

14th February 2025

Newsletter No. 21

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

School Disco Thank you to all the children who came and had a wonderful time at our Glitter and Glow discos, and to all those who helped make it a great night.

Lego Winners We received many excellent entries to our Lego "Brick your Book" competition, see page 3 for the winning entries.

World Book Day We will be celebrating this annual event with a Pyjama Day. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to School.

Parent/Teacher Consultations Please note that when these take place on the 4th and 5th of March we will also have our Scholastic Book Fair at School. All purchases earn commission for the School.

Swimming Money Please ensure that swimming money is paid as we are having to subsidise heavily from school funds.

Earring Policy Please remember children are only permitted to wear small stud earrings to School. Hooped earrings are not permitted. For everyone's safety, earrings must be removed for PE lessons, please take them out at home or ensure that your child can remove them independently.

Contact Information If you have recently changed your address or mobile number please check that the School Office have your new details.

Social Media Please check you child's phone for appropriate usage on "What's App" and "Discord". We have been alerted to inappropriate use on these apps.

Facebook Do remember to take a look at the School's [Facebook](#) page.

We would like to wish you all a happy half term break and look forward to seeing you back at School on Monday 24 February.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 14th February

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 24th February

Return to School 8.45am

Tuesday 4th March

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 5th March

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Friday 28th March

Easter PTA Events

Thursday 10th April

Break up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

Friday 11th April

INSET Day

Monday 28th April

Return to School 8.45am

Friday 2nd May

INSET Day

Friday 23rd May

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June

Return to School 8.45am

Health Week inc Sports Days

Thursday 5th June

PTA Sponsored Event

Wednesday 18th June

Y6 Children go to Pioneer

Friday 20th June

Y6 Children return from Pioneer

Wednesday 2nd July

INSET Day

Friday 18th July

Break up for Summer Holidays 3.15pm

Monday 21st July

INSET Day

Menu*

WC 24.02.25 (Week 1)



Monday

Hunters Chicken
Pasta Neapolitan (V)
Fish Cake
Brown & White Rice
Sweetcorn and Peas
Waffle

Ramadan Special

Chicken Tikka Masala
Quorn Korma (V)
Tandoori Chicken Wrap
Fish Fingers
Rice and Naan
Chips
Sweetcorn and Peas
Double Chocolate Waffle
Mango and Orange Sorbet

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Roast Chicken (H)
Quorn Balls (V)
Fish Star
Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli
American Pancakes

Thursday

Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)
Diced Potatoes
Cauliflower and Carrots
Marble Sponge

Friday

Chicken Chow Mein
Pizza (V)
Battered Fish
McCain Chips
Peas and Baked Beans
Blueberry Muffin

Available Every Day

Jacket potato, sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling, salad, crusty bread, fresh fruit, yoghurt

All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.

* Subject to change

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

12/02/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	-
RB Hedgehogs	Logan
1/2B Squirrels	Arlo
1/2D Moles	Turner
2W Badgers	Jake

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Rozhin
3/4R Oak	Emily
4D Chestnut	Thomas
5P Beech	-
5/6B Holly	Lexi
6RB Rowan	Scarlett R

Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

KS1: RB Hedgehogs 98.82%

KS2: 4D Chestnut 99.67%

As a School we have a responsibility to monitor the attendance of all children in School. Attendance is vital to a child, children who have better attendance are proven to achieve more.

Sports News



Year 5/ 6 Sport Hall Athletics

Well done to the children from Year 5 and 6 who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Ellowes Hall last week. All of the pupils performed fantastically and were a credit to the school. The team scored 240 points in total and finished in 6th place out of 14 schools.

Lunches from Home

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can we ask that you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar in half please. Also, as a **nut free** school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products. Please do NOT send drinks in cans or glass bottles.

EYFS News

Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' this week and have created some very cute Valentines' Day cards to share with you at home.



After half term Nursery will be learning all about how plants grow and will be planting their own beans.

Thank you to those of you who have already handed in your letter about the Nursery farm trip. If you haven't already handed this in could you please do so by Friday 28th February.

Reception have also been busy creating Valentines' Day cards, be sure to look out for them at the end of this week.

After half term Reception will be learning all about Ashwood Park.

Tree Tots Toddler Group



Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am

Mrs Manville and Miss Reynolds have lots of lovely activities planned. Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included — adults please bring a lidded cup!

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been enjoying our new book - 'How to hide a lion'.



We have created a wanted poster for the lion and thought about how we would have felt if we were Iris.



We have also enjoyed finding out the best material to protect Humpty Dumpty in our Science lessons.

We used a range of materials to protect him from his fall!

After the holiday we will be starting our new topic in History- How did we learn to fly? This will also involve an exciting trip to RAF Cosford!



Safety Notice

Please note that false nails and hooped earrings are not safe for School. **Do not** send your child to School wearing either. Thank you.

RBDC News

There has been lots of fun learning in the RBDC again this week!



Acorns Class have been on a walk to the local woods to see what the characters in traditional tales experience.

Conkers have been busy designing, making and eating their own soup - it was very yummy!



Wednesday was the school Glitter and Glow Disco. The children who attended had lots of fun dancing with their friends.



Well done!

Our Star of the Week this week is Cicero. In maths, he has been learning about fractions. He can now independently identify, compare and order mixed numbers. Mr Dimmock is super impressed with his independence.

Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Valentine's Day'. Please see the video below to learn more about how we sign Valentine's Day,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UFdblm9Ttk



Love

KS2 News

Year 3 and 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their DT day this week. They have been practising the skill of peeling and chopping to make their own soup and have also sampled a number of soups. All of the children tried their hardest with all of the tasks and sampling.



Our children in years 5 and 6 have completed their automata toys this week. We have some really amazing final pieces.

Check out our Facebook page where we will be sharing some photographs.

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PE Lessons

Our PE days will change after half term.

Monday - 3/4H and 3/4R PE kit needed. 4D swimming kit needed.

Wednesday - Year 5 and 6 can come to school in their PE kit

Thursday - year 3 and 4 can come to school in their PE kit

Friday - 5P / 5/6B / 6RB PE kit needed.

REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

Maths Problem

Spaceship



Some Tripods and Bipods flew from planet Zeno. There were at least two of each of them.

Tripods have 3 legs.
Bipods have 2 legs.
There were 23 legs altogether.

How many Tripods were there?
How many Bipods?

Find two different answers.



Understanding your Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing

This is a free short course designed to [Understand your child: from toddler to teenager](#) or [Understand your child with additional needs](#).

It provides a deeper understanding of mental health for parents who might be concerned about mental wellbeing or just want to learn more about it.

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/56> Using the code CASTLE, they offer all of the below online learning courses for free including 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing'.

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

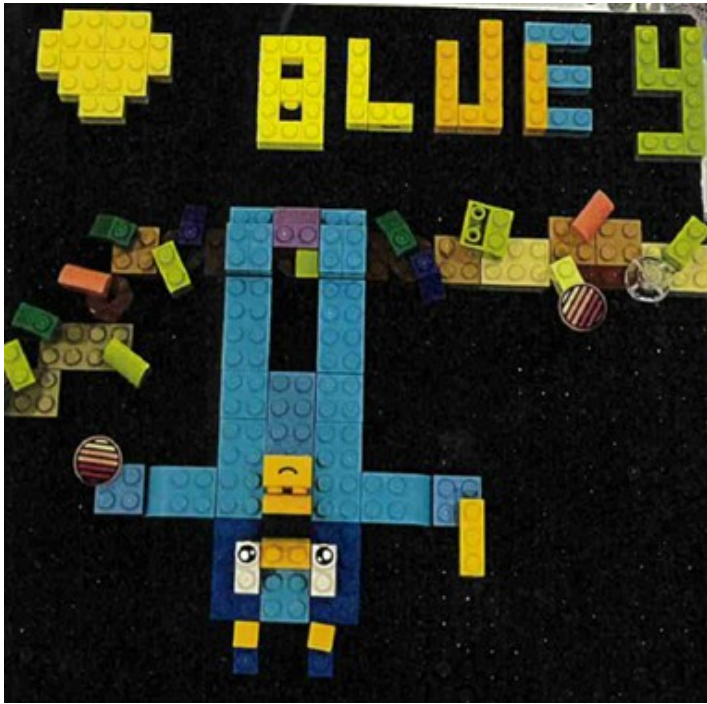
1st Alfie 4D
2nd Emily 3/4R
3rd Aaryan 3/4R

Well done to everyone

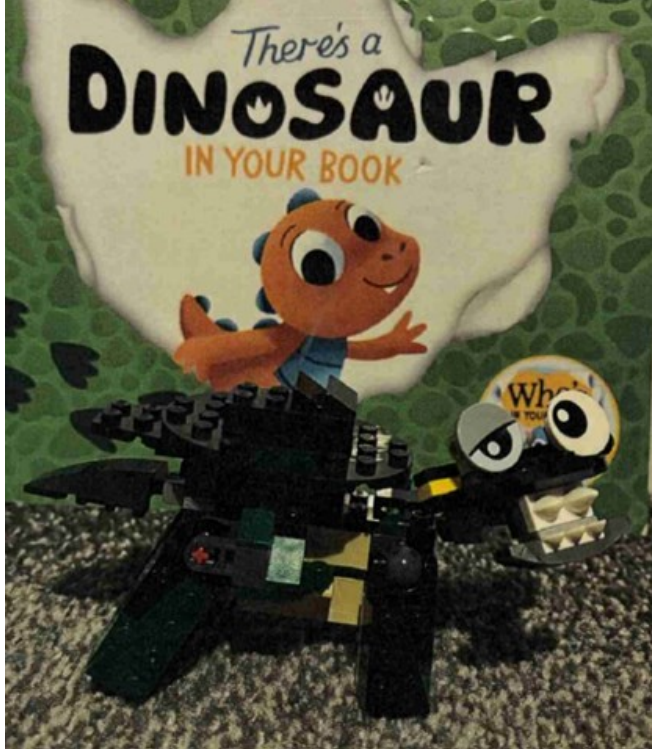


Winners

Lego "Brick Your Book" Competition



Early Years - Luca D



KS1 - Freddie C



Lower KS2 - Cody E



Upper KS2 - Matilda E





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The website contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood. The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices.



Children and Families

Discover Dudley this half term

Neurodiversity Parent and Child Workshop

Aiming for Brighter Futures



Tuesday
11th
March
9:10am

Dudley Parent Carer Forum is working with Ashwood to host a parent and child workshop. During the session you and your child will have the chance to create a picture which will help staff to better understand your child's needs. After the session there will be time for a coffee and a chat with school staff and PCF reps. We'd love to hear more about your experiences!

Help Ashwood staff better understand your child's needs



Work together with your child

For more information contact us at pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk

LOVE YOURSELF AND BE KIND TO YOUR MIND



Learn ways to be kind to yourself and see the world in a more positive way!



Crafts

Activities

17th February & 20th February

1pm-3pm

St Thomas's Church
St Thomas' Parish Office
Market Street
Stourbridge
DY8 1AQ

Pay and display in the Ryemarket car park.

18th February & 19th February

12:30pm-3:30pm

DY1 Stafford Street
DY1 1RT

Pay and display parking is available opposite the venue.

Make and take home

Games

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!! TO ENSURE YOU SECURE A PLACE PLEASE EMAIL: BCHFT.REFLEXIONS@NHS.NET



Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy-service-dudley>

Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Bulletin

The Dudley Special Educational Needs and Disabilities e-bulletin's aim is to keep parent carers, education settings and stakeholders informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme as well as news and events.

As a system we are working hard to improve our SEND offer across the borough. A lot is happening and we are gathering pace to better support our children, young people and families with SEND.

Our latest bulletin provides:

- updates of our improvement journey including our progress of our Delivering Better Value Programme in SEND
- SEND news from the Dudley Parent Carer Forum, Health, the council and partners
- details of useful events for parent carers and practitioners
- SEND Education Settings News which includes information about free SEND training Resources.

Sign up now [SEND Improvement Programme - September 2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

Health Choices

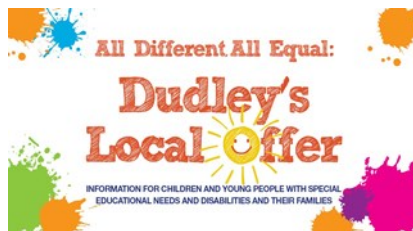
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/>

Healthy Lunchboxes

The Healthy Lunchbox Resource is available to support children & families to make healthy, yummy and tooth friendly food choices for their children's lunchbox.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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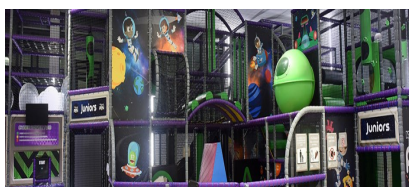
The Dudley family hub network is a one-stop shop, offering advice and support for families in Dudley



with children aged 0-19 (25 if the child has special educational needs and/or disabilities). It includes an online offer and five local family hubs.

The network includes key Start for Life services. These cover the period from conception to age two. Core Start for Life services such as midwifery, health visiting and early years support are included.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family-hub-network/>



SEN Soft Play Sessions

Dudley leisure centres offer soft play sessions for children with SEN:

At Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre, there is a SEN soft play session **every Wednesday from 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

At Halesowen, there is a SEN soft play session **every Monday from 4.30pm - 6.00pm**.

Both sessions are suitable for children under 11 years of age with disabilities, special educational needs, ASD and their siblings.

New Sensory Room at Coseley Family Hub Parents and carers can now book time in a NEW sensory room at the local family hub in Coseley. The FREE space is bookable for between 30min to an hour and gives the chance for children of all ages to explore a range of sensory activities with their parents/carers.

The sessions are self-led but staff will be on hand to support or answer any questions. To book call the hub on 01384 813096.

Parent Carer Forum Update:

Aiming for Brighter Futures



Dudley Parent carer Forum welcome registrations for membership from parent/carers and also offer associate memberships to wider family members or practitioners working within Dudley. Joining up means you will be kept up to date on all the latest news, information and events doing on in Dudley. Parents/Carers will also receive a FREE gift when they sign up!

[Sign Up Here](#)

Integrated Early Years Service Parent Support Group



This group offers support to parents and carers of children with a range of additional needs. It provides supportive environment to engage with your child, and also to gain practical advice for everyday routines.

[See More Details Here](#)

Dudley Parents

There is a one stop shop for parents in the Dudley Borough offering support and information . You can gain free access to guidance and support over a range of topics for parents including First 1001 Days as a Parent, DadPad, Five to Thrive, Solihull Approach, Triple P, Parents in Conflict, The Henry Approach.

www.dudleyparents.co.uk/home

DudleyParents

Urgent Plea

The Kids Clothes Project has been running for 4 years and has so far helped over 1500 children in families in need across the Black Country, including some from Ashwood Park. They are in **desperate** need of jumpers; T-shirts, trousers, new underwear, shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys if you have any items spare.

There is a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception so please donate what you can. Many thanks.



Happier Minds

Whether you are a young person, a parent/ carer or a professional working with young people we hope this site will be helpful to you and those you care about.

<https://happierminds.org.uk/>

LIBRARY NOTICE

Half Term Activities at Wordsley Library

****Places must be booked!****

Monday 17th February

Make a Caterpillar Craft

 10.30am-11.30am 

Ages 4+

Tuesday 18th February



Rattle & Rhyme 

10.30am-11.00am

Ages 0-4


Tuesday 18th February

Lego Spike - Making Lego Move

 2pm-3pm 

Ages 6+

Wednesday 19th February

Rattle & Rhyme 

10.30am-11.00am

Ages 0-4

Wednesday 19th February


Make a Butterfly Craft

 2.00pm-3.00pm 

Ages 4+

Friday 21st February

Lego Workshop

2pm-3pm 

Ages 4+

Thursday 20th February

Professor Black's "Myths & Legends

From The Sky"

11am & 2pm

Ages 5+



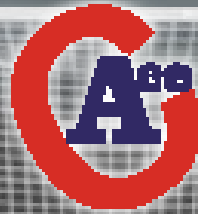
**Come and take part in our Library Treasure Trail
which is on all week!**



BETTER

For more details contact Wordsley Library
on 01384 812765 or email
wordsley.library@gll.org

Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council



**ACE COACHING
PRESENTS**

FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL & INVASION GAMES

WHEN

**MONDAY 17TH -
FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**

Open to boys & girls - Reception to Year 6
Please enquire if your child is 4 years old as
session times may differ.

(focusing on the sports Football, Dodgeball
and Handball)

WHERE

**CRESTWOOD SCHOOL,
Bromley Lane,
Kingswinford, DY6 8QG**

COST

**ONLY £120 IF YOU BOOK ALL WEEK
OR £30 PER DAY**

TIME

Each day 9.00am - 3.00pm

ACE OFFER 1

Bookings & payment received by
Friday 14th February will receive a
£20 DISCOUNT!
Offer only applies when booking
a full week on an Ace Coaching
football & invasion games
course.

ACE OFFER 2

Bookings & payment received by
Friday 14th February
will receive a 10% discount on
all Ace Coaching football & invasion
games courses. The discount is
available for all courses booked
on Monday 17th February 2020.

ACE OFFER 3

Book three days
FOR ONLY £75
This offer is available for all spots on
Monday 17th February and is not in
conjunction with any other offer.

Spring 2025

Health & Wellbeing Update



for children and families in Dudley

 Funded by
UK Government

Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is available in Dudley borough

Who?

Anyone who is struggling to pay for food, fuel, or other household essentials (*subject to eligibility criteria*)

How?

Find out who can get help and how to apply at www.dudley.gov.uk/householdsupportfund



Starting Well

The Starting Well section of the Healthy Dudley website has lots of information to support healthy pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescent health, up to age 19. Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



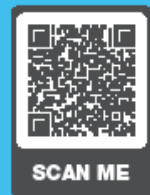
Park Active and Healthy Hubs – winter programmes

Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#) to find out about free local activities to help you move more and get active



Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme

Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme provides free toothbrush packs to children and families in need in Dudley borough. For more information about the scheme scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



PHASES FREE gym-based physical activity programme*

"Once my Dad started doing exercise with me at Phases, Action Heart, I gained confidence in the gym and started to try my hardest to get back to the sports and activities I enjoyed before. The environment of the gym was very welcoming and pleasant, unlike other gyms. Phases has really boosted my confidence and allowed me to do activities I couldn't do before with my friends." – Phases participant, age 15. Find out more about the free gym-based physical activity programme for 11 – 16 year olds by scanning the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



Managing winter illnesses and keeping up-to-date with vaccinations

Get advice on when to keep your child off school if they are unwell and information on immunisations which help to protect everyone, at every age.

To read the full update scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on Zoom for 1.5hours)! Groups held 12pm - 1.30pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

10.07.24- Trauma and Attachment

11.09.24 - Autistic Spectrum Conditions

23.10.24 – Speech and Language

20.11.24- Depression / Low Mood

18.12.24 – Anxiety / OCD

15.01.25 – Self-harm

12.02.25– Anger / Conduct difficulties

12.03.25 – Anxiety

To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner** on **01922 607400**



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@CAMHS_BCHFT



www.blackcountryminds.com

Dudley SENDIAS Service is hosting a series of SEND Workshops

Dudley SENDIAS Service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care to parents and carers of children with SEND and Young People with SEND up to 25 years old.

Are you

- A parent/carer of a child with SEND?
- A young person with SEND?
- Concerned about the support that is in place to help your child in school/college?

To book on to a workshop contact us at
dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk

Dudley SENDIAS Service Website
<http://dudleysendiass.org.uk/>

Spring Term 2025 10am – 11.30am on MS Teams

Understanding how to access SEN support within settings

- Thursday 23rd January 2025
- Friday 21st March 2025

Understanding the EHCP request process

- Friday 31st January 2025
- Monday 31st March 2025

How to check a draft plan

- Monday 10th February 2025

Preparing and process for annual review

- Wednesday 5th March 2025

Preparation for key transitions

- Thursday 13th March 2025



How can we help?

- Individual casework
- Preparing, supporting and attending meetings
- Help with writing letters and completing forms
- Help to understand what support can be offered to a child or young person with SEN and/or a disability without an education health care plan in place. This could be in an early years, school or further education setting
- Support to parents and young people during an education health care assessment
- Access to an independent supporter if requested - this is subject to availability
- Advice and support in relation to appeals to the SEN and disability tribunal
- Help if things go wrong and advice on complaints relating to SEN and/or disabilities including those related to health and social care
- Help if your child is excluded
- Providing support to manage mediation
- Explaining the disagreement resolution process
- Access to training and workshops

For more information contact:

Dudley SEND information, advice and support service

An answering machine is in operation, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Tel: 07900 161363

Tel: 01384 817373

E-mail: dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk

Web: www.dudley.gov.uk/dudleysendiass



Dudley special educational needs and disability information, advice and support service (SENDIASS)

(formerly Dudley Parent Partnership Service)

If you're a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs (SEN) or a disability, or a child or young person up to the age of 25 with special educational needs or a disability, we can help you.

We provide legally based advice, information and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care issues.

- Free
- Impartial
- Confidential

Free School Meals

If you receive any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to Free School Meals

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to

www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:



Telephone -01384 814988



Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk



Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley
between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday

