



# SIASS Newsletter

AUTUMN 2020

Welcome back.  
We hope you all had a nice break!

## SIASS developments

In spring and summer this year, SIASS had **120 new requests** for support, information and advice. This involved SIASS making **2687 casework contacts** from March to August.



The information, advice and support we provided included:

- The law on SEN, Disability, Health and Social Care
- Education, Health and Care plan assessment process
- Confidential, impartial information, advice and support to young people (aged 16+)
- Individual casework representation
- Support in preparing for and attending meetings
- Help filling in forms, writing letters and reports
- Support in resolving disagreements, including formal mediation and tribunals
- Signposting to other local or national sources of advice, information and support, including links to local parent support groups and forums
- Support with exclusions



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## New SIASS website

SIASS has been working hard to bring awareness to the service and its remit, including reinforcing the message that SIASS is an impartial service, committed to early resolution to issues faced by families wherever possible.



We now have a brand new SIASS website - this will be a valuable resource for parent carers and young people.

We encourage parents and young people to explore the site for information and resources to help understand where they are at in their journey and what options are open to them.



Visit the new SIASS website at [www. siass.co.uk](http://www.siass.co.uk)



## Education and childcare during COVID-19

The return to school has been challenging for all concerned. The GOV.UK website has very helpful guidance which helps to set out what the legal duties of schools and local authorities will be in relation to children and young people with SEND as they return.

Read the guidance here: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)

The National Autistic Society have developed a range of [guidance, updates and resources on coronavirus for autistic people, their families, here](#) [National Autistic Society](#)







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## Other organisations that can help

Did you know that there are other organisations out there that can help and support you

We've hand-picked the top organisations that can offer parents help and support.

- [Sutton Parent Carer Forum](#)
- [Independent Parental Special Education Advice \(IPSEA\)](#)
- [Contact](#)
- [SOS!SEN](#)

In addition to the services provided by SIASS, these organisations offer a wealth of advice, resources and support available to parents and carers, locally and nationally.

Also see Sutton's Local Offer for more support and groups locally - [here](#)





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## Action Voices

**Speaking up for young people with disabilities in Sutton**

Are you a young person (age 12-25) with a learning disability living or learning in Sutton?

Join the Action Voices group!

Make friends and talk about issues affecting young people, play games and quizzes, and much more.

**When:** Twice a month on Wednesdays

**Time:** 5pm – 6:30pm

**Contact:** 07395789110

Please email Gracie or Juan for more information:

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## Contact us

For advice and support, please call us on 0208 323 0462 or email [sutton@siass.co.uk](mailto:sutton@siass.co.uk)

Please note we run an answer machine call back service - please leave a message to receive a call back in 3 working days.

Alternatively, see our website for other useful [organisations](#) [that may be able to help](#) you.

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