

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## BOOKS BEYOND TRANSITIONING BACK TO SCHOOL

Books Beyond words have released their stories books to support children transitioning back into school.

Lenny and Lily in Lockdown and Lenny and Lily Return to School have been designed to enable children to reflect on and share their own experiences and feelings since the start of lockdown and to understand and prepare for the changes and challenges of going back to school.

The stories offer a way for schools to open up conversations with pupils, and for parents to discuss children's back-to-school anxieties and provide reassurance.

To view these books click on the following link to the Useful home schooling resources for parents, teachers and SENCOs on the Local Offer, [here](#).



## SEND Service contact details

Call 07824 868353 or 07971 715864 (telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8-5 and 8-4.30 Friday) or email [SENAT@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENAT@swindon.gov.uk).

## CYGNET PROGRAMME FEEDBACK SHOW REAL BENEFITS

Parents and carers have fed back positively to us about the Cygnet Programme, which is a course delivered by Swindon Educational Psychology Service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-18 who have received a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC).

The feedback from parents and carers highlighted that 84% of attendees who attended the two courses, that were run in 2019, found the topics in the session helpful. Also, 79% found the information and practical suggestions given throughout the course helpful in terms of understanding and managing their child or young person's behaviour.

Below are some of the comments from parents and carers who attended the course which highlights the impact of the course:

"Sharing and applying psychology helps understand and support behaviour change"

"I understand my child better. I see things now which I previously dismissed"

"It helps to look deeper and have more understanding"

"Knowing that you are not alone"

"I found it so refreshing to listen to people going through the same experiences"

"Being among the group and feeling supported by other parents"

To see the full report and all the feedback, along with future details of how to access the Cygnet course, please click [here](#).



## GUIDANCE FOR FULL OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Guidance was released on the 28th August regarding returning to schools, with links to resources for schools and parents. To view click on the following link, [here](#).

