

SENDIASS news, events and information items – 8/5/26

News and information items

1. Child and young person's voice – information for families



For SEN support and EHC plans, your child's voice should be central.

Our information and resources may help your child or young person build their understanding and confidence to take part in decisions around their learning –

- [Suffolk SENDIASS - welcome children and young people!](#) – video
- [Support to get your voice heard](#) – easy read leaflet
- [Getting help in school or college - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

Our web information for young people:

- [My Views - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Getting help in school or college - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [What is an Education, Health and Care \(EHC\) Plan? - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [My role at Annual Review - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Becoming an adult - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

2. Refusal to assess – information for families



Has the local authority refused an EHC needs assessment for your child?

Links to information explaining your options in the post.

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice & Support Service
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If you have requested an EHC needs assessment for your child and the local authority has refused, our information may help you understand your options –

- [Refusal to do an EHC needs assessment](#) – short video
- [Refusal to assess leaflet](#)
- [Preparing for a mediation meeting regarding a LA refusal to do an EHC needs assessment](#) – video
- [Deciding whether to proceed with assessment – Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – web information.

Events

While we're reviewing the best ways to deliver our service to families (and supporting our newest team members), we continue to have a limited offer of live training sessions:

[View our summer sessions flyer](#) (opens PDF flyer).

1. Understanding Children and Young People's Behaviour as a Communication Need - session for parents and carers.



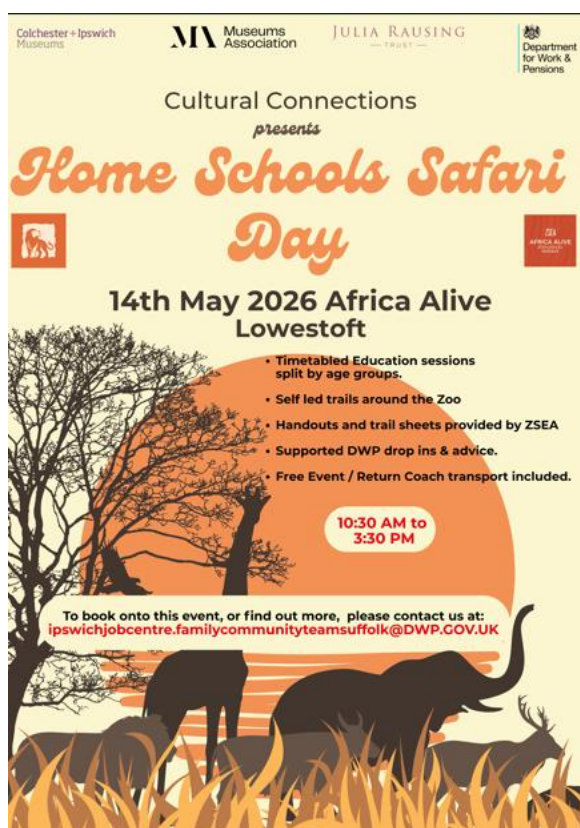
Booking opens soon for a relaxed online session for **parents and carers**, hosted by SENDIASS, exploring how to support the communication skills of children and young people, through our own responses, to better understand their behaviour.

The presentation will be delivered by specialist teachers from the [Speech, Language and Communication Service](#) which lies within Suffolk's [Communication and Interaction service](#).

1st June 2026 **10am – 11:30am**

[Click here to register](#) – from 8am 9th May

Other events



Next week we're at **Africa Alive in Lowestoft**, at the Home Schools Safari Day!

We'll be there all day to speak to families who are home educating their child.

Date: **May 14th, 10:30am – 3:30pm**

Location: **Africa Alive, NR33 7TF**

Families will need to register for this event.

To book or to find out more, email:

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Come and find us to chat to one of our team. 😊