

# SEND NEWS SPLASH


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# BRANCHES BEARS FRUIT!!

## A HUGE SUCCESS!!

On Tuesday 3rd September 2019, Swindon SEND Families Voice invited Jo Godwin to attend their support group 'Branches' to offer 10 minute surgery slots to parents to answer questions about EHCPs, which was well received.

The next Branches session will be held on Tuesday 3rd December 10am - 12 midday at Hop, Skip and Jump in West Swindon. The speaker for the morning will be Lucy Walshe who is an Educational Psychologist.

Following the success of the surgery slots offered at the September Branches meeting, Swindon SENDIASS have planned a series of coffee mornings. [Click here to see the poster for the event.](#) 

These coffee mornings will have an information session, followed by a chance to talk to other parents and the opportunity to sign up to 10 minute surgery slots with SENDIASS and SEND officers.

The first three sessions have been booked for the 20th November, 18th December and 15th January at The Customer Service Hub, Orbital Shopping Park, SN25 4AN between 10am and 12 noon.

The coffee morning on the 20th November will have information about SEN support and the graduated response, in particular the Core Standards and what parents can reasonably expect schools to provide.

Andrew Myrie, the Local Offer and Early Help Development Officer, will also be joining SENDIASS to look at the new SEND Local Offer website with parents – a pop up session to check out what information we have and where there may be gaps for the information and help parents are looking for.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

For all your work on Phase Transfers (children moving schools or onto college in September 2020).

All, except 6 parental preferences and 8 annual reviews for our school age cohorts are now IN!

This means we are already working on place planning and sufficiency planning across all types of provision with almost a complete set of data. This is substantially ahead of last year's experience and we are expecting all consultations to be out by the end of November 2019.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP??

Please let as many parents you can know about the Branches and SENDIASS meetings. You can direct them to get in contact by emailing [swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com](mailto:swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com) or via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SwindonSENDfamiliesvoice/>;

