



SEND Newsletter

February 2025

What support is available for my child at St Mark's?

St Mark's offers a variety of types of support for children with additional needs. This includes speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, additional phonics support and specific activities to support children with a range of identified needs. If you have a concern about your child, please speak to their teacher in the first instance who will be happy to discuss this with you and explain what we can do to help. They may also offer suggestions for other organisations that offer support.

Ealing Local Offer



The Ealing Local Offer website is a great resource to find out what is available to support children with additional needs in the local area. You can find more information about the Local Offer in Ealing here:

[Ealing Families Directory](#) | [Ealing Local Offer](#)

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Why might a child need speech and language therapy?

- Difficulties pronouncing certain sounds
- Lisping or Stammering
- Language Processing Difficulties
- Developmental Language Disorder

What is speech and language therapy?

Speech and language therapy usually involves a speech and language therapist carrying out an assessment of the child's strengths and needs in terms of their language skills. They will then write a programme of activities for the child to follow to help them to develop their speech and language skills. This might include specific programmes such as Box Clever or Lego Therapy to help develop skills such as vocabulary or use of language.

Speech and language therapy is usually very effective in supporting children with their speech and language needs.



Sensory Circuits

What is a sensory circuit?

Some children need support to achieve and maintain a calm, alert state that enables them to focus on their learning. A sensory circuit can help them with this.

A sensory circuit consists of a series of exercises carried out in a set order that will help to regulate responses to sensory input so that they are ready to learn.



Recent Events:

Emotional Regulation - online workshop for parents of primary aged children with SEN

Maths Workshop – for all parents, including parents of children with SEND

Mental Health Week – Assemblies, Class Activities and Bookmarks with “Inside Out 2” Theme

Speech & Language Therapy Workshops for Parents (Online Workshops offered by the speech and language therapy service)



THE DREAMS START HERE, YOUR ADVENTURES ARE ENDLESS!

Autism friendly SEN SESSIONS

Partyman World of Play are proud to offer COMPLIMENTARY morning and evening sessions dedicated to children and young adults with special needs, exclusively for their use.

MORNING SESSIONS	EVENING SESSIONS*
9AM TIL 10AM	6PM TIL 8PM
Sunday 28th January	Thursday 4th January
Sunday 25th February	Thursday 1st February
Sunday 24th March	Thursday 7th March
Sunday 28th April	Thursday 4th April (10pm-12pm)
Sunday 26th May	Thursday 2nd May
Sunday 30th June	Thursday 6th June
Sunday 28th July	Thursday 4th July
Sunday 25th August	Thursday 1st August (10pm-12pm)
Sunday 29th September	Thursday 5th September
Sunday 27th October	Thursday 3rd October
Sunday 24th November	Thursday 7th November
Sunday 22nd December (Xmas Themed)	Thursday 5th December

*Please note that during term-times our venues are open to the public until 6:30pm. Please be mindful of this overlap when attending our SEN sessions.

Working in Partnership with Partyman's Magic Makers charity partymanmagicmakers.org.uk



SEND family activity guide: Cinema

There are monthly cinema screenings for audiences with additional needs

These cinemas provide a relaxed atmosphere with reduced volume, low lighting, freedom of movement, no trailers or adverts.

WHERE:
ActOne,
119 - 121 High Street, W3 6NA
www.actonecinema.co.uk

Ealing Project
1 High Street, W5 5DG
www.ealingproject.co.uk

Odean, Vue and Cineworld in partnership with DIMENSIONS
www.dimentons-uk.org

Cinema Exhibition Association card

Any person with this card pays for themselves but their carer gets in for free.
<https://www.ceacard.co.uk/>



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For families with disabled children

DOES YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD NEED HELP TO SLEEP BETTER?

Come along to our FREE online workshop!

Understand the impact of poor sleep and find out about creative and proven ways to improve sleep patterns in autistic children. Get support for yourself too!

**Why sleep issues occur | Bedtime routines
Share experiences | Top tips to help**

Thursday 21 November, 10.30am
To join us please [register your interest](#)



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Contact is a trading name of Contact a Family. Charity registered in England and Wales (2044713) and Scotland (SC209148)



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Dawnosaurs Online

Live show recording



- free and confidential advice for residents of Ealing

The Ealing Advice Service (EAS) consortium offers free and confidential advice to residents of Ealing.

We can help with: telephone calls, understanding letters, written and online applications, online bidding for social housing, form filling, preparing for appeals and tribunals and speaking with professionals.
Our advice team can give in depth advice in our specialist areas of work : benefits, debt, housing and employment.

Please call the main telephone advice line on **020 8579 8429 (option 1)**

Our telephone advice service is open:
10.00am to 4.00pm – Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays

Enquiries can also be made via email: info@ealingsas.org.uk and the online form on our websites www.ealingadvice.org / www.ealingsas.org.uk

Changes to the EAS service during the coronavirus outbreak

- 🕒 We can offer a limited number of in-person appointments at premises in Ealing
- 🕒 If an appointment has been arranged, please arrive no more than 15 minutes beforehand. Attendees arriving 15 minutes late will not be seen.
- 🕒 All appointment attendees must wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing. EAS will not be able to offer a service to clients who refuse to follow government guidance.

We are no longer based at the former Age UK Ealing office at 135 Uxbridge Road and unfortunately we are not currently able to offer drop-in advice sessions or home visits and cannot see unannounced visitors without an appointment.

EAS can assist with the following advice enquiries:

- 🕒 Welfare benefits including Universal Credit, ESA, PIP, Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit and Tax Credits
- 🕒 Housing issues
- 🕒 Council Tax issues
- 🕒 Transport and Travel concessions including Blue Badge applications
- 🕒 Social Care advice
- 🕒 Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs
- 🕒 Disability Rights
- 🕒 Immigration advice (OISC level 1)
- 🕒 Debt advice and money management
- 🕒 Employment advice
- 🕒 Consumer, contract and general advice
- 🕒 Food bank voucher referrals
- 🕒 COVID-19 related advice - quarantine, testing, emergency provision

We have access to specialists who can assist with debt, housing, employment and benefits enquiries up to appeal level.

If we are unable to assist we may refer you to another organisation. Unfortunately we cannot accompany to assessments, represent in person at tribunals or provide advocacy services.

Eligibility

To be eligible to get advice from EAS you have to live in Ealing and not be receiving assistance from another advice service about your inquiry. If you have been placed in temporary accommodation in, or by, a neighbouring borough there are restrictions to the service we can offer. Please call EAS for more information.

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