

Welcome to Summer Add-On News

In this issue we are focusing on young people. Find out about some of the great services and groups that support young people with SEND, such as [Poole SENDIASS](#), [Poole Short Breaks](#) and [Positive Activities](#). Young people themselves are helping influence services and are making positive changes to improve outcomes for them and their peers and we are grateful to the SENDIASS Post 16 group telling us about their service review in this newsletter.

Since our last issue there have been more new support groups and activities joining our Local Offer. Here are a few which you may find useful:

- [Doors Open](#) are a new SEN Parent Support Community based in Turlin Moor.
- [SIBS](#) are a charity supporting young people who have a sibling with a learning disability, find out about [their local youth club](#).
- [The Mix](#) is the UK's leading support service for young people - helping with life's challenges - from mental health to money, from homelessness to finding a job, from break-ups to drugs.



For latest Local Offer Activities head to the FID – recent additions include the [Relaxed BSO concert](#), [Wimborne Wagtails Disability Swimming Club](#) and latest [Poole Short Breaks](#).

If you know of a useful support group or service that is not listed on the Local Offer please [let us know](#) and we can include them. This is a free service.

SEND Leadership Team Q&A Event

Would you like the opportunity to quiz the SEND Leadership team and help shape SEND services in Poole?

Come along to 'Time to Talk', ask questions, give feedback on services, find out how SEND services are improving in Poole, speak to other parents and enjoy free refreshments.

Join us on Saturday 30 June, 10am-12pm above Poole library, Dolphin Centre. Complimentary crèche and free activities for children (limited places for crèche/activities - booking essential). To book call 01202 262261.



Poole SENDIASS Supporting 16+

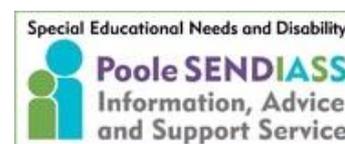
If you are a young person with special educational needs or a disability under 25, or you are a young person with SEND and you're at risk of exclusion or have been excluded from school and you live in Poole, [SENDIASS](#) are here to help you.

Offering free, impartial and confidential advice, information and support on special educational needs and disability, including social care and health issues.

They can also help you with choices on work, training, study and more.

If you are a young person with SEND that wants their voice to be heard, why not join our Post 16 group?

Contact [Colin Phillimore](#), Children and Young People's Officer, 01202 261933. Find us at: SENDIASS Office, No 18, 18 Hill Street, Poole BH15 1NR



Introducing SENDIASS Post 16 group – Our Story

The Post 16 group at [Poole SENDIASS](#) is made up of an inspiring team of young people that want to make a difference and improve SEND services for others.

Find out more about the groups aims, what they have achieved so far and read the profiles of the group members...

[READ MORE](#) on the Poole Family Information Directory under the Local Offer, Parent Journeys



MAX Card Day Out – The Project Climbing Centre

SENDIASS Post 16 group reviewed the [Project Climbing Centre](#) and Lookout Café located in The Dolphin Centre, Poole. The MAX card can be used for 20% off Junior Casual sessions and Family Inductions.

[Read Review of The Project Climbing Centre.](#)

Can you write a review on a MAX Card Day out for our next issue? We would love to hear from both children and their parents to get a perspective on both.



Email your reviews to familyinformation@poole.gov.uk. Check out all the [MAX Card Days Out](#) !

Where would you like to use your MAX card?

If you are out and about this summer please let us know if there are venues and places to go in Poole and Dorset where you would like to use your [MAX card](#) but can't as they haven't joined the scheme.

The MAX card team are keen to hear your suggestions so they can increase the variety of attractions on offer. So whether it's bowling, soft play, local cinema, country park or your favourite cafe, please email [the MAX card team](#) with reference 'Poole MAX Card' and tell them about it so they can follow up your request.



The MAX card is for age range 0-25 years. To find out where you can use your MAX card visit [My MAX card](#).

Short Breaks for Teens

[Poole Short Breaks](#) run some specific activities for teens such as bowling and Burger King/KFC supper, Pizza and Film Nights and nights where young people can prepare a two-course meal for themselves.

Following our successful day out at High Mead Farm during the Easter holidays, we will be taking a group of young people to the Country Fair later this month and we hope this is the first of many such outings.

We also support Positive Activities Youth clubs: '[SENsational Mondays](#)' and '[Life](#)' and commission services for teenagers including '[Gimme A Break](#)' Youth club on Fridays for 13-19s held at Winchelsea School.

We welcome feedback from young people on our events and programmes to help us shape future activities.



'SENsational Mondays' & 'Life' Youth Clubs

Run by the [Positive Activities Team](#) (previously known as Poole Youth Team) and supported by Poole Short Breaks, these two youth clubs provide specialist activities and support for children and young people with SEND.

'[SENsational Mondays](#)' are for children age 12-16 years and meet on Mondays (term time only) from 6.30-8.30pm at Creekmoor Youth Centre.

Starting each week with circle time allows our young people to engage in positive social interactions, reflect on their week, celebrate their success, as well as having an input in the planning of the club programme. Activities on offer follow a specific theme each week and include sports, group games, craft, cookery and much more!

Every session is supported by experienced youth workers, sessional staff and volunteers and it has become a busy group with up to 30 young people attending each week.

'[Life](#)' is our youth club provision for young people age 16-18. It is run from [Limelights Youth Club](#) also on Mondays between 7- 9pm. This club offers a similar programme of activities as well as including trips out on a regular basis.

We are always happy to accept new young people and volunteers at the club, for more information or if you have any questions please contact [Beverley Clarke](#) on 07977 259231.



What's 'UP' in Poole?

[UP in Poole](#) supports all 12-19 year olds, and those young people up to the age of 25 with diagnosed additional needs. It supports young people with:

- accessing and maintaining education & employment
- on issues such as homelessness
- signposting for drug and alcohol use
- help with family breakdown
- guidance on emotional and mental health
- relationships and sexual health

In addition to our core service, we have a counselling service (availability is limited and is not a substitute for young people requiring a [CAMHS](#) service), a dedicated drug and alcohol worker and a sexual health clinic and contraception clinic providing free condoms for young people up to the age of 21.

Whatever challenges you may be facing, get in touch or come and see us. If we aren't able to help then we will put you in touch with the correct service to meet your needs.

Number 18 is open from 10am-6pm Monday to Thursday and 10am-6pm on Fridays and is based at 18 Hill Street, BH15 1NR. Call 01202 262291 or email upinpoole.co.uk or find us on Facebook



News from Poole Parent Carer Forum

Hello and welcome to any new members of [Poole Parent Carer Forum](#). We have had a busy term working with the SEND Strategic Partnership on issues such as improving communication between professionals and parents, how health problems affect school attendance, preparing for adulthood and how to make the Local Offer more user friendly.

We have also attended focus groups and are working on various projects such as:

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Pathways Document

This is a document that we are involved in producing alongside [Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group](#), [Dorset Parent Carer Council](#) and [Bournemouth Parent Carer Forum](#). We have been working closely with Dr Sarah Morris, Consultant Paediatrician, Poole Hospital. This document will be used if you are worried about the development or behaviour of a child or young person in Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset. There will be a launch event on 25 September.

Graduated Response Review

A [graduated response](#) to SEN is when a pupil is identified as having Special Educational Needs and the school must put effective provision in place and ensure that all barriers to learning are removed. Poole Parent Carer Forum are providing input into reviewing this vital strategy that supports children without the requirement for an Education Health and Care Plan. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact us.



Events included hosting a coffee morning for parents at Montacute School and attending Winchelsea School Careers Fair. It was great to meet new parents/carers and inform them about the forum. We will be contacting all schools in Poole to see if they would like us to run a parent information coffee morning – please get in touch if your school would like a visit.

Can you spare some time for the Forum?

Due to the number of meetings we attend and are represented at, we are always looking to recruit new steering group members, if anyone has any time to spare, please contact me.

Dates for your diary

We are now holding regular coffee mornings and workshops every Tuesday during term time in the Community room at Tesco Tower Park. For details of these and other events, please visit our [Events Diary](#) on our website.

Contact Sharon Moore: 07952 422089 sharonmoore@roseroad.org.uk www.poolepcf.org.uk

Thumbs Up for New Dolphin Centre Toilets

The state-of-the-art new toilets located opposite Wilkos get the thumbs up for their disabled facilities. The toilets have excellent wheelchair access and includes special aids for those with disabilities such as a ceiling track hoist (you will need to provide your own sling) and a height-adjustable, adult-sized changing bench.



Sharon Moore, administrator at [Poole Parent Carer Forum](#), said: “We are really impressed by the new toilets at the Dolphin Shopping Centre. This is a great addition to the town and something which I can see being very popular amongst disabled shoppers in Poole.”

More News...

[Keep calm and get through exam time – help your teens with revision tips and managing stress](#)

[Autism Awareness Week](#)

[World Book Day – Help for reluctant readers](#)

[Is your family internet safe?](#)

[Support for children’s mental health](#)



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Look out for our Autumn issue next term which will have a 0-5's focus!

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