



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your South Glos bulletin for November 2020.

Supportive Parents News

We hope you had a restful half term break and are ready for another busy term ahead.

Last term we were busy attending events with South Glos Parent Carers and met some of you via virtual meetings. You may have seen us during August at SGPC's virtual support sessions. These are continuing and we will visit some of these. The [video](#), which we made for open evenings and the [Meet the Provider Event](#) on post 16 options, is open for the rest of the year.

We welcome, Jay, our first ever supported intern to the team. Jay has been familiarising himself with the office equipment and systems and is helping us to improve our website. We also welcome Amran as a volunteer and thank her for providing a voice over in Somali for our presentation on moving on to school. Thank you Amran!

Keep an eye out for our new volunteer page on our website that will be launching soon! If you are interested in volunteering please do get in touch with Jane Franklin, volunteer coordinator on Jane.Franklin@supportiveparents.org.uk.

Training and Events

We have an exciting programme of events planned for the coming months. Some of the events will be available through the partners we work closely with in the area. **Click on the event dates to learn more:-**

Tuesday 3rd November – We are joining the webinar, Covid School Update and Live Q&A with South Glos Parent Carers, the Local Authority and Public Health at 10am. For information about events like this follow this [link](#).

Tuesday 24th November - Annual Review Day. Parents and carers can book a 1:1 virtual appointment with a trained advisor to discuss their child's Annual Review. We are offering daytime and evening appointments for this event. Throughout November we will also be launching our recorded workshop on Annual Reviews and looking at key legal points surrounding Annual Reviews through an information series. These will be available to view on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Virtual Support Group Sessions

Book a FREE place at our virtual support group Day (10:30-11:30am) or Evening session (7-8pm) by following the links provided:

- [17 November](#) – [SEND & You: Choosing a Primary School](#)
- [17 December](#) – [SEND & You: Meetings & Saying what I need to say](#)

Resources

NEW Resources Available!!

Recorded Webinars

There is a new section on our website where you can access recorded webinars, events and presentations. [Click HERE](#).

At the moment you can see:-

Moving on to School (English)

Moving on to School (Somali)

Transition to Secondary School

Further Resources

Exclusion

Our back to school series of posts on Facebook and on our website was very popular and had a reach of 3520 and over 150 engagements. Following on from this we have launched a fresh series looking at exclusion. Exclusion continues to be on the national and local agenda. Although most children have only been back in school since September, we have already had a number of enquiries relating to exclusion. We hope that this series is helpful. Click [here](#) to view our exclusion series.

Future topics

We have a further series planned on **Annual Reviews** and one on **Elective Home Education** but would like to know if there are any other topics which you would like us to cover. Please give us your views in this very quick survey [HERE](#).

Tribunal toolkit

A refreshed version of our [tribunal toolkit](#) is available on the website. This is a practical guide which we hope will help to guide you through the process of appealing to the SEND Tribunal. We are working on a guide to virtual hearings.

Facebook Resources

The feedback questions and answers from our previous virtual support group sessions on our Facebook page may be of interest to you. Have a look on our page [here](#).

[July support group Q&A](#)

[September support group Q&A](#)

Events of others

Like to Be – Careers events

Like To Be will be hosting a series of online career events over this academic year. The events will include career talks, live chat with employers, workshops, activities, competitions, and work experience opportunities. The events are free to attend. Supportive Parents will be at them and will have resources accessible there. See the [Like To Be website](#) for more information.

- **25th – 26th November: The West of England Career Inspiration Show Years 10 & 11**
- **20th – 21st January: The West of England Career Inspiration Show Years 5 & 6**
- **2nd – 4th March: The West of England Career Inspiration Show Years 8 & 9**

Education and SEND

National News

The Education Select Committee is holding an inquiry into Elective Home Education.

The inquiry will seek to understand the extent to which current arrangements provide sufficient support for home

educated children to access efficient, full-time and suitable education, and establish what further measures may be necessary in order to facilitate this.

It will also explore the impact of COVID-19 on home education, and any particular needs arising from the pandemic that need to be addressed. The committee wants to hear your views. You can submit evidence [here](#) until **Friday 6 November 2020**.

Report: Stress Among Children in England during the Coronavirus Lockdown

As the Covid-19 crisis unfolded, the Children's Commissioner's Office wanted to understand in greater detail how school closures and weeks at home had affected children's levels of stress and anxiety. They therefore conducted surveys of around 2,000 young people aged 8-17 in England in March and June, to establish the frequency and causes of children's stress in lockdown. Read the full report [here](#).

Children and Young People

Training opportunity

Rio Ferdinand Foundation and Coop 'Amplifying Youth Voice to Drive Social Change'

Offering a range of FREE training workshops and talks giving young people the tools to create their own impactful campaign pieces and social action project.

Virtual Hub

Have a look at the [Virtual Hub](#) on our webpage which contains information specifically for young people. The Bristol Hub can be used by South Gloucestershire children and young people too. Have a look and use our short [feedback survey](#) to tell us if you find this helpful.

With best wishes for a successful term,

Santie, Sara and Edurne

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