

RESOURCE PACK FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



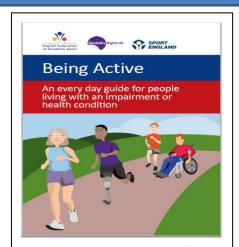
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Being Active: A guide for people with impairments or health conditions



A social story to explain a little about social distancing during coronavirus - read here.

Other stories and resources are available to **view here**.



Special Educational Needs (SEN)
Resources



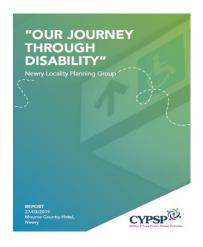
The Special Education Needs Early Years Inclusion Service (SEN EYIS) provides support to parents of children with special educational needs.

Further information on the service and resources which you may find useful are available to view and download here.

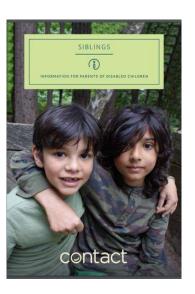


Helpful guide for families with disabled children, covering common concerns about your child's health & development, plus information on behaviour, sleep, feeding and more... Order your FREE copy of the guide here





Report on a coproduction initiative by
parents and families in
the Newry Locality,
supported and
facilitated by the CYPSP
Southern Outcomes
Group
Download Here



SIBLINGS guide – all about supporting the brothers and sisters of children who have a disability or long-term illness.

Download Here



The ONSIDE Project offers people who are 16+ and who have a disability, the opportunity to get more digitally and socially included. Participants receive a tablet device, and get 6/7 sessions of beginners group training on things like email, using zoom, online safety and accessing books and magazines online for free and lots more.

Participants are also linked with a Community Navigator who will then map out tailored social connections e.g. online hobbies, online health & well-being classes and social media platforms, based on participants' interests and needs. After the training has finished there is also the opportunity to get involved in volunteering on the project too - More Info



NDCS Mentorship Programme
Text based mentorship programme
for deaf young people (aged 15-18)
for personalised support and
guidance on a range of topics like
wellbeing and future careers.
Further Information



Lets Talk – NDCS Tips
It's so important to encourage
deaf children and young people to
talk openly about their feelings.

Top tips and resources for parents to help their child understand and express emotions



Website for Deaf Young People
The Buzz gives deaf children and young
people a safe and positive online space
of their own.

https://buzz.org.uk



The National Deaf Children's Society has a COVID 19 blog on their website, where they are gathering together in one place all the up-to-date information that families with a deaf child will be looking for. It is specific to deafness and is updated regularly and contains all the NI specific contacts and references

Access Blog Here

Family sign Language course - NDCS tutors have filmed themselves in lockdown so families can still learn British Sign Language (BSL) to use at home. - <u>View Here</u>





RNIB Parent Carer Facebook Group

A community that brings together everyone who is a parent or carer of a child who's blind, partially sighted or lives with any degree of vision impairment:

https://facebook.com/groups/1402385632 64750/

Need to Talk Project

Support for people of all ages, as well as family and friends, to access emotional and practical support needed to adapt to life with sight loss.

https://www.rnib.org.uk/your-areanorthern-ireland/services-rnib-northernireland/need-to-talk



Beach wheelchairs & other equipment to borrow free of charge across Northern Ireland beaches.

Become a member to stay up to date – it's free!



50 Games for Children with Special Needs



Activities for people with disabilities



Fun things to try with disabled children



Outdoor Activities for Children with Special Needs





Rainbow Resource Kit

Information for parents of newly diagnosed children to support them in understanding their child and a range of autism strategies they can use. Booklets and resources include: A Positive Start for Life, Communication and Socialisation, Play, Making Sense of Sensory, Parent to Parent, Top 12 Tips and can be <u>downloaded here</u>.

Education Resource Kit

Social stories, learning plans, routine charts, e-books and audios for children of all ages – <u>available to download</u> here.











Lots of Fun Games and Ideas from Autism NI



Coping with Change Resource



Summer Activity
Resource

Other resources are available from Autism NI to help autistic individuals, professionals, parents/carers and family members view here.



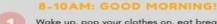
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THE ANTI-BOREDOM PROJECT





Wake up, pop your clothes on, eat breakfast and go on a walk or follow a funny exercise



10AM-12NOON: ACTIVE LEARNING Learning without electronics: Puzzle books, journaling, flash cards, reading books, maths games, creative story writing, lego and

construction games, art projects, printed worksheets



Have a yummy lunch then have some Mary Poppins Chores time (wipe kitchen table / do dishes / wash car / hoover/ tidy away toys and resources)



2-4PM: TECHNO LEARNING

Learning with screens: ipad / tablet / computer based educational games, educational tv shows, internet research for a project theme



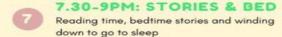
4-5.30PM: ACTIVE AFTERNOON

Play outside if possible (park / trampoline / hide and seek / kick a football / frisbee). If you can't go outside, then play active games at home (e.g. YoYo / hide and Seek / hoola hoop)



5.30-7.30PM: DINNER &

Enjoy a nice dinner together than do the getting-ready-for-bed routine (baths, brush teeth, PJ's on)







Resources to support children and adults around anxiety, worry, stress, and fears; including specific Covid resources



Useful resources from AWARE to support your mental health

Youngminds

Tips for coping with social anxiety

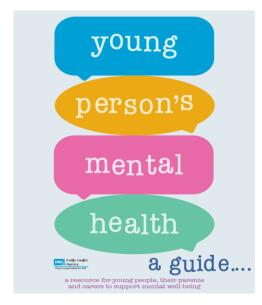


Ideas and resources which you may find helpful in supporting children and young people's mental health.

View Resource



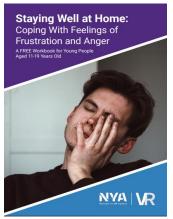




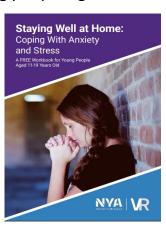
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Workbooks to help young people aged 11-19



<u>Download</u>



Download



Website created for young people, carers and professional to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and wellbeing – **Go to Website**





Parent Helping Your Child Deal With Their Anxieties

One of the ways we assist children is to build their confidence in taking (age appropriate) control of situations that affect them, in doing this we teach them that difficult emotions may not be pleasant but sometimes we have to live with them and that these feelings, although frightening and unsettling, can be manageable.



ooo Ask your child how they might deal with things

By doing this we are allowing the busy brain to be constructively busy, allowing it to work on coming up with solutions as apposed to busying itself being worried.

Remember the importance of age appropriateness, a perfectly good solution to a child being upset or afraid is to tell an adult.



ASK - Who might you want to tell? What if you couldn't get them? Anybody else? What might you say?

If we help a child break BIG worries into small manageable worries, then we reinforce the idea that the world and more importantly THEIR world is not a scary place for them.

It is understandable that worries might arise for Parents and children in relation to Covid related concerns- more specifically the reintegration of "normal activities"

Respect a child's concerns and then aid them in coming up with solutions.



ASK - what might help you feel less worried?

Reinforce what they already know, but encourage them to say it themselves, eg washing your hands, covering your mouth with your elbow etc.

POSITIVE THINGS

TO SAY TO YOUR CHILD

1.	I'm grateful for you.	35.	That's a great question.
2.	You make me proud.	36.	Your friends are lucky to have you
3.	Your words are meaningful.	37.	I trust you.
4.	You have great ideas.	38.	That was a really good choice.
5.	I love being your parent.	39.	Seeing you happy makes me
6.	You don't have to be perfect to be	12000	happy.
	great.	40.	Being your parent is my favorite
7.	Your opinions matter.		job.
8.	You are important.	41.	I learn new things from you every
9.	You are loved.		day.
10.	I believe you.	42.	You make me better.
11.	I believe in you.	43.	You are a good boy/girl.
12.	This family wouldn't be the same	44.	Thank you for being you.
	without you.	45.	I'm so glad you're here.
13.	You are valuable.	46.	You look great.
14.	You can say no.	47.	Lunderstand you.
15.	You can say yes.	48.	Watching you grow up is the best
16.	I know you did your best.	49.	That was really brave.
17.	You were right.	50.	I forgive you.
18.	I accept who you are.	51.	I appreciate you.
19.	We can try your way.	52.	We all make mistakes.
20.	You are helpful.	53.	Yes, me too.
21.	You are worth it.	54.	You are very good at that!
22.	You make me happy.	55.	You can try again tomorrow.
23.	I love your creativity.	56.	Nobody is perfect.
24.	Being around you is fun.	57.	I love how you said that.
25.	I can't wait to hear about it.	58.	Not everyone will like you, and
26.	Don't be afraid to be you.		that's OK.
27.	You're making a difference.	59.	You did that so well.
28.	I'm excited to spend time with you.	60.	I'm listening.
29.	You are interesting.	61.	That's a very fair point.
30.	I love seeing the world your way.	62.	You are beautiful inside and out.
31.	It's good to be curious.	63.	Hove you.
32.	I love the way you tell stories.	64.	I could never stop loving you.
33.	What you did was awesome.	65.	You are enough.
34.	I admire you.	66.	You make my heart full.





ENGAGEMENT

START

A to Z of BEING KIND TO YOURSELF

Anxiety - its a normal reaction to a very abnormal situation

Se Active, take walks, dance, just move!

Connect with people in new ways, stay connected

Distract yourself, do something you enjoy to take your mind of things

at well, look after you, get the right nutrition and keep healthy

amily and Friends are there to help you

Give - share time with someone or donate if you can to a good cause

Happy, do something that makes you happy

Ignore the news if you need to

Just be, maybe we have been given a chance to just be us for a while.

Seep Learning, about yourself, about others, maybe its a new skill you want to try but never had the time?

Love yourself, be kind to

Meditate, there's Lots online. Learn how to relax

Nature, Listen to the sounds & enjoy

Own it - say how you feel. There is power in saying it.

Plan, make plans for when its over, something to Look forward to

Quiet - Find your quiet space

Relax, get a cuppa, book,

Sleep, try to keep a pattern, sleep well

ake notice of how you are feeling and things around you

Unique, we are all different and cope in different ways. Try not to compare yourself to others

Victory - we will get through this

Water - Drink plenty of it each day

X - exhale! Breathe slowly and be aware of your

You are amazing! Don't forget it!

Zero - don't let things reduce you to zero - you are a hero.

Change starts here Every Person Stronger





THE EMOTIONAL CUP

Imagine that every child has a cup that needs to be filled — with affection, love, security, and attention. Some seem to have a full cup most of the time, or know good ways to get a refill. But most children get a little nervous when their cup gets near empty.

Some ways that children deal with having an empty cup:

- · steal from other people's cups
- misbehave to get your attention and show that they need a refill
- · seem to have bottomless cups, or need constant 'topping off'
- · can't sit still for refills or actively refuse them
- · bounce off the walls when they approach 'empty'
- · think they have to fight or compete for every refill

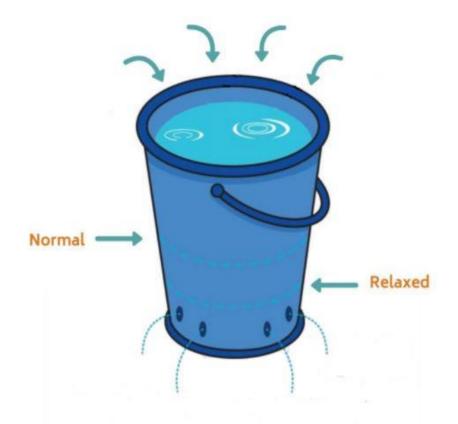




Stress Bucket

imagine there's a bucket you carry with you which slowly fills up when you experience different types of stress. It's important to find activities which help you lighten the load.

Complete the diagram below. Write the things that can cause you to get stressed at the top, going into the bucket and at the bottom, write the things you can do to help relieve your stress.





Talking to your child about mental health



TOP TIPS

We understand it can seem difficult to talk to your child about their emotional health

about their emotional health. Here are some top tips for starting the conversation.





make a difference

Keep it informal

Informal spaces like car journeys or whilst watching TV allow great

opportunities to talk about serious topics in a relaxed way. TV shows and characters are a good way to bring up the topic



Use face flash cards

Younger children will probably not understand feelings as well as older children. Use pictures of different facial expressions e.g. happy, sad, angry, surprised, to help them identify and understand mental health.

Let them know



Let your children know you are happy to talk and listen to them about any worries they may have

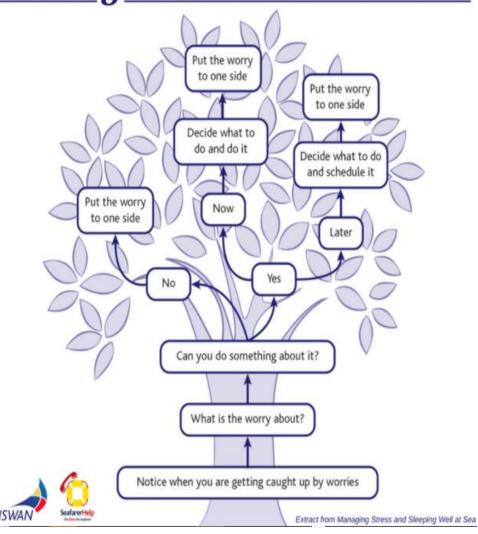
Use appropriate language

Talk in their language rather than using terminology they may not understand, but most children will understand the idea of feeling stressed, anxious or low. Explain this is what is meant by mental health

Keep an open mind

Avoid being critical or dismissive of children's feelings and be accepting in order to normalise talking about it.

Worry Tree







Mental health top tips

Mental health affects the way we think and feel about ourselves and others, and how we respond to daily life. We can find it hard to talk about mental health but communicating and sharing feelings with our children can make all the difference.

Make yourself available

We all have busy lives and sometimes our children may feel we are too busy to chat. Make your presence known to your child and let them know you are happy to talk and listen to them about any worries they may have. You just through talking but through don't need to set aside lots of time to have a chat just opening up can make and facial expressions. You can a difference. Keeping it informal and taking an interest in what they are doing allows opportunities to strike up a conversation.

Talk about your day

Set time aside each day to chat to each other about your day both the good and the less positive things that happened. Try ending the day on something positive ready for the next day.

Notice how your child communicates in other ways

Children and teenagers express themselves in different ways not play, music, behaviour, body language learn a lot about how they may be feeling by spending time with them and watching them play or engage in activities.





Mental health top tips



Use appropriate language

Keep an open mind

Ask for help











Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids

Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.



Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.



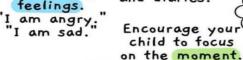
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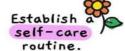
Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.



Encourage journaling and diaries.

Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.





Recognize toxic

BlessingManifesting

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Cultivate interests and hobbies.



As a parent or carer, it's a good idea to let your child know they can talk to you about their emotions when they need to.

Tips on how to boost your child's happiness



What's Up With Everyone? is a new collection of short animated videos from BBC Teach, developed to encourage young people to become more aware of their mental wellbeing.

Watch Video's Here









RELAXATION TIPS

Lockdown getting you down? Take some time out of your day and treat yourself to a little relaxation as a form of self-care. Looking after yourself and taking time to do things you enjoy is essential for good emotional wellbeing.

TAKE A BATH

A hot bath at the end of the day can help you relax and unwind, and gives you a chance to review your day.



HOBBIES

Take up.a new hobbie or delve back into something you already enjoy. Reading, knitting, crafting or listening to music are all great ideas.



PRACTICE MINDFULNESS

Download the 'Headspace' or 'Calm' app and take some time out of your day daily to practise mindfulness. Mindfulness meditation involves sitting silently and paying attention to thoughts, sounds, the sensations of breathing or parts of the body, bringing your attention back whenever the mind starts to wander.



TRY YOGA

Yoga can help you relax which can in turn assist in maintaining a good sleeping pattern. Regular exxercise is wonderful for your emotional wellbeing & helps you stay supple & healthu.





Find out more about the Family Wellness Project at: parentingni.org/family-wellness-project





Small acts of kindness towards other people can give a sense of purpose & make you feel happier & more satisfied about life. Recent research shows us that helping others & working together activates & strengthens certain parts of the brain, enhancing well-being.











Detailed explanation of how it works







NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH
THROUGH PLAY

Download Resource



ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Advice & tips to help support with mental health concerns and ways to cope



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Best Virtual Museum Tours for Kids:

The Louvre

Via their website: www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne/

The British Museum

Via their website:
https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Via their website:
www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/

Van Gogh Museum

Via their website:

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum

Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre

Via their website:

www.roalddahl.com/museum/visit/virtual-museum-tour

NASA Glenn Research Center

Via their website: www.nasa.gov/glennvirtualtours



Switcheroo Zoo

www.switcheroozoo.com Watch, listen, and play games to learn all about amazing animals!

Nat Geofor Kids

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Learn all about geography and fascinating animals!

Into the Book

www.reading.ecb.org

Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies!

Suessville

www.seussville.com Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends!

ABCYA

www.abcya.com
Practice math and reading skills

Fun Brain
www.funbrain.com
Playgames while practicing
math and reading skills!

PBS Kids

www.pbs.org Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!

StarFall

www.starfall.com
Practice your phonics skills with
these read-along stories!

Storyline Online

www.storylineonline.net Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!

Highlights Kids www.highlightskids.com Read, play games, and conduct





Wide Open School is a free collection of the best online learning experiences for kids curated by the editors at Common Sense. It is organized so teachers and families can easily find it and plan each day.

Go to Website



Activities, tools and advice to support learning at home



The Consumer Council have devised a number of consumer rights themed games and quizzes that you and your family can do while you are in the house.

View Website

вве Bitesize

BBC Bitesize have resources to help with learning and revision including videos, step by step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject.

Visit Website



Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning.

Further Information

TEACHING 2 AND 3 YEAR OLDS

Fun preschool outdoor learning ideas that will encourage hands-on exploration and fun. Everything from sensory to literacy to science and much more!

View Here



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES



Home learning resources for children in primary, post-primary, Irish medium schools and for learners with SEN.

Go to Website



EA Literacy Newsletter all about school transitions. Strategies and tips to help with school transitions from Nursery into Primary, then onto Post Primary and 16 plus, to support our children and young people.

Read Here



Library of FREE resources! Covering topics like password safety, to support children and young people at home – **Go to Hub**



A range of online information, including advice and resources to help parents, carers and children .

View Here



<u>Twinkl Home Learning Hub –</u> New ideas, everyday!



Free video lessons and resources



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BookTrust HomeTime

Looking for something fun as a family? Enjoy storytime with BookTrust's free online books and videos, play games, win prizes, test your knowledge in their book-themed quizzes. You can even learn how to draw some of your favourite characters.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime



Craft based activities uisng
Seamus Heaney's work as
a source of inspiration



Kids Hub



'All the latest magical treats to keep you occupied including special contributions from Bloomsbury and
Scholastic, nifty magical craft videos (teach your friends
how to draw a Niffler!), fun articles, quizzes, puzzles and
plenty more for first-time readers, as well as those already
familiar with the wizarding world. We're casting a
Banishing Charm on boredom!'

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INDOOR ACTIVITIES





CHARADES

HOW TO PLAY

- 1. The players divide themselves into two teams.
- The leader chooses the first player from one of the teams.
- The leader then secretly gives this player a film or book title to act out.
- The player is not allowed to use sounds, to mouth words or use drawing.
- It is the job of the player's team to guess what the name of the film or book is.
- 6. If they are able to guess then the team gets a point.
- 7. Repeat with a player from the opposite team.

VARIATION

Think about acting out different feelings that the players have been learning in their SEL lessons.





Bookworm Craft

- Cut out circles from different pieces of coloured card, or use foam circles.
- Stick your circles together to make a long worm shape.
- Create your bookworm's face by adding some googly eyes, pipe cleaners for antenna, and a smile!



For more ideas for International Children's Book Day go to www.playboard.org/play-ideas





Fun, easy play ideas for your child to enjoy in and around the home- from making indoor dens, to playing in the dark, to old school games such as hide & seek.

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Creative play ideas resource produced by Sperrin and Lakeland Floating Support Team for you to try at home. Activities require little or no resources.

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Indoor Play Ideas and Activities



Simple craft activities using milk cartons, jars and bottles



Activity ideas to help keep everyone upbeat and happy



Colouring in and make & do activities



Printable colouring in sheets



15 ways to keep your kids active (even if you don't have much space)



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Get your kids moving by playing Simon Says with these fun yet physical activities. You decide when or if you say "Simon Says"!

Shake your whole body.

Jump up and down.

Spin ground in circles.

Do a cartwheel.

Do a somersault.

Wave your arms above your head.

Walk like a bear on all 4s.

Walk like a crab.

Hop like a frog.

Walk on your knees.

Lay on your back & pedal your legs in the air like you are on a bike.

Pretend to sit in an invisible chair 5 times - sit then stand, sit then stand, etc.

Hold your arms out at your side and make circles with them in the air.

Hop on your left foot 10 times.

Hop on your right foot 10 times.

Hop around like a bunny.

Balance on your left foot for a count of 10.

Balance on your right foot for a count of 10.

Bend down and touch your toes 10 times.

Reach behind you and try and hold your right foot with your left hand without falling over.

Show off the muscles in your

Reach behind you and try and hold your left foot with your right hand without falling over.

Lay on the floor and stretch out as far you can for 10 a count of 10.

Pretend to shoot a basketball 10 times.

Pretend to jump rope for a count of 10.

Pretend to ride a horse.

Pretend to milk a cow.

Take 5 of the biggest steps forward that you can.

Pretend to lift a car.

Do the strangest dance you can think of.

Scream,



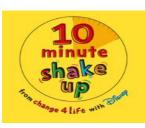












10 Minute Shake Up Games

Change4Life and Disney have teamed up again to bring you new Shake Up games inspired by Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story* 4 and Incredibles 2, and Disney's The Lion King and Frozen.

These 10-minute bursts of fun will really get your kids moving and count towards the 60 active minutes they need every day! - Play Here

Beans!

There are different actions for each type of bean. Each time the name of the bean is called out, the child(ren) should do the correct action.

Runner beans - run on the spot

String beans - stretch up tall and be as thin as possible

Dwarf beans - bend down and be as small as you can be

Broad beans - hold arms out wide and stand with wide leas

Chilli Beans - shiver

Frozen beans - everyone has to stand still

Jumping beans - jump up and down

Beans on toast - lie on your back with your arms across your chest



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Become a Reporter for the day!



This is the perfect time to perfect your reporting skills. Today you can become a reporter! Imagine you work for a newspaper and they have sent you to your house to interview your family. Think up a list of questions that you would like to ask and then arrange a time to sit down and start the interview.



What music do you like?



Where is your favourite place to spend time?



How to Grow a Rainbow

You will need:

- Kitchen roll/paper towel
- · Felt tip pens
- Two small bowls of water
- Paper clip
- · Thread



- 1. Cut your kitchen roll into the shape of a rainbow.
- Colour a rainbow with felt tips about 2 cm up on both sides.
- Attach your paper clip to the top and tie a piece of thread to it. This will give you something to hold your rainbow with.
- 4. Fill each small container with water.
- 5. Hold your rainbow with the ends slightly submerged in the water then watch your rainbow grow!

THE SCIENCE



A brief introduction to 'capillary action'! Water molecules like to stick to things - including themselves. Sticking to things is called adhesion and sticking to itself is called cohesion. The fibres in kitchen roll make lots of little holes. Water is 'sucked' through the holes because of adhesion (liking to stick to other things) and cohesion (liking to stick to itself) means the rest of the water follows. The water pressure will eventually slow down and the pressure of gravity will mean it stops moving.

@MrsBpriSTEM

DRY ARCH

SureStart

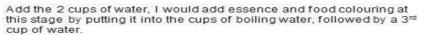
"A takes a whole village to raise a child"

No cook playdough recipe

Use the same cup to measure:

- 4 cups of plain flour
- 1/3 cup of cooking oil
- 1 cup of salt
- 7 teaspoons of cream of tartar
- 3 to 4 cups of boiling water

Put all ingredients into a large bowl.



Keep mixing and kneading the dough, until it becomes firm like bread dough if it needs more water just add more in gradually.

If your mixture becomes sticky the trick is to add a teaspoon of oil or a little more.

This playdough needs a lot of kneading so it cooks while you knead, be patient enjoy it, its very relaxing.

This playdough will last up to 4 weeks in an air tight container. This is a large amount you could however break it up and have a selection of different colours.

www.dryarchcentre.org

'simple acts of kindness will get us all through'



Simple, fun activities for kids, from newborn to five



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Bug Hotel

Going on a bug hunt and creating a bug hotel offers lots of opportunities to explore and to discuss nature and the environment.

You can make your bug hotel out of materials you have at home or in your garden such as old plant pots or half a plastic bottle, and fill with bug friendly bits and bobs of different shapes and sizes for insects and bugs to crawl into such as sticks, wood, bark, leaves, stones, flowers, grass etc.

Once you have opened your bug hotel just wait for the bugs and creatures to move in!

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Den building

All that's required is household items or things found in your garden and lots of imagination!

Dens can be any shape or size and based outdoors in your garden, for example using just a

If you don't have a lot of space mini dens could be created for favourite toys! The best dens,

blanket and a tree, or indoors using items such as cushions, chairs, tables and boxes.

and those which are the most fun, are built and designed by children!

Den building offers many benefits such as respect for and understanding of the natural environment and can help children develop many skills such as problem solving, reasoning, communication, planning and motor skills.

Mastery play - Control of the physical and affective ingredients of the environments, like digging holes or constructing shelters. This play activity can also incorporate many of the other play types.

Play Types developed by Bob Hughes - A Taxonomy of Play Types

www.plauboard.org







Bubble Socks

You will need:

- An old sock
- Empty plastic drink bottle with top removed
- Elastic band
- Bubble mixture washing up liquid and water

Cut the bottom of your bottle, put the sock over the bottom and secure at the top with the elastic band.

Dip your sock into the bubble mixture and blow into the bottle to make your bubbles!

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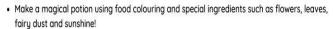


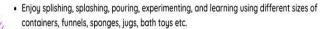
Water play

 Water xylophone - fill glass jars with varying amounts of water (and food colouring/paint) and tap with a spoon to discover the different notes.



- · Boat race make toy boats and have a race.
- · Car wash just add fairy liquid and toy cars to create your own car wash.
- Water painting using a paint brush, children can have fun 'painting' walls, drainpipes, the
 around etc. outside.







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7 Fun & simple outdoor activities for kids

TLASH CARdS

50 simple outdoor activities for kids to get them outside without breaking the bank.

what to expect.

Easy ideas for outside fun to keep toddlers and preschoolers entertained from WhatToExpect.com View Here



Playful outdoor learning ideas and activities from PGCE students at Stranmillis University College.

View Here

Shadow Drawings

You will need:

- sheets of paper or old wallpaper
- colouring pencils
- your favourite toys
- sunshine (or a torch)

On a sunny day line up your favourite toys on a sheet of paper and draw around their shadows.

This is a fun way to improve your drawing skills, colouring big shadows and small shadows (depending on the time of day), as well as enjoying some fresh air in your garden.

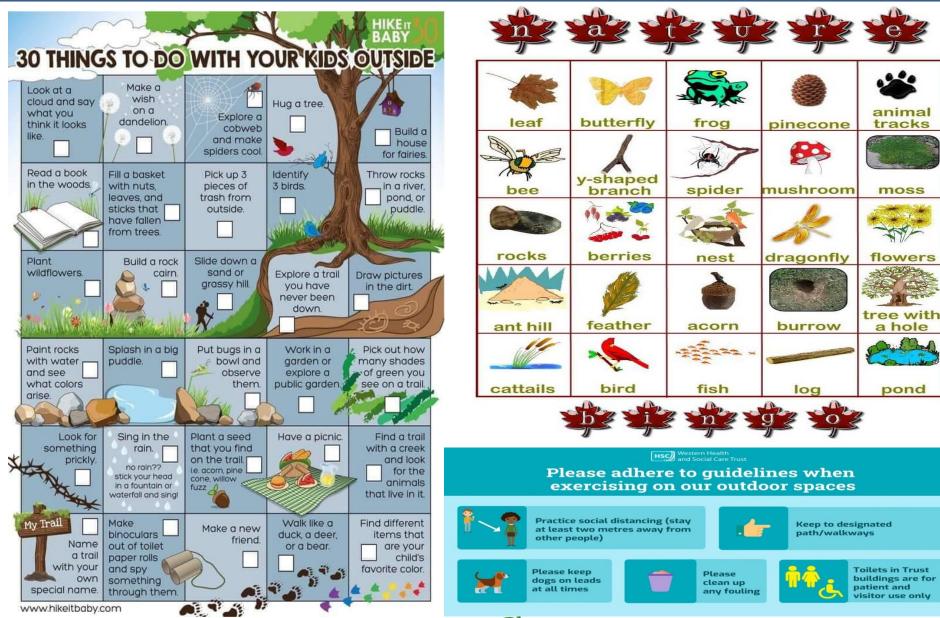
You can also try this inside using a torch.

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animal

tracks

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a hole

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A selection of outdoor activities that will entertain, teach and engage young children. Most can be set up with things you already have around the house. Click on image to view activity.







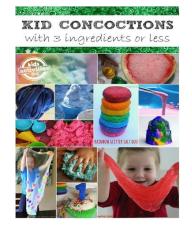












More outdoor activity ideas from Happy Hooligans available here





Cave Hill Country Park, Belfast

Towering above looms Cave Hill, otherwise known as Napoleon's Nose. From up here you can take in 360 degree views of Belfast. They're recently refurbished adventure park includes eco-trails, orienteering routes and picnic benches for the ultimate day out. Cave Hill Adventurous Playground - Article by Cool FM

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cave%20Hill%20 Adventurous%20Playground/125900864653312/



Colin Glen Forest Park, Antrim
(* charge associated with activity)

From Alpine coasteering to laser tag, golfing to the Gruffalo Trail, Colin Glen has adventure for all! Kids will love their allnew alpine coaster, travelling at a max speed of 25mph/40kph, they'll cover 565 metres including 22 twists and 2 tunnels. Colin Glen is also home to the longest zip line in Ireland, offering thrill-seekers the unique chance to fly at speeds of up to 55mph. Visitors will be able to travel up to 60kmh, completing the half mile treetop flight in just over a minute.

https://planetradio.co.uk/cool-fm/local/places-visit/northernireland-alpine-coaster-

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Summer Fruit Pops

(Makes 4 ice pops'

What you will need:

- · Small plastic cups and wooden lollipop sticks or ice pop mould
- · 2 kiwis, peeled
- · 1 mango, peeled
- · 8-10 raspberries

Instructions:

- · Puree the fruits separately and put them in different bowls.
- · Pour the raspberry into the bottom of the cups or mould.
- Freeze for 30 minutes.
- · Pour in the Mango
- · Freeze for 15 minutes, insert lollipop sticks and freeze for a further 15 minutes.
- Top with kiwi puree and freeze for 5-6 hours or overnight.

Top Tip

 If you don't have time to make the tri-colour ice-pops you can just use 1 flavour or puree different fruits together and freeze all at once for a multi-fruit flavour.



Always remember to clean your baby's teeth after feeding especially last thing at night.

Strawberry Ice Lollies



Ingredients:-

250g Strawberries

100ml Natural yoghurt, or apple or orange juice

1 teaspoon honey

Method:-

These are simple and quick to make, and are so much nicer than the commercially made ones.

Whizz up 250g ripe strawberries, 100ml natural yoghurt (or apple or orange juice) and 1 teaspoon honey in a blender or food processor. Taste, and add a little more honey if you think you need to. Divide the strawberry mixture between 4 ice lolly moulds, then pop a stick into each one.

Put the ice lollies in the freezer for at least 4 hours or until solid.

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Slow Cooker Crunchie Fudge

400g Cadbury chocolate
1 can of condensed milk
15g unsalted butter
1 teaspoon of vanilla essence

4 bars of crunchie

Put everything (apart from the crunchies) into the slow cooker.

Put slow cooker on high setting.

Stir every 15 minutes for 45 minutes.

Add 3 bars of chopped crunchie and stir.

Pour mix into lined tin.

Sprinkle remaining crunchie on top.

Put in fridge to set - approx 5 hours.

Remove from tin and cut into chunks.

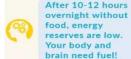
Enjoy and forget about the thousands of

calories 👄

Brilliant Breakfast!

Did you know 1/3 people skip breakfast?

Here are some top tips to start your child's day right!

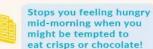


Breakfast keeps you going until lunchtime & improves concentration at school



Provides essential nutrients such as fibre, vitamins & minerals such as calcium & iron.

Try to choose a healthier option like porridge with fruit, no-added sugar wheat or bran cereals or wholemeal toast with eggs.





Did you know?
Children consume half the daily recommended sugar intake before the morning school bell rings, according to Public Health England.

It only takes 5 minutes!





Snack hack!

Grapes, strawberries, pineapples and other fruits are a delicious alternative to shop-bought sweets.











Healthy Snacks

Many kids get hungry between meals. A healthy snack can provide your kids with energy and help them get the nutrients they need on a daily basis.

Healthy snack options:

Fruit: A piece of fruit is a convenient and healthy snack for kids. Most fruits contain fibre and important nutrients like potassium and vitamins A and C - Bananas, apples, pears, grapes, peaches, and plums are examples of fruits that can be used for grab-and-go snacks.

Fruit smoothies: A fruit smoothie is a good way to pack a lot of nutrients into a small snack.

Yogurt: Yogurt is an excellent snack for children and young people because it's a good source of protein and calcium. Calcium is especially important for developing bones. Try to avoid yogurts with high sugar content.

Cheese: Cheese provides children with high-quality protein, which is needed for proper growth. Protein will also help them feel full between meals

Boiled eggs: Eggs are highly nutritious and an excellent snack for kids. They provide high-quality protein and several vitamins and minerals, including vitamin B12

Simple snacks

A sandwich/roll

Sandwiches don't have to be just for mealtime. Half a sandwich can also make a healthy snack for kids. To build a healthy sandwich, start with whole-wheat bread, pick a source of protein, and include a fruit or veggie, if possible. Here are some examples of healthy sandwich combinations:

- cheddar cheese and thinly sliced apples
- · cheese and tomato slices
- peanut butter and banana slices
- · Chicken or turkey, cheese, and or pickle
- hard-boiled egg and tomato

Sweet potato fries (for one)

- 1 fresh sweet potato
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of olive oil
- · Sea salt

Peel and slice the sweet potato. Toss the potato in olive oil and sprinkle it with sea salt.Bake on a cookie sheet at 220°C for 20 minutes.

Banana oat cookies

- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 80 ml of coconut oil
- 160 grams of rolled oats
- · 80-90 grams of mini chocolate chips or dried fruit
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of vanilla

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Place spoonfuls of the cookie mixture onto a grease proof paper and bake for 15–20 minutes at 175°C. Leave to cool







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Beginner's guide to growing fruit and veg for children

15 Foods You Can Regrow from Scraps

Don't throw away those old potatoes! There are lots of foods you can regrow from scraps - it's easy, free, and you don't need a lot of space to keep fresh produce ready all year long!

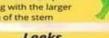


Green Onion

Plant the bulbs in a pot or container garden so that the top of the stalk pokes out of the dirt



Once your kale plants are mature, clip off leaves as needed, starting with the larger leaves at the bottom of the stem



ulbs

Save bulbs with at least an inch or two of the stalk. Plant the bulbs in the ground with the stalk peeking out



Cut the stem, keeping a few leaves attached. Place in a jar of water to generate roots, then you can move to a planter



Garlic

Simply bury the cloves under about an inch of soil and keep watered. The garlic is ready to harvest when it starts to turn yellow



Cut a sprouting potato so that each chunk has an eye and a sprout. Plant with the eye facing up and cover with a few inches of dirt



Romaine Lettuce

You can plant the bottom end of a head of Romaine in soil, water, and it will start to regrow leaves



Onion

Save the bottom piece of the onion that contains the roots! This one piece of onion can be used to re-grow two or more onions

Sweet Potato

Sweet potatoes are grown a little differently than regular potatoes. To regrow sweet potatoes, you plant the sprouts, or "slips"



Ginger

Plant a piece of ginger root in a pot with soil, water, and wait for it to sprout

Mint

Mint is a fairly easy plant to grow and spreads quickly on its own. You can regrow mint cuttings as you would basil



Rosemary

Cut a 3" piece from a mature plant. Strip the leaves from the bottom half of the cutting and plant that end in soil



Like basil, cilantro can be regrown from cuttings. Once you have a mature cilantro plant, you can cut leaves as needed



Celery

Celery can be regrown by saving the base and placing in a cup of water until leaves sprout. Then transfer the celery plant to a pot with soil



Bok Choy

Bok Choy can be regrown just like romaine lettuce!









Tips for play with your baby

Research shows 75% of your child's brain development occurs after birth. Play helps promote that development by stimulating the brain through the formation of connections between nerve cells.

It's never to early to introduce play so why not try:

- Get close to your baby give them time to study your face.
 Stick your tongue out or pull facial expressions and they may mimic these back.
- Sing or try nursery rhymes that involve touch e.g. 'round and round the garden'
- Talk to your baby, mirror the sounds they make, give kisses and use tickles and gentle touch.
- Play peek-a-boo using a sheet or your hands.
- Role play hand clapping and encourage your baby to try.
- Give your baby different objects to feel soft toys, rattles or cloth books with pages of different textures – discovery is fun for babies.
- Use bath time as a relaxing way to introduce bubbles and water play.



parentingni.org Support Line: 0808 8010 722







Fun physical activity record sheet which outlines the recommended physical activity guidelines for children aged 5 to 18 and includes an easy way for children to keep track of how much activity they are getting track of how much physical activity they are getting - Download Here



Resource which includes research, multi-media information and links to work carried out with regards to screen time – Read Here



Trauma | ACES | Resilience – Resources

Resource to help raise awareness of existing information, research, multi-media information and links to work carried out with regards to Adverse Childhood Experiences, Resilience and Trauma Informed Practice.

Download Here







Play is a vital a part of childhood and is necessary for children and young people's healthy development.

Play Matters leaflets and resources available to download:

- Play Matters Leaflet
- Nurture Your Child's Mental Health
 Through Play
- Play for Parents Guide
- Play and Digital Technology
- Play Outdoors
- Play and Challenge
- Outdoor Fun in the Sun
- Play in all Weathers
- Hanging Out Older Children at Play
- Playing with Stuff Around the Home
- Play with Nature, Mud and Getting Dirty



Random Acts of Kindness



List 10 things you love about your parents and give this to them.

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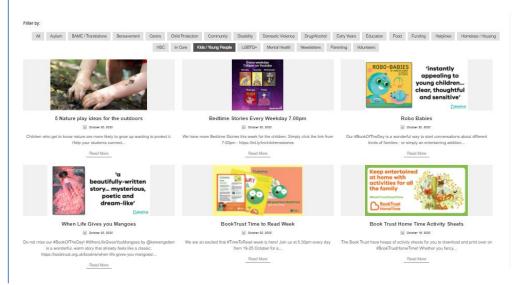


A range of resources help parents

internet matters.org

Online resources, tools and advice to support families to make the best use of tech

For lots more information and activities for Children and Young People updated daily visit http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/covid-19-daily-updates/ and filter to kids/young people







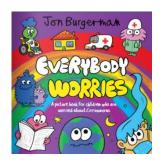
Resource to support parents who are worried about their children's emotional health and wellbeing during lockdown



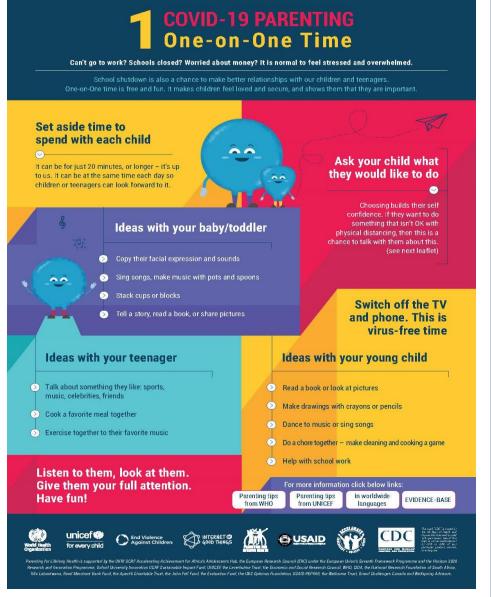
Hub of resources about
Coronavirus aimed at
young people



Free information book
explaining the coronavirus to
children, illustrated by Gruffalo
illustrator Axel Scheffler



Picture book designed to support children who may be feeling worried about Coronavirus and in particular everyday changes to their lifestyle that it has brought about - read online here







Play in lockdown









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HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD OVERCOME BOREDOM DURING LOCKDOWN Debelievepho







Make sure your child schedules activities









helping with daily tasks such as cooking







HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT TEENAGERS DURING





















Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak



Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, bedwetting etc.

Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way, listen to their concerns and give them extra love and attention.

Children need adults' love and attention during difficult times. Give them extra time and attention.

Remember to listen to your children, speak kindly and reasure them.



If possible, make opportunities for the child to play and relax.



Try and keep children close to their parents and family and avoid separating children and their caregivers to the extent possible. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalization) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and re-assurance.

Keep to regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or help create new ones in a new environment, including school/learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.





Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age.

This also includes providing information about what could happen in a re-assuring way (e.g. a family member and/or the child may start not feeling well and may have to go to the hospital for some time so doctors can help them feel better).



SUMMER SCHEMES/CAMPS CONTENTS

*NOTE – there may be a charge associated with activities

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Causeway Coast and Glens Summer Football Camps & Recreation Programme

We've partnered with The Irish Football Association for a series of exciting Summer Camps in July and August.

Every child taking part will receive a free football https://bit.ly/34Pdczr



www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.u

Council will also be running its hugely popular Summer Recreation Programme with lots of variety including golf, tennis, hockey, judo, athletics, gymnastics and netball starting from July 5th.

https://www.causewayco astandglens.gov.uk/live/s ports-

development/summerrecreation-programme-2021



Borough Council





Further Information

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STEM Summer Camps 2021

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in conjunction with Sentinus are offering the following STEM Summer Camps which will engage practical hands-on STEM activities which will help develop a range of skills in a fun context. There is an associated cost of £15 per person per camp and at the end of each camp all participants will receive a goody bag including an Omniplex Cinema voucher.

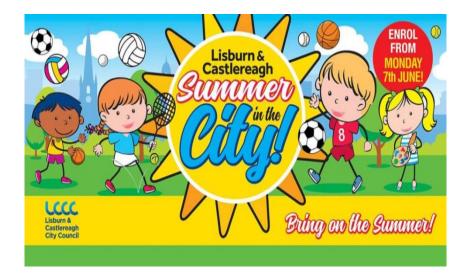
Location and Date	Morning session Camp 9.15am – 12.30pm (8 - 11 Years)	Afternoon session Camp 1.45pm – 5pm (12 -14 years)
19 – 22 July	Codey Rocky	Green Technology
Kittys Road Community	Learning to code with Codey	Introduction to renewable
Centre, Kilkeel	Rocky bot	energy technology
26 - 29 July Carcullion House, Hilltown	Codey Rocky Learning to code with Codey Rocky bot	Flight Path Introduction to flight and how planes fly
2 – 5 August	Codey Rocky	Flight Path
Market House,	Learning to code with Codey	Introduction to flight and how
Ballynahinch	Rocky bot	planes fly
2 – 5 August	Flight Path	Green Technology
Cullyhanna Community	Introduction to flight and how	Introduction to renewable
Centre, Cullyhanna	planes fly	energy technology
9 – 12 August	Flight Path	Green Technology
Cloughreagh Community	Introduction to flight and how	Introduction to renewable
Centre, Bessbrook	planes fly	energy technology

For further information and bookings please email ccbookings@nmandd.org and state the location and morning or afternoon session.

Payment will be taken by card over the phone. Bookings will only be confirmed when payment has been received. Payments are non-refundable.

www.newrymournedown.org





Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Summer Activity
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Community Development Team

Summer Scheme Registration

for Kids P1-P7

There are places remaining available at all of our venues and we are offering another opportunity for Parents/Guardians to register their children for our Schemes.

West Winds Community Centre	Mon 21 June	5.00-6.30pm
Redburn Community Centre	Mon 21 June	7.30-8.30pm
George Green Community Centre	Tue 22 June	4.30-6.00pm
Ballygowan Village Hall	Tue 22 June	7.00-8.30pm
Portavogie Community Centre	Wed 23 June	5.30-7.00pm



Choice between morning or afternoon sessions only

Week 1 | 26-30 July

Week 2 | 2-6 August

Week 3 | 9-13 August

Monday to Fridays

Morning session 10am-12.30pm Afternoon session 1.30-4pm

Cost: £12.50 per child or £6 concession (if your child is in receipt of free school meals)

Come along and join in!

The Scheme may be at risk of being withdrawn if not fully subscribed

www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/summer-schemes

Further Information





Join us for our 2021 summer scheme for an action packed week of activities including:

- · Pony Trekking
- · Kite Making
- · Arts & Crafts
- Scavenger Hunts
- Assault Courses
- · Team Games

OPEN TO CHILDREN P1 - P7

£30 Per Day with discounts for larger families

Location: Narrow Water Equestrian Centre Time: 9am - 3.30pm

Dates: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th August (children can attend one or more days)
All snacks included, please bring a pack lunch

To register, contact 028 3083 5764

bolstercommunity.org

BOLSTER COMMUNITY







SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

FREE half day session for children aged 4-11 years attending summer schemes or in educational settings

Based on the '5 Ways to Well-being'











Activities include games, crafts, discussions and fun! For more details please contact our AMH MensSana team:

SOUTHERN TRUST AREA

T: 028 3839 2314 E: menssana@amh.org.uk

ALL OTHER AREAS

T: 028 9442 5356 E: amhmenssanani@amh.org.uk













AUGUST:

Monday 2nd- Friday 6th August (11-13 year olds) Monday 9th- Friday 13th August (7-10 year olds) Monday 16th- Friday 20th August (14-17 year olds)

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT TARA 028 4488 1374 info@glebehouseni.com

www.facebook.com/GlebeYouth

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BeKind Kids Club

Supporting children with learning disabilities and their families

Does your child have a learning disability and is aged between 18months - 5 years? Why not take part in BeKind's FREE Summer sessions!

Our 4 week Summer Scheme will be held at Ward Park, Bangor! (more details to follow)



Sessions will be held from 11am-12pm on:

Saturday 24th July Saturday 31st July Saturday 7th August Saturday 14th August

Expect lots of fun, arts and crafts, music and singing! *Parents must accompany children

Each child taking part will recieve a FREE Sensory bag full of goodies!



Limited spaces available so please book fast to secure a place! Email: bekindkidsclub@yahoo.com for more details!





https://www.glowgroupni.com/





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