

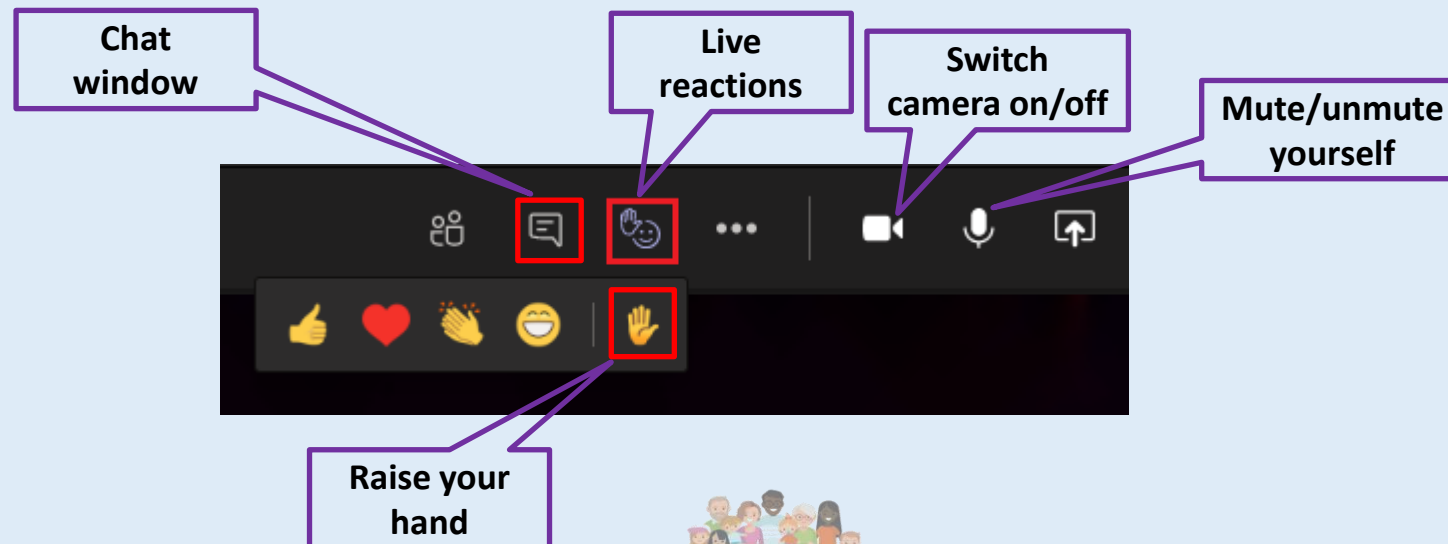
Warwickshire SEND Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS)

**Parent Carer Webinar
21st November 2022**



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- All questions, including any not covered in the time allowed, will be answered and posted on Warwickshire County Council's website along with a recording of the session and slides.
- We'll circulate details by email to all participants after the webinar

Speakers

- Elaine Harvey, Service Manager, SENDIAS
- Dawn Rowley, Caseworker, SENDIAS

Supported by:

- Sam Craven, Voice, Influence & Change Development Officer, Participation Team, WCC
- Tammy Mason, WCC
- Elaine Lambe, Chair, Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice

Aim of this session

- Provide an overview of the SENDIAS Service & how to access
- Provide an understanding about what kind of support and advice SENDIAS can provide

Warwickshire
SEND Information,
Advice and
Support Service



Welcome to a guide for

Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support (SENDIAS)



Meet the Team



Alison Allen
Senior Practitioner



Dawn Lamont
Caseworker



Elaine Harvey
Service Manager



Wendy Wragg
Caseworker



Dawn Rowley
Caseworker



Deana Spilletts
Senior Practitioner



The IASS staff are legally trained in relevant law and statutory guidance including :-

- IPSEA SEN Adviser's Legal training Levels 1, 2 and 3
- Disability legislation

Further additional training across the team includes:-

- Disability awareness: Autism (ASD Specialist Teacher), ADHD, SPLD, Mental Health and all other disabilities
- Exclusions/ relevant school regulations
- Tribunal Training
- Safeguarding
- Statutory Guidance for Schools including the Early Years Foundation Stage and Post 16
- Health and Safety

Steering Group

- We have a **Steering Group** of members from the local authority SEND services, Education, Health, Social Care and parents
- We meet termly to talk about issues and ideas to improve and develop the SENDIAS service.



What is SENDIASS ?



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The obligations and expectations of an Information Advice, Support Service (IASS) are set out in Chapter 2 of the SEND Code of Practice

“Local authorities must arrange for children with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, and their parents, and young people with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, to be provided with information and advice about matters relating to their SEN or disabilities, including matters relating to health and social care.” SEND Code of Practice 2014, DfE

All SENDIASS work to a set of minimum standards which can be found here:

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network/resources/minimum-standards-iass>

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A child or young person has special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them

(CFA 2014 , Section 20(1))

Special educational provision is provision that is additional to or different from that which would normally be provided for children or young people of the same age in a mainstream education setting

(CFA 2014, Section 21)

This definition of SEN is the same as the definition of SEN in the Education Act 1996. References to disabled children and young people in the Act cover any child or young person who is disabled under the Equality Act 2010.

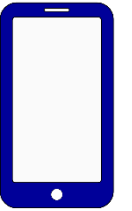




- Warwickshire SENDIAS is a statutory service, supporting parents/carers and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 – 25 years. Young people aged 16 to 25 years can choose to access our service independently or with the support of their parent/carer.
- It is a free, easy to access and confidential service, that provides impartial information, advice and support on issues related to SEND.
- We are commissioned by Warwickshire County Council through the charity KIDS. We are therefore independent from the Local Authority.
- KIDS is a national charity, which provides a wide range of support services to disabled children, young people and their families.

What we provide . . .

- Accurate, impartial information and advice to parents/carers, children and young people with SEND on gathering, understanding and interpreting information and applying it to their own situation
- Support by telephone, information by email and, attend meetings, drop-ins or local events.
- Information on Warwickshire County Council's processes for resolving disagreements, complaints procedures and means of redress, the Local Offer, local voluntary and national organisations.



What we provide cont'd . . .



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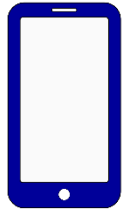
For access to all of Warwickshire's regional resources

SEND Support in school

- Dyslexia
- Funding for SEND
- Glossary
- Local Offer (Warwickshire specific)
- School Documents and Information
- School Meetings
- SEND Support In School (Warwickshire specific)

Education, Health and Care Plan Needs Assessments

- EHC Plans
- EHC Plans Needs Assessments
- EHC Timeline
- Template Parental Request Letter (this is a word document for parents to fill in)
- Advice on completing the family conversation
- Advice on completing the my views



How We Support . . .



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- Empowering parents and young people (0-25) to find the confidence to express their views
- To understand their legal rights in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disability
- By listening to parents, children and young people's views and concerns
- Working with parents, children and young people to explore their options
- Facilitate discussions and attend meetings with professionals and the Local Authority
- Guidance with writing letters, completing forms, preparing for assessments and to participate in reviews
- Review SEND paperwork, from initial stage to Education Health Care Plan
- Support for transitions; from Early Years to Primary, Primary to Secondary and Preparing for Adulthood.
- To work in partnership with schools, services and the local authority to develop positive relationships and outcomes.
- SEND Tribunal advice and guidance



Frequently asked Questions and Answers



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- Can you suggest alternative schools?

As an impartial service, we are unable to make recommendations and instead we signpost to the Local Offer.

- Can professionals refer a family to SENDIAS?

We are a parent, child and young person (age 16-25) led service which means it is their choice to access information, advice and support from us. Professionals and friends can support the family with making contact and we can only talk about the family with their written consent.

- How do you support with Health and Social Care?

By giving information, advice and support with personal budgets and direct payments, signposting to correct services and advising on local policy and practice, working within the Children and Families Act, Chronically Sick and Disabled Children's Act and The Care Act.

- Is a formal diagnosis needed?

Families/young people accessing our service do not need a diagnosis, this includes mental health difficulties.



Contact us...

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Information

Advice

Support

KIDS is a national charity supporting disabled children, young people and their families. Established in 1970, we work with thousands of families across the country each year, providing over 120 services. We support children with any disability from birth to twenty five years of age.

Our vision is a world in which all disabled children and young people realise their aspirations

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Local offer webpages www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send

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