

SEND. NEWS SPLASH

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Swindon Borough Council is working with Swindon SEND Families Voice to develop a set of frequently asked questions for Special Educational Needs. These will be updated and added to as more information becomes available to us.

These frequently asked questions will be available through the Swindon Local Offer and Swindon SEND Families Voice and through the Swindon Borough Council communications. [Please click here for more information](#)



INNER FLAME OPEN DAY

"Clearly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to run the planned Open Day on the 8th April.

However, we are successfully continuing our courses online and will be making an announcement next week on our future offering for online learning. We are really excited to be in a position to help young people in a meaningful way at this time.

For further information please email Elizabeth@innerflame.org.uk and I will sign you up to our email updates – so you can keep up to date on our course dates and availability."

Elizabeth Postgate –
Operations Manager Inner Flame

Today is a sad day as our Head of SEND, Roz Pither, leaves the SEND ServiceTeam. Roz helped to create the SEND News Splash and is very committed to communication and providing good news stories. The best thank you I can give is dedicating this edition to her. Thanks Roz and take care.

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

We realise that at this difficult time, there will be lots of parents trying to think of things they can do to occupy their young child or children at home. Here are some tips that might help

- Be guided by your child's school. Check out the learning information on the school website or speak to your child's class teacher
- Keep the learning sessions in short bursts
- Get creative. Get messy! Painting, water play or slime making will keep your child interested
- Enjoy the garden or outdoor space if you have it. Get the kids involved in planting seeds. Give them their own space to grow their own veggies or flowers. Sunny window sills or courtyards are perfect if you don't have a garden. Younger children could do a scavenger hunt, go bug hunting or bird watch from the windows.
- If you don't have a garden, get outside if you can. Go for a walk, or a bike ride. Hula hooping, skipping, kicking a ball around, playing 'It' or hide and seek. Kids need 60 minutes activity each day. Or you could try these [10-minute shake-ups](#).
- Get them involved in the kitchen. Help making dinner or doing some baking, weighing and measuring are great maths skills.
- [Join a parent forum](#) or set up a chat group with other mums and dads to share ideas and tips.
- Take a moment to enjoy quality family time. Dig out the board games and jigsaws. Scrabble, playing cards, even monopoly can all help sharpen learning skills.

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