

SEN Newsletter

December 2023



Christmas

Welcome to the last SEN newsletter of 2023. With Christmas just around the corner it can be a joyful and exciting time for families. For children with SEN, it can be very different, changes to routines, lights, noise and lots of outings to busy places can be overwhelming. You can find some tips for supporting children during the festive season below.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/surviving-festive-season-parents-tips-sen-kids>

Free school transport

In early November, the Department for Education published a blog post on free school travel, aimed at parents.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/11/03/free-school-transport-explained-eligible-free-travel/>

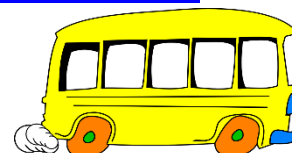
It aims to support parents' understanding of the eligibility criteria and to answer commonly asked questions.

If your child with SEN receives school travel assistance from Buckinghamshire council you may be interested to know about changes they are proposing making to their home to school transport policy.

The council would like to hear your views on the proposed changes, take part in the consultation at:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/integrated-transport/home-to-school-2024/>

It closes on the 29th January 2024.



Webinars

Schools have access to virtual advice sessions with occupational therapists and speech and language therapists. We discuss the needs of children anonymously and are then given recommendations for interventions or signposted towards training, such as webinars. These webinars are free and can also be accessed by parents, please find the links below.

<https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/therapy/training-for-parents-early-years-and-school-staff/>

<https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/therapy/occupational-therapy/webinars-courses-and-workshops/>

Spotlight on resources

Widgit is a symbol-based language which can be used to support all children access learning. It uses pictorial symbols to accompany text.

