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A Message from our Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you had a wonderful break. There are some fantastic activities planned across this term.

Year 4 and **Year 6** began their **Dance sessions** this week with '**Pioneer Dance**', which is led by Chantal. We will be holding a Dance Showcase for parents of children in Years 4 and Years 6 on **Wednesday 10th December 9:15-9:45**. Please do come along and see their fantastic performances!



Year 6 will be going on a trip to **Millwall FC 'Lion's Centre'** on **Monday 10th November**. **Year 5** (Hazel) is continuing their visits to Alleyn's School for Computing sessions **every Monday** afternoon!

Year 1 (Willow) and **Year 3** (Beech) will begin their **Forest School** sessions led by Ms Ulker Hassan on Tuesdays. Please ensure the children have the appropriate clothes/ wellies in school for this day.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are going on a trip to see 'Wicked: For Good' at the 02 cinema in Greenwich on **Tuesday 25th November**.

Bikeability sessions will begin for **Year 3** on **Monday 17th** and **Tuesday 18th November** and for **Year 4** on **Wednesday 19th** and **Thursday 20th of November**.



Next week is the start of **Anti-Bullying Week**, which will kick off with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday**. Every child and adult are encouraged to wear odd socks to share their individuality and promote inclusion! The School Council will also support in leading an Assembly on Monday for Anti-Bullying week and each class will be looking at activities throughout the week. On **Friday**, we will finish the week celebrating **Children in Need**. The children are encouraged to wear yellow or spotty clothes inspired by Pudsey Bear. We will also be collecting donations for charity on the gates before and after school.



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Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.00 per day

After School club- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.00

2 Hour £12.00

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £15.00

Snack will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book full week after school club and this is charged at £65.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+).

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!



Reception Reading Cafe



Our Reading Café has opened again in Reception! This week was our first session of the year and what an incredible turn out it was! Thank you for all coming along.

The Reading Café is an opportunity for you to support your child's reading development, learn new strategies to help them when reading and more importantly enjoy some quality time with your child over a book without the normal hustle and bustle of home life.

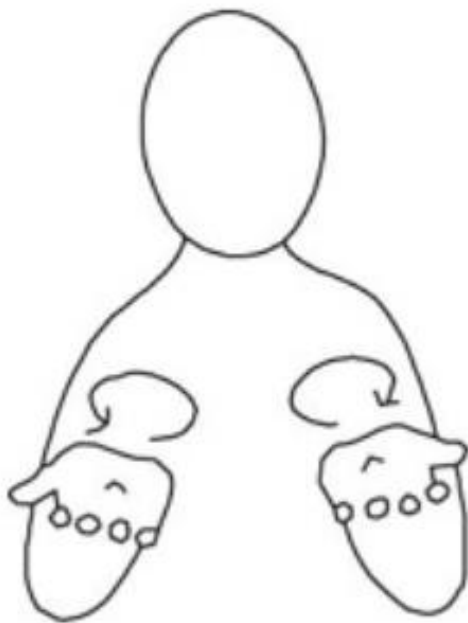
The sessions will be every week on a Tuesday 8:45 – 9am in the Classrooms.

You are invited to come along to the session with your child and share a book.



Makaton Sign of the Week

Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton sign is "where".



Where



Stars of the Week



We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Caterpillar	Maiah for being a superstar in phonics and beginning to sound out simple words. Ibraheem for making excellent choices at school and always trying to do the right thing.
Willow	Lloyd for working hard in all subjects, always wanting to do the best work he can. Well done Lloyd I am so proud of you! Zion - Well done Zion, this week you have tried really hard in your handwriting and I can see great progress!
Elder	Noah & Hendrixx for showing a fantastic attitude to all their learning this week by producing work of a high quality - keep it up!
Beech	Arya for showing such enthusiasm in her work and having a very positive attitude Nadal for making good progress with his focus in class and showing good behaviour for learning
Cedar	Ocean for her positive attitude towards her peers in group and partner tasks Sulieman for a great week's work in maths
Hazel	Kwaku for good work on using the column addition and subtraction method using 5 digit numbers. Evanny for good investigation work in Science on identifying which materials are soluble and insoluble in water
Maple	Izzy for producing an incredible persuasive letter. Nana for his incredible efforts with his handwriting this autumn term.



Study Bugs



Please continue to use Study Bugs when reporting your child's absence.

When stating the reason for your child's absence, please remember to specify the **exact symptoms** of the illness as these are required when marking them as 'illness' on our registers. If symptoms are not listed, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence'.



Year 6 Learning

This week, Year 6 have been delving into life during the Second World War through a powerful cross-curricular English and History project. The children have been learning about the experiences of families on the Home Front and the government's evacuation scheme.

In English, pupils have been writing persuasive letters from the perspective of wartime officials or concerned citizens. Their aim has been to persuade parents to evacuate their children to the countryside, emphasising the dangers of staying in cities during air raids and the safety and opportunities awaiting them in rural areas.

The children have worked incredibly hard to use emotive language, rhetorical questions and factual detail to make their letters convincing and heartfelt. We are very proud of their empathy, creativity and growing understanding of this significant period in history.

To write a persuasive letter
Dear parents,

You may have heard from the Ministry of Health's broadcast on a Sunday night, that you can evacuate your child - children. Your child/children will travel to the ~~countryside~~ countryside side on a train. ~~we are~~ your child has to be 9 to 14 years old to travel to the countryside side. We are not getting you to evacuate your child but if you don't take a big risk your child may not survive. Besides, would you want to put your child at risk of being caught by the enemy? Just one hit will kill you instantly.

Clearly, you have to keep your child safe from the German Luftwaffe bomber planes and protect them from flying bricks, air pollution, shattering glass or being crushed. Possibly they could be attacked by H.E bombs, gas bombs and oil bombs. All of the bombs are being dropped and are causing fires. Just one hit will kill you instantly.

In addition, if you send your child to the countryside, they will be safe. They will be peaceful. They have fresh clean air. Even better, they will also have agriculture such as gathering, building, cattle digging and planting. To add they will be safe from bombs and get to see nature/green fields. They will also have organic produce.

If you send your child, they will have to bring some useful and therefore we advise you to pack:

- I.D card (to be identified)

As many of you have heard on the radio, the Minister of Health has highly highly recommended that you evacuate your child from the major cities.

Unfortunately, the threat from air raids continues to grow increasingly stronger. Whilst we understand it may be difficult to be separated from your family child/children, it is highly suggested you send your child to the countryside to increase their chances of safety.

In addition, the air raids will involve a lot of deadly bombs such as H.E bombs, oil bombs and gas bombs. As everyone knows, these bombs are really dangerous and will cause a great damage.

As a big terrible result of Luftwaffe's deadly plans to attack the city, your child will be at the centre of danger and at high risks. The countryside is a much safer because it's not a target. Would you rather have your child die with you or live peacefully with you in the countryside?

Surely your child will need to pack equipment and therefore we advise you to pack:

- I.D card: So the host families know who your child is.
- ration book: For food vouchers to buy food.
- clean underwear.



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10. To write a persuasive letter
Dear parents,

As you might have heard, on Sunday evening at 20:49, the Ministry of Health have recently announced that a very important issue is this. Unstoppable war negatively the safety of your child. Unfortunately, if you happen to live in any of the major British cities ~~which mention~~ like London or Birmingham, you need to listen carefully.

~~Would~~ Would you want your child to suffer from fatal injuries? Before it's too late, we come here to inform you of the many perilous situations your child could potentially face. Our method to keep your child (or children) safe is one of the best free options you can pick. What we do is we send them on a train to the countryside to stay with another family, but please keep heading if you want to learn the benefits for your child.

Without a doubt, your children will learn many agricultural skills such as, farming plants and crops, milking cattle, digging and so much more, but that's not all because there are many open and wide fields full of fresh air for your child to run and play around, as well as the organic yards and nature with a more peaceful atmosphere for your child.

Dear parents,

We are writing to you during these very difficult times. As you may have heard from the Minister of Health's broadcast on a Sunday evening London, Birmingham and many other cities children should be evacuated from the city to the countryside. Those cities have been at the forefront of bombing problems from the German aeroplanes (Zeppelins). Almost every night, these planes fill the sky with dark grey smoke that flows across across the entire city. Everyday we hear air raid sirens, enemy plane engines and sounds of explosions that may frighten children.

If they are left in the city they can get injured from glass shards, bombs and broken bricks.

Our main point is that it is better to send your child/children to the countryside. We know how painful it is to send them away, but do you want your children to suffer. We don't want to force but we suggest but we suggest that it's a better idea.



Choir Performance

Choir perform to their families

On Wednesday, to say goodbye to our first half term, Choir did a short performance for their families. It was a joy to hear the beautiful voices, actions and enthusiasm on display. Bravo choir!

A big thank you to Ms Atkinson for inspiring the next generation of singers!

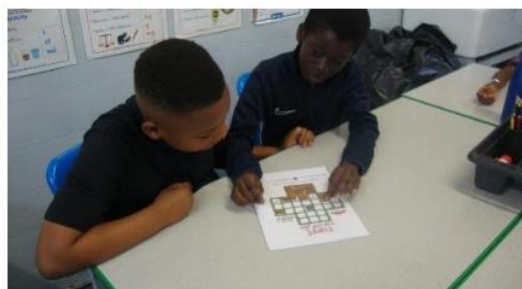




Year 5 Viking Workshop

Year 5 Viking Workshop: Friday 16th October 2025

Hazel Class experienced what life was like in the Viking times. Portals to the Past delivered an interactive learning experience. We learnt more about the Vikings, handled artefacts, played a Viking board game, looked at some information boards to answer questions and learnt more about Viking weapons.





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Nexus Education Schools Trust

Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

We have opportunities in **teaching, school administration, finance, HR, and estates.**

Click [here](#) to view our current vacancies or register for our talent pool and learn more about joining the NEST team and the exciting career opportunities available.

<https://www.nestschools.org/286/current-staff-vacancies>



Scooter and Cycle Safety and Parking

If you are Scootering or cycling to school, please remember to wear your helmets! We have seen a number of children who are not wearing helmets as they are riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is essential that you wear one to protect your head from injury incase you accidentally fall off.

1



Eyes: Put the helmet on your head. Look up. You should see the bottom rim of the helmet.

2



Ears: Make sure the straps form a 'V' under your ears when buckled. The straps should be a little tight but comfortable.

3



Mouth: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Does the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten the straps.

Please also be advised that parking or idling is not permitted in Karen Court Carpark, neighboring residential parking spots or on the zig zags directly outside of school. There is free parking available in the surrounding areas.



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Dates for your Diary

10/11/2025	Anti-Bullying Week Begins- Odd Socks Day
12/11/2025	Open Day for Prospective Parents
14/11/2025	Children in Need- children to dress as Pudsey- donations welcomed for charity
17/11/2025	Maths Week Begins
25/11/2025	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 trip to see Wicked at the O2 Cinema in Greenwich
19/12/2025	Last Day of Term
20/12/2025- 5/1/2026	School Closed Christmas Holidays
6/1/2026	School Open First Day Back



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AutismSupportTeam@
Southwark.gov.uk

AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM TOILET TRAINING FOR PARENT/CARER ONLY

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD TO DEVELOP TOILETING SKILLS

In partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) we are offering Developing Toileting Skills Training for Parent + Carers of autistic children.

Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills

Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of independent toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and how to make reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

Free Training Online Dates:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| • 21 st October | 9.45 – 11.45 2025 |
| • 15 th December 2025 | 12.30 – 2.30 2025 |
| • 9 th February | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd March | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 18 th May | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd July | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 6 th August | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 13 th August | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |

Register [here](#)

Online Microsoft Teams Training Link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to start date of training.



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Evelina school nursing

This leaflet gives more information about the Evelina London school nursing service, available for school-aged children across Lambeth or Southwark.

Dear Parent or Carer

We'd like to take this opportunity to promote our school nursing service. As a parent or carer of a child in education, you may have a worry about an aspect of their health or wellbeing and be unsure of how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help. We work across Lambeth and Southwark mainstream schools and some special schools. You can contact us for non-urgent or emergency advice, and support on a wide range of issues:

- Support with managing medical needs in school
- Bedwetting
- Sleep
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Healthy weight, nutrition and physical activity
- Immunisation advice
- Healthy lifestyles
- Dental
- Keeping safe
- Puberty and relationships
- Parenting advice
- Emotional-based school avoidance

Where we can talk to you

We can discuss your child's needs:

- in person at school
- in person at a local health centre
- during a home visit
- on the phone
- via our text messaging service

Text-messaging service

You can text a school nurse on **07520 631 130**. We're available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, except bank holidays. **We're available during the school holidays too!**



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You should get an immediate reply to confirm we have received your text. We'll try to respond promptly or within 24 hours. If you message outside of working hours, we'll respond the next working day.

We might tell someone if we're concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic health records and can be seen by other healthcare staff, who will follow the same confidentiality rules.

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre, or dial 111. If it's an emergency, call 999 or go to your nearest emergency department (A&E).

Support and more information

Evelina London school nursing service, [web https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/overview.aspx](https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/overview.aspx)

NHS information about immunisation, [web https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/](https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/)

Eric, bedwetting, [web https://eric.org.uk/](https://eric.org.uk/)

Parenting support, Lambeth, [web https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/parenting-support-service-programmes](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/children-young-people-families/parenting-support-service/parenting-support-service-programmes)

Parenting Support Southwark, [web https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting](https://www.southwark.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/parenting/help-parenting)

Sleep – a guide for parents of autistic children, [web https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents](https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents)

Healthier families, [web https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/)

Southwark local offer, [web https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/](https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/)

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact us Monday to

Our values: we are **Caring | Ambitious | Inclusive**

phone 0203 049 4777

email gstt.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net

For more information on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit [web www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets](https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets)

Evelina London medicines helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's medicines, please speak to the staff caring for them or contact our helpline,

phone 020 7188 3003, Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm

Lambeth local offer, [web https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-send-local-offer)



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Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground

BONFIRE *Night*

07
NOV

3.30
PM



OPEN MIC | FOOD | FUN

Get ready for an unforgettable Bonfire Night! Gather your friends and family for a cozy evening filled with warmth, fun, and the magic of a crackling fire.



DKH Adventure Playground, SE22 8AA



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South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of
Southwark? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself!

**Saturday 15 November
10:00 – 14:00
Big Yellow Office, Camberwell
SE5 7SW**

**Our clinics are walk-in.
Call 020 8614 5495 for
more information**





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40 years

PLAYER PATHWAY

JOIN US ON THE MILLWALL GIRLS PLAYER
PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

EMAIL US ON

[NFarrell@MILLWALLCOMMUNITY.ORG.UK](mailto:NFarrell@MillwallCommunity.org.uk)





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TYPING'S COOL
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Half term and Christmas touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Dulwich College, London SE21 7LD

Autumn half term: 27 – 30 October 2025

Christmas holiday: 5 – 8 January 2026

Course session times: 10:00 – 12:15 pm daily

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning effective and fun.

Typing proficiency makes a huge impact on academic attainment at all ages.

Cost per place: £176.00. 10% discount for siblings/ bring-a-friend/returners/DofE

OFSTED registered – childcare vouchers accepted. Duke of Edinburgh Award skills assessor

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk



HER TRIBE

A Community of Support for Women

Looking for connection, support, and a space to just be you?
Join our welcoming women's group right here in your
community.

★ **What to expect:**

- Monthly workshops on wellness, growth & empowerment
- Weekly drop-in sessions: every Wednesday, 6–8 PM
(We start on 24 September)
- A chance to meet like-minded women, share stories & build friendships
- Creche provided – so you can come stress-free

Venue: Albrighton Community Centre, SE22 8AH

**Come for the workshops, stay for the connections —
Together, we lift each other.**





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Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



Contacts us Now by Email, Phone, Whats App or via our Website/QR Code to Book Your "FREE TASTER SESSION"



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**Limited
Spaces
Available
For Next
Term**

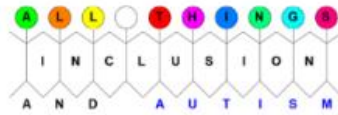
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01895 649211

<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2025

All things visual strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Thursday 23rd October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 10th November 2025 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All things communication and play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Tuesday 4th November 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 13th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Tuesday 7th October 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Wednesday 26th November 2025 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 



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All Things Toileting Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them Friday 17th October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Tuesday 18th November 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Mealtimes Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical strategies to support Tuesday 4th December 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 25th November 2025 10-11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Thursday 2nd October 2025 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Promoting positive mental health in young children Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.30 am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s



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Southwark
Independent
Voice

Empowering families - creating brighter futures

**Sunshine House and CAMHs
Autism and ADHD diagnosis pathways
Restricted eating including ARFID plus dietician**

**Thursday 20th November 2025
10am until 2.30pm**

**353 Rotherhithe New Road
SE16 3HF**

****Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.***

The Autism & Related Disorders (ARD) pathway

Come along and learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support available, what the process in the assessment includes and post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **Sunshine House Paediatrician, Speech & Language therapist plus clinical psychologist.**

ADHD pathway

Learn how to apply for an assessment: pre-assessment support what the process in the assessment entails plus post-assessment support. This presentation including Q&A will be presented by a **CAMHs Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Senior Clinical Specialist and Psychologist.**

Restricted Feeding including ARFID pathway

Learn what restricted feeding is and what support is available. Referral criteria: assessment and therapy offer. This presentation with Q&A will be presented by **Dietician, Occupational Therapist and Speech & Language therapist**

*This event is for parent carers only who live in Southwark.
Any questions email: info@southwarkiv.co.uk*