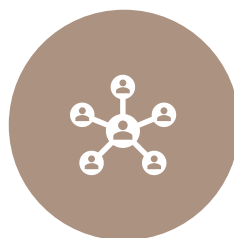


Education & Advocacy for SEND Parents – Croydon



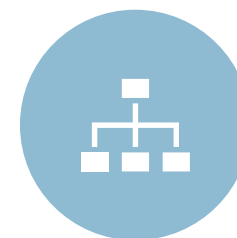
PEER SUPPORT
GROUP MEETING



LOCAL RESOURCES
& COLLECTIVE
STRENGTH



DATE: MONDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER



ORGANIZATION:
MY CHILD HAS A
SPEECH DELAY CIC

Welcome & Purpose

Warm welcome
to Croydon SEND
parent carers

Purpose of today:

- Highlight
Croydon-
specific support
networks

- Share
experiences of
navigating local
systems

- Build
confidence in
advocacy and
collaboration

Why Peer Support Matters



Shared Croydon experiences reduce isolation

Collective knowledge of schools, services, and LA processes

Strength from connecting with local families

Education Rights Overview



Children's right
to inclusive
education

EHCP process
explained

Croydon's Local
Offer – central
hub for SEND
support

Importance of
early
identification
and intervention

Croydon SENDIASS (KIDS Croydon)



Free, impartial
SEND advice for
families 0-25

Support with
EHCP
applications,
reviews,
disagreements,
exclusions

Weekly drop-in:
Fridays, 10-12,
Carers Support
Centre, 24
George Street,
CR0 1PB

Workshops:
EHCP
assessments,
reviews, EOTAS,
and more

Additional Croydon Networks

Parents in
Partnership
(Mencap
Croydon): 1-to-
1 support,
workshops, E-
PATs

Parent Carer
Club: training,
coffee
mornings, drop-
ins, trips

Look out for
local parent
carer forum,
collective
advocacy
groups

SOS! SEN: free
drop-in
surgeries, 1st
Monday term-
time at
Thornton Heath

Croydon Local Offer & LA Support



Croydon Local Offer: SEND services hub

Best Start service (0–5 years): Early support

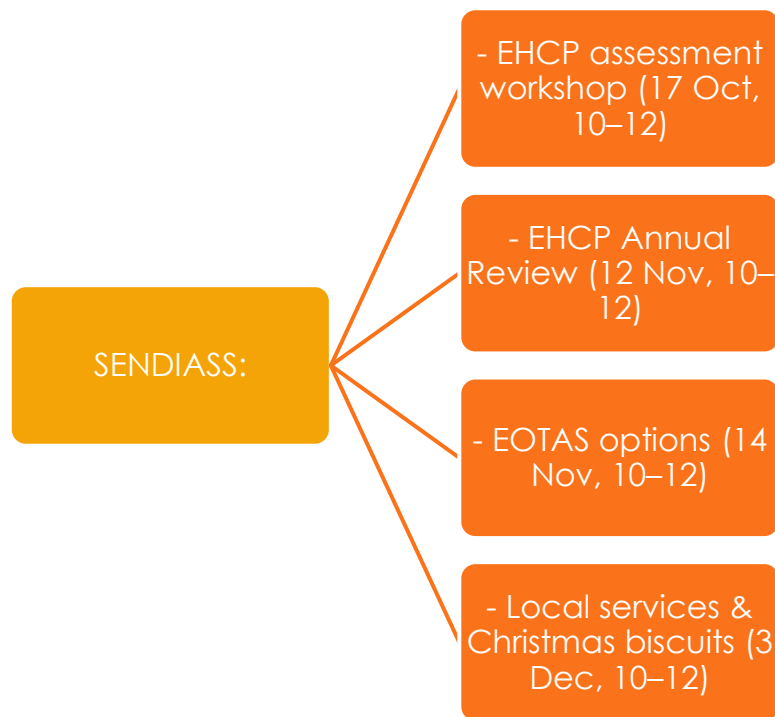
Partnership between education, health, and social care

Practical Advocacy Tips



Keep	Keep records of reports, emails, and meetings
Prepare	Prepare questions for SENCO/LA meetings
Use	Use SENDIASS workshops & drop-ins to strengthen knowledge
Partner	Partner with other parent carers for collective voice

Local Workshops & Events





Discussion & Sharing

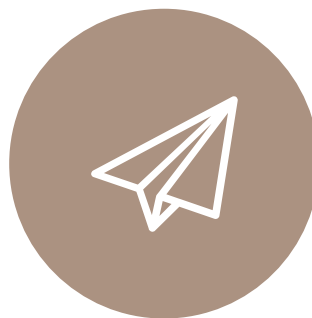


- ▶ Open floor:
 - ▶ - What Croydon services have helped you?
 - ▶ - What gaps exist locally?
 - ▶ - How can we support one another?

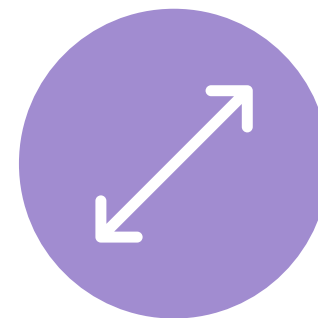
Next Steps & Closing



RECAP: SENDIASS, MENCAP,
ACTIVE VOICES, SOS! SEN,
LOCAL OFFER



STAY CONNECTED:
WHATSAPP, FB, OR EMAIL
GROUP



ENCOURAGEMENT: TOGETHER
IN CROYDON, OUR VOICES
CREATE CHANGE