk/parents

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Talk to people that understand your situation & can support you without judgement
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Parents, Carers & Grandparents are all welcome to join our positive & thriving community
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Listen to guest speakers who will share their tips on getting through adversity

Oxford Creators are running weekly coffee mornings on Thursdays from 10.30am-11.30am at their offices in Didcot and look forward to welcoming you for a coffee and chat!

Don't forget to book your ticket! More info here - www.OxfordCreators.co.uk/parents