

LEWISHAM PARENT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

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PPS PARENTS STEERING GROUP

We have set up a new Parents Steering Group for the PPS Service, so that mothers, fathers and carers of children with SEN have a forum for any concerns and issues they want to discuss or anything they want us to raise with the Local Authority.

The next meeting will take place on:

TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY
10.00am-12 noon

**Venue: Limelight Children's
Centre, Castillon Road SE6
1QD**

**Please come along—your
views are very important.**

Lewisham PPS Website

Our website has been changed to make it even more accessible.

www.lewishamparentpartnership.org.uk

You can access and download the latest information, including jargon-busters, email questions, and feedback on our service.

ASD CONFERENCE

*Helping Children with
ASD to Succeed*

PPS are facilitating a major conference in Lewisham on 6th April 2011 on Working in partnership with parents of children with ASD.

The Conference is aimed at school personnel, early years and other key practitioners. Parents are also very welcome to attend.

For further details see back cover.

DADS CONFERENCE

PSLA are hosting the 4th Annual Dads Conference.

**Venue: Ashmead Primary School,
Ashmead Road, SE8 4DX**

Saturday March 5th 9.00am-12 noon

**Free family Funday for dads and
their families at the same venue from
1.00pm-3.00pm**

*For further info or to book contact
kate.ellinson@pre-school.org.uk
or ring PSLA on 020 8695 5955*

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

FIS runs sessions at Kaleidoscope on the following days:

Tuesday: 9.00am—12.00pm

Wednesday: 9.30am—12.30pm
2.00pm—5.00pm

Thursday: 2.00pm—5.00pm

FIS provides information and support for families in Lewisham borough regarding services for children and young people aged 0-19.

If you would like to contact them outside of these hours please call **0800 085 0606**

Email: fis@lewisham.gov.uk

Website: www.lewisham.gov.uk/fis

ace advisory centre for education

The Advisory Centre for Education is a National Charity that provides advice and information to parents and carers on a wide range of school based issues including exclusion, admissions, special education needs, bullying and attendance.

The have booklets for parents on many educational issues, these can be downloaded free of charge from <http://tinyurl.com/q78nd3> or by phoning 0808 800 5793.

THE CHILDREN'S LEGAL CENTRE

Do you need legal advice on an issue concerning your child?

The Children's Legal Centre provides free telephone advice to parents, young people, advocates and others who need help with legal issues relating to children including: SEN, exclusions, school transport, disability discrimination, child protection, residence contact and parental responsibility.

Call the Child Law Advice Line

On free phone:

08088 020 008

www.childrenslegalcentre.com

ANTI-BULLYING

DFE has launched a DVD for pupils and a resource pack to help prevent and tackle bullying of children and young people with special educational needs.

This DVD 'Make Them Go Away' is aimed at children aged from 7—14 years to raise awareness of their peers with SEN and disabilities, including strong messages about how bullying affects their lives. More information is available at:

www.DfE.gov.uk

TOYS FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

LEWISHAM Toy Library has a range of toys that you can access which are specially designed to help children with special educational needs to develop physically, intellectually and emotionally. The toys are designed to help motor skills, turn taking, movement and anticipation, and sensory etc. Registration is open to everyone in Lewisham Borough and is just £24 for the whole year or free if you are an individual on income support.

For more information please call : **020 8698 7433** or visit

www.lewishamtoylibrary.org.uk

Stage Right

is a performing arts project for children and young adults aged between 8 and 18 years with special needs.

Experienced and Specialist teachers and staff will help participants access performance in ways appropriate to their individual needs.

Participants will be encouraged to use music, drama and dance to develop confidence, communication skills and performance

For more information

www.gamd.org.uk or call 0208 488 4535

Afasic

Unlocking Speech and Language

Are you worried about your child's speech and language? Is your child's speech delayed? Does your child have a speech and language diagnosis?

Afasic is a national Speech and Language Charity committed to supporting children with speech and language problems and their families.

Their website is full of information, chat forums and much more:

www.afasic.org.uk

Or contact the Afasic helpline on

0845 355 5577

Open 10.30am - 2.30pm Mon to Fri

SPEECH TEACH UK

Speech Teach is a website that contains speech therapy activities for parents and schools supporting children with speech and language difficulties.

The website gives details about speech therapy games and shows you how to make them. There are also some general educational activities which are particularly good for children with SEN.

If you would like to know more log on to: www.speechteach.co.uk

Sibs for Siblings of Disabled Children

Growing up with a brother or sister with a disability or chronic illness creates challenges and opportunities. Sibs is the UK organisation for siblings. Sibs aim is to enhance their lives by providing them with information and support, and by influencing service provision for siblings throughout the UK. The long term vision is that each Local Authority in the UK will have a dedicated sibling service providing sibling groups and one to one support.

Contact Sibs on **01535 645453**

info@sibs.org.uk or visit the website on **www.sibs.org.uk**

USEFUL NUMBERS

ADVISORY CENTRE for EDUCATION(ACE):

GENERAL ADVICE LINE: 0808 800 5793

EXCLUSIONS LINE: 0808 800 0327

www.ace-ed.org.uk

Text AskACE to 68808

AFASIC HELPLINE (SPEECH & LANGUAGE)

0845 3 55 55 77 or 020 7490 9420

CARERS LEWISHAM: 020 8699 8686

www.carerslewisham.org.uk

CHILDLINE: 0800 1111

www.childline.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LEGAL CENTRE:

NATIONAL EDUCATION LINE: 0845 345 4345

CHILD LAW ADVICE LINE: 08088 020 008

www.childrenslegalcentre.com

CONNEXIONS: 020 8297 3330

CONTACT A FAMILY: 0808 808 3555

Lewisham: 020 7635 6333

www.cafamily.org.uk

IPSEA ADVICE LINE: 0800 0184016

www.ipsea.org.uk

KIDSCAPE (BULLYING ADVICE)

08451 205 204 www.kidscape.org.uk

LEWISHAM AUTISM SUPPORT:

020 8699 3066

LEWISHAM FAMILIES INFORMATION

SERVICE: 0800 085 0606

www.lewisham.gov.uk/fis

LEWISHAM ADMISSIONS TEAM:

020 8314 8282

LEWISHAM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

020 8314 8320

NATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION Bexley,

Bromley and Lewisham: 07000 50 50 55

www.dyslexiawise.co.uk

PARENTLINE PLUS: 0808 800 2222

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

Pre-School Learning Alliance Lewisham:

020 8695 5955

www.pre-school.org.uk/lewisham

SCOPE: 01432 370860

www.scope.org.uk

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY TRIBUNAL (SEND):

HELPLINE: 0870 241 2555

www.tribunals.gov.uk

ADDISS (ADHD)

020 8952 2800 www.addiss.co.uk

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