

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Supporting Primary schools with mental health and wellbeing

The Schools' Wellbeing Partnership, in consultation with the Department for Education, has developed a toolkit of support for primary schools to help them prepare their recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic so that the mental health and wellbeing of the whole school community is protected.

For more information and to see the tool kit please view the [Swindon SEND Local Offer pages here](#).



## PAN-DISABILITY MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY COURSES

Swindon Town Football Club Community Foundation have made some changes to this year's football and multisports course, keeping the fun that it is known for but providing participants with a safe and comfortable environment to experience it in. For more information [click on the flyer](#).



For more summer activities, visit the SEND Local Offer to see lots of activities and fun things to do over the summer. Go to <https://swindon.mylifeportal.co.uk/swindonsummer2020programme>



## Emotional Literacy Support Assistant Programme

The ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) programme aims to build the capacity of schools to support the emotional needs of pupils from within their own resources; recognising that children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are also addressed. This is achieved by training teaching assistants (TAs) to become 'ELSAs', to develop and deliver individualised support programmes to meet the emotional needs of children and young people in their schools; Swindon Educational Psychology Service received funding from the Clinical Commissioning Group, Public Health and the Virtual School to train TAs from every school in Swindon over a 2 year period (2018/19-2019/20). During this period all schools were able to access free places for 2 TAs to train as ELSAs over a 6 day training course as well as to attend follow-up supervision sessions. As of March 2020; 57 out of 66 Primary Schools, 12 out of 14 Secondary Schools, 1 alternative provision and 1 Special School had been trained (totalling 138 ELSAs from 71 schools and settings).

The report (see the link below) provides a summary of how the programme was delivered in Swindon as well as an evaluation of how it was perceived by those who attended the courses. A further study to measure the impact of the ELSA programme on the emotional needs of children and young people involved in ELSA interventions is currently underway.

For more information and to view the ELSA report, [please click here](#).



## SEND Service contact details

The SEND Service aim to provide you with excellent customer service and we're committed to getting back to you within 48-72 hours. To speak to a member of staff, please call 07824 868353 or 07971 715864 (telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8-5 and 8-4.30 Friday) or email [SENAT@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENAT@swindon.gov.uk).