

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Here is how to join the online support groups mentioned

The SEND Room is a support group for local parents and carers only that have children and young people with any SEND.



[A support group for Parents \(Swindon Autism, ADHD\).](#)



Swindon Borough Council is working with Swindon SEND Families Voice to develop a set of frequently asked questions for Special Educational Needs around how the Coronavirus is impacting our SEND Services. 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 website and through the Swindon Borough Council communication channels. Please click here for more information



There are also lots of resources and activity ideas available on the Local Offer website



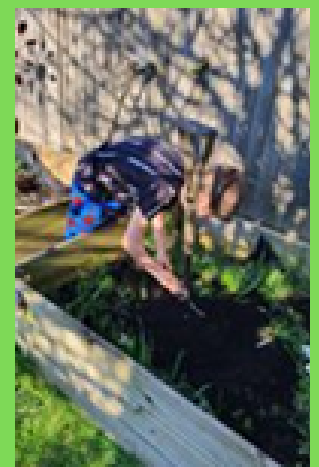
## We've all been supporting one another through online Facebook Support Groups

Linda who is one of the admins of the Swindon ASD/ADHD Facebook support group says "I love seeing all the posts about what the kids are up to and we have also been sharing handy sites to use and positive support." Sarah from West Swindon told us "we have had lots of support from the online groups especially helping each other find food items for our children that eat a limited diet. Also, we've had lots of online support from schools including calls and emails from them. I think that's amazing! I've also been enjoying a rare time to spend time with our children to teach the academic stuff but also learning through play and life skills."



We have been sharing photos of what our children have been doing through the online support groups. Michelle from South Swindon has shared a photo of her son baking in The SEND Room and Linda shared a photo of her son gardening.

Michelle said "I have found the online groups so helpful as both my 2 have different needs and have reacted differently. The groups have given me comparisons, suggestions pick me ups, giggles, and also been a good port of call for the updates from Government in terms of education. The shopping tips have been great too as getting



a home delivery has been very difficult and also the socialisation aspect with parents to parents."