

Email Update September 2017

Dear Parents' Voice Supporter

Sorry that we have not been in touch for a few weeks - it's been a rather busy time for my (Sue's) family, as it has been for many others (getting ready for the new academic year and various family changes). So, without further ado, here's our latest brief update (with some exciting news).

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1) Parents' Voice news

i) As mentioned in our last update, our next evening meeting will take place in Worcester on **Monday** 25th September, 7.15pm at [Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club](#) (from 7am for refreshments). We'd love to see you there - if you think you can come along, email us and we'll send you an agenda (makes it sound rather formal, but it's not) and make sure we have enough refreshments. But if you find you're free at the last minute and haven't contacted us, do come along anyway (and you're welcome to bring a friend).

If you have any used ink cartridges (or even old mobile phones) for recycling or used postage stamps please bring them along - they will help us fund our activities!

ii) A date for your diary - November 6th. We are delighted to have an information session for parents and family carers - "**Top Tips for parents/family carers to keep your child safe online**". This free talk (covering issues for a range of ages, from young children to teenagers) will be given by Superintendent Kevin Purcell and an internet expert from West Mercia Police. This will take place in the evening of November 6th in North Worcester; places will be free but are limited and should be booked (so if you'd definitely like to come along, please email us with the subject "Online safety talk" saying how many places you'd like).

2) Worcestershire Children and Young People's Plan

The new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for 2017 - 2021 was officially launched on Monday 18th September. The CYPP is "owned by all agencies working with children, young people and families in Worcestershire" and "provides a framework ... to make the necessary impact to improve lives."

Earlier this year many of you gave your views about what is important to Worcestershire families (over 2,590 people responded to the survey). You can download a report about the research results which helped shape the new plan here: <http://bit.ly/2pvcyppres>.

You can download the CYPP here: <http://bit.ly/2pvcypp17>; if you have any questions, enquiries or comments about the CYPP you can email them to

CYP@worcestershire.gov.uk.

3) Local consultations and surveys

i) Malvern Hills District Council have a five year plan and want to know what local people would like them to do. There is a [short survey](#) which asks you to say which of their objectives are important to you (and which aren't) and also gives you the chance to make comments (these are expandable text boxes, so you can say quite a lot). There will also be two focus groups on (next) Tuesday, 26th September (please take part in the survey soon if you would like to take part in this focus group) and Tuesday 3rd October.

You can find the survey here: <http://bit.ly/2pvmdc5yr>.

We have already told you about these two local surveys:

ii) [Healthwatch Worcestershire](#) gathers feedback from patients and the public about health and social care services in Worcestershire. They use the information to tell those who run the services what could be improved or developed in the future.

Last year they identified autism as a priority for Worcestershire and are keen to gather the views of people with an Autism Spectrum Condition and their Carers. They have two online surveys to help do this (gathering experiences and feedback about Going to the Doctors, Going to the Hospital, Information, Support and Gaining a Diagnosis):

A questionnaire for people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition - <http://bit.ly/pvhwsvyasc>

A questionnaire for carers (including parents) of people with an ASC diagnosis - <http://bit.ly/pvhwcarsvy3>.

All information provided will be treated confidentially,

iii) Healthwatch would also like to find out about your awareness and experiences of the NHS 111 service - there is an [online survey](#) and all information provided is treated confidentially. You can find the [NHS 111 survey](#) here: <http://bit.ly/HWWnhs111>.

4) Results of National Consultations

In October last year, the government confirmed that there would be no new national primary school tests or assessments introduced before the 2018 to 2019 academic year. A consultation was launched in March 2017 seeking views on a number of key proposals about the future of the statutory primary assessment system.

The [government response](#) to this consultation (reporting how people and organisations responded) has now been published and includes details of a proposed "baseline assessment" of children in reception classes from 2020.

You can read the full response here: <http://bit.ly/2primasrep>.

5) Knife Surrender

On 18th September Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police launched a four-week long [knife surrender campaign](#) aimed at making the streets of the region safer for everyone.

Anyone can surrender a knife or blade at a number of police stations, including Worcester, Kidderminster and Redditch. The campaign finishes on 15th October.

You can find out more about the campaign here: <http://bit.ly/2pvknfsurr>.

6) Talking Walk In Drop-In Sessions

These sessions by the Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy service are for parents of pre-school children to go along for advice. Please note that they are correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change (so please check with the venue before travelling).

Mon 25th September, 09.30 - 10.00 am - BROMSGROVE Catshill Clinic, The Dock (1st right off Milton Road), Catshill, B61 0NJ

Tues 26th September, 11.30 am - 12.15 pm - WORCESTER
Buttercup Children's Centre, Fairfield Primary, Fairfield Close, WR4 9TX

Fri 29th September, 2.15 - 2.45 pm - REDDITCH
Scott Atkinson Child Development Centre, Woodrow Drive, B98 7UH

Wed 18th October, 11.00 - 11.30 am - BROMSGROVE Catshill Clinic, The Dock (1st right off Milton Road), Catshill, B61 0NJ

Mon 13th November, 2.00 - 2.30 pm - BROMSGROVE
Catshill Clinic, The Dock (1st right off Milton Road), Catshill, B61 0NJ

You can find all the dates here: <http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/.../childrens/contact-us/drop-in-dates/>

7) 10 Minute Shake Ups

During the summer holidays many children played Change 4 Life's Disney-inspired [10 minute shake up games](#). These are still available (if you haven't seen them yet) and are "10 minute bursts of fun" inspired by films such as Moana, Beauty and the Beast, Frozen and Finding Dory. (The site also has links to food facts and recipes.)

You can find them here: <http://bit.ly/pv10minshkup>.

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Thank you for your continued support in 2017, we really do appreciate it :)

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