



# Shropshire Parent Carer Council Monthly Newsletter. February 2025

Welcome to PACC's February edition of our monthly newsletter

If you have any questions or require any further information,  
please email:



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## WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK





## Seeing You Seeing Me- at Theatre Severn



Following the successful launch of the photographic exhibition “Seeing You Seeing Me”, PACC are pleased to share that the exhibition is now moving from Wem Town Hall to be displayed at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The exhibition highlights the importance of friendship and community inclusion for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND) and shares their thoughts on these important subjects.

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# Healthy

## PARENT CARERS



A 12 week online programme, designed to improve parent carers' health and wellbeing by promoting empowerment, confidence, and resilience.

Delivered by Parent Carers for Parent Carers.

The programme is delivered by Teams and is one 2 hour session a week for 12 weeks.

Join Abi and Sarah to find out how this programme can benefit you as a Parent Carer!



## National Neurodivergent Task Force Parent Carer Workshop January 2025



As part of the Government's response to improving the experience of SEND pupils in mainstream schools they have established a National Neurodivergent Task Force.

The Government has defined the term Neurodivergent as;

*'Neurodivergent is a term that describes a group of people whose ways of processing information, behaving, and experiencing their environment differ from the statistical majority.'*

The purpose of the Task Force is stated as;

*To make recommendations to DfE ministers on the best ways to support and meet the needs of neurodivergent children and young people in mainstream settings.*

*The group will consider:*

- how classroom practices and wider approaches could better meet neurodivergent children and young people's needs*
- the presentation of overlapping and co-occurring needs (when different conditions occur together or have similar types of need) and how to support these*
- the types of support that should not depend on a diagnosis*
- provide a shared understanding about what provision and support should look like, informing classroom practices and wider approaches*
- best practice regarding the commissioning of support services across education and health*
- how to effectively deliver educational support for neurodivergent children and young people locally, regionally and nationally; and how that support can properly consider long-term ability to be successful and independent in future life as well as short-term support and adjustments*

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# Supported Living Survey



**Are you a Parent Carer of a Young Person aged 18–25 who.....**

- **Is planning for the future and considering Supported Living?**
- **Is currently in Supported Living?**
- **Has been in Supported Living and they moved out of the placement?**

**We are currently collecting feedback of Supported Living in Shropshire and would be very grateful if you would share your experiences with us.**



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The EHCP Team (previously known as the SEN Team) is responsible for delivering the statutory duties of Shropshire Council relating to special educational needs and/or disability for children and young people aged 0 to 25.

## SEN Case Officers

**Are you having difficulty contacting your child/  
young persons SEN Case Officer?**  
**Did you know there have recently been changes  
within the EHCP Team in Shropshire?**

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## Planning for the future for your child with SEND



PACC have previously hosted a number of sessions for Parent Carers around Planning for the future with Rhiannon.

These sessions have received very positive feedback from Parent Carers.

Rhiannon has an upcoming session covering:

- How to safeguard a child's future
- How to protect means-tested benefits
- What the transition to adulthood hurdles are
- The difference between power of attorney and deputyship.

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## Exciting News!

SHROPSHIRE SENDIASS has a new website!

Whether you're a parent, carer, young person, or professional, SENDIASS is here to help you navigate SEND support, EHCPs, school concerns, mental health, and more.

### What's new

- Our website has had a **brand-new makeover** to be clearer, friendlier, and easier to use!
- **Dedicated Young Person Pages** – tailored support, advice, and resources just for young people.
- **E-Learning Hub** – interactive learning on key SEND topics.
- **Signposting & Guides** – easy-to-find information on education, health, and social care support.
- **New Branding & Logo** – fresh look, same great support!



**Free,  
Confidential  
& Impartial  
Support**

Explore the new website today:  
[www.shropshiresendiass.com](http://www.shropshiresendiass.com)

Got feedback? We'd love to hear your thoughts!





# School Nursing

The School Nursing Team provide health and wellbeing information, advice, support and guidance to children and young people, teachers, families, carers and the wider community across Shropshire. We are part of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service which contains Specialist Nurses (School Nurses and Health Visitors), Registered Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and Support Workers

Every Local Authority funded school in Shropshire has a named School Nurse. We offer a broad range of services, workshops and events enabling schools to contribute to PSHE outcomes, as well as targeted one to one support for children and their families.

We offer support, advice and training for schools around managing health conditions. We undertake universal contacts such as the National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP) and Digital Health Assessments for certain cohorts. Data from these contacts provides our Local Authority with rich health profiling data as well as well as offering insight to schools around the health needs of their students.





# Parents and carers of children/young people **without** an EHC plan



**Tell us about your experiences of getting support for your child's special educational needs by taking our short survey**



[WWW.IPSEA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.IPSEA.ORG.UK)

@IPSEAcharity



**IPSEA**

## **Phase transfer deadline: 15 February**

For children with EHC plans transferring from:

- early years education to school
- infant to junior school
- primary to middle school
- primary to secondary school
- middle to secondary school

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, and is transferring from:

- Early years to school
- Infant to junior school
- Primary to middle school
- Primary to secondary school
- Middle to secondary school

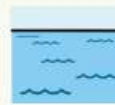
The deadline for your local authority to review and amend your child's EHCP was 15<sup>th</sup> February. **This deadline is statutory, not optional.** (For those moving from secondary school to a post-16 institution, the deadline is 31 March)

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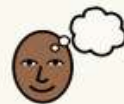
# Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service



**when you are near water,**



**be safe and remember:**



**stop and think**



**stay together**



**float**

**999**



**call 999**





## Firesetter Intervention Scheme

Providing fire safety education for children and young people in Shropshire



[fire.setters@shropshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:fire.setters@shropshirefire.gov.uk)

Most children show a natural interest and curiosity with fire. Even if they do not display any fire setting behaviour, many children may be fascinated by fire and it is not uncommon for children as young as two to show an interest. Unfortunately for some children this interest develops into something more dangerous.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service offer a free 'Fire setting Intervention Scheme', designed to educate children and young people about the dangers of fire setting.

The scheme is aimed at:

- children and young people under 17
- who have displayed fire setting behaviour or have played with fire

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## Shrewsbury Colleges Group



Are you curious about the support available at Shrewsbury Colleges Group?

Or perhaps you need to discuss bespoke support needs for students with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

This is your chance to get all your questions answered in a relaxed and friendly environment. Whether you're a student, parent, or guardian, SCG are here to help you navigate your educational journey.

Topics we will cover:

- [ASDAN](#): Learn about our ASDAN programs and how they can support your learning.
- [College Ready](#): Find out how we prepare students for college life.
- [Supported Internship](#): Discover opportunities to gain work experience.
- [Project Search](#): Get insights into our employment-focused program.
- **EHCP Support**: Ask any bespoke questions about support needs for students with an EHCP.

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Wednesday 9 April 2025



4:30PM-6:30PM





# Neurodiversity Celebration Week

17 - 23 March, 2025

## 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE IS LIVE

Join us & register **free** today:

[www.neurodiversityweek.com/events](http://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events)

## Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025 Events

### Monday 17

09:00 - 10:30

**Celebrating Different  
Minds: An Introduction  
to Neurodiversity**

11:30 - 13:00

**Breaking Barriers: The  
Power of Language in  
Neurodiversity**

13:30 - 15:00

**Neurodivergence Seldom  
Travels Alone: The  
Unexplored World of Co-  
Occurring Conditions**

15:30 - 17:00

**Neurodiversity:  
Where can HR  
Professionals make a  
difference?**

19:00 - 20:30

**Perspective of  
Young People on  
Neurodiversity**

### Tuesday 18

09:30 - 10:30

**Neurodiversity at  
Work Q&A: Products  
& Customer Services**

11:30 - 13:00

**Neurodivergence &  
LGBTQIA+: A Conversation  
on Identity,  
Intersectionality &  
Empowerment**

13:30 - 15:00

**Empowering  
Neurodiversity in  
the Workplace**

15:30 - 17:00

**Neurodiversity &  
Mental Health -  
Acquired  
Neurodivergence**

19:00 - 20:30

**Navigating Neurodiversity:  
Parental Perspectives,  
Professional Insights, and  
Policy Changes in 2025**

### Wednesday 19

08:30 - 10:00

**Neurodiversity and  
Nutrition - Food For  
Thought**

10:30 - 12:00

**Shaping  
Neurodiversity  
through Innovation &  
Technology**

13:00 - 14:00

**Neurodiversity at Work  
Q&A: Designing Neuro-  
inclusive Working  
Environments**

14:30 - 16:00

**Person-Centered  
Management for  
Neuroinclusion**

16:30 - 18:00

**What makes spaces  
and places  
neuroinclusive in  
education?**

### Thursday 20

09:00 - 10:30

**Is Neurodiversity a  
Community? Exploring  
Identity, Inclusion, and  
Intersectionality**

11:00 - 12:30

**Building the  
Neuroinclusive  
Classroom of  
Tomorrow...Today!**

13:30 - 15:00

**Workplace Burnout: How to  
Reclaim Your Energy as a  
Neurodivergent Woman at  
Work**

15:30 - 17:00

**Navigating  
Neurodiversity & the  
Criminal Justice  
System**

19:00 - 20:30

**Neurodiversity  
around the World**

### Friday 21

09:00 - 10:30

**Late Diagnosed  
Neurodiversity in  
Women**

11:30 - 13:00

**Parents & Carers -  
Supporting Children  
Through Times of  
Transition**

13:30 - 15:00

**Is the Business World  
leading society on  
Neuroinclusion?**

15:30 - 17:00

**Celebrating Different  
Minds: Future Directions  
and Continuing  
Conversations**



**Neurodiversity  
Celebration  
Week**

March 17 - 23, 2025



What education options are there?

What is Preparation for Adulthood

What happens at a Year 9 Annual Review?

How can we access social opportunities?

Does anything change in Health Services?



## Contact A PACC Preparation for Adulthood Navigator Today!

### What can I speak to a Navigator about?

- Further education
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Annual Reviews
- Activity Plans
- Finances and Benefits
- Employment and Volunteering
- Annual Health Checks
- Staying Healthy
- Mental Health Support
- Being Part of the local community
- Housing Options
- Support for Parent Carers

For more information, or to arrange a Teams call, email:

[Abi@paccshropshire.org.uk](mailto:Abi@paccshropshire.org.uk)





**Derwen  
College**

# Parent/Carer Open Day

**Thursday 27 March 2025**

- for admissions in 2025 and 2026
- for day and residential placements
- tour the campus
- meet staff and students



Derwen College  
Gobowen  
Nr Oswestry  
Shropshire  
SY11 3JA

Visit the website to register:  
**[www.derwen.ac.uk](http://www.derwen.ac.uk)**

01691 661234  
[admissions@derwen.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@derwen.ac.uk)



**Free Webinar**

**Neurodiversity,  
Puberty & Hygiene**



**19.03.2025**



**10am**





Participating in community-based activities can have significant health and well-being benefits for children with special educational needs and disabilities. These activities provide opportunities for social interaction, physical exercise, and learning new skills. Engaging in such activities can improve self-esteem, reduce stress and anxiety, and increase overall physical fitness.

Actio aims to enhance the range, quality, and accessibility of activities, supporting children and young people with SEND to thrive. Actio manages the 'All In Short Breaks' activities commissioned by Shropshire Council available to eligible children up to 18 years.

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# TNS ALL-IN ACTIVITIES

Our All-in programme welcomes children and young people aged 4-16



Every Thursday



4pm - 6pm



The Centre, Oak St.



In Association with:



To find out more about the Foundation and our sessions:

Visit: [www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation](http://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation)

Email: [info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk)

Phone: 01691 889791





Mereside Community Centre,  
Mereside, Shrewsbury SY2 6LH

**Book** via email- [jamila.walker@takingpart.co.uk](mailto:jamila.walker@takingpart.co.uk)

**10.30 - 12.30**

£4 per child £10 per family with 3 or more children

Moving and Grooving presents  
**Active Adventures  
Inside and Out**

Aimed at SEND families, and those who like  
creative play **Session Plan (7-14 years olds)**

**January - March 2025**

Activity Session Plan  
Saturdays in 2025

4th January Drawing games and paper flying races  
18th January Ball games and Lego Challenges  
1st February Valentines themes craft  
15th February Board Games and Den building  
1st March Story bags and Build your own obstacle course  
15th March Spring Scavenger hunt



Please note activities may change, due to weather and/or other  
circumstances, which are out of our control.





# Coffee & Chat

## How can we help you?

Come along to:

The Wem Library, 3 High St, Wem,  
Shrewsbury, SY4 5AA



First Thursday of  
every month.  
10am - 1pm.



Free information, advice  
and support around;

- Family Life
- Domestic Abuse support
- Housing and Finance support
- Special Educational Needs and/  
or Disabilities (SEND) support
- Parenting support
- Training and Employment  
support and much more

Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people  
with special educational needs and disabilities)

We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.



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# Meet n Chat SEND

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

A chance for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to get support with general SEND enquires. You can chat with people from Early Help, Education, Health and the Parent Carer Council (PACC)

**Sunflower House, Kendal Road,  
Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES**

Wed 26 February 2025, 9.30am-12.30pm

**Bridgnorth Library, WV16 4AW**

Tues 25 March 2025, 12.30pm-3.30pm

**Ludlow Youth Centre, SY8 1RT**

Wed 30 April 2025, 1.30pm-3pm



# Shrewsbury Coffee & Chat

**Monday 3rd March**

10am - 11:30am



No diagnosis required.  
Great opportunity to meet  
other parents and ask  
questions.

**Hosted by our Autism  
Specialists, the session is  
open to parents and carers  
of children 0-18 in the  
Shropshire Council area  
only, children are welcome  
to attend.**

**Sunflower House  
Kendal Road  
Shrewsbury  
SY1 4ES**

**If you have any questions, please email  
[shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)**