



# Good to Know

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Working with Families News

News:	For more info:
Up-to-date local information on <b>COVID-19 restrictions</b> can be found on Council's website	<a href="#">Sandwell Latest</a>
<b>The COVID Winter Grant Scheme</b> , is funding specifically for families facing financial hardship as a direct result of the impact of Covid-19. It can be used for essential household items, food or utility bills.	To see who can claim, or apply online: <a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/2/00354/coronavirus_advice/4560/covid_winter_grant_scheme">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/2/00354/coronavirus_advice/4560/covid_winter_grant_scheme</a>  or call the emergency helpline 0121 569 2266
<b>Changes Antenatal</b> is being offered as both a three-week virtual course and as a distant-learning programme. If you know anyone who lives in Sandwell and is expecting a baby encourage them to book a place.	<a href="https://bookwhen.com/changes">https://bookwhen.com/changes</a>
<b>There are two options for getting tested for Covid-19 in Sandwell.</b> You can get a test if you have Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change to your sense of taste or smell), OR you can get a rapid test to see if you have Covid-19 if you don't have any symptoms. This test is only for people with no Covid-19 symptoms.	<a href="https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/testsandwell">https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/testsandwell</a>
<b>The Stop Sharks Winter</b> Newsletter can be found on their website and contains information about their new reporting app.	<a href="https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/newsletter-sign-up/">https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/newsletter-sign-up/</a>
Lockdown advice and resources 2021 are available on Parent Zone. This useful hub includes ideas to keep children occupied during lockdown, online learning resources and an article on screen time.	<a href="https://parentzone.org.uk/lockdown-advice-and-resources">https://parentzone.org.uk/lockdown-advice-and-resources</a>
Netware has produced a guide to <b>online safety in lockdown</b> . This includes <b>8 tips for keeping kids safe online</b> during lockdown.	<a href="https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/">https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/</a>
The January / February newsletters from <b>Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children</b> . All information is also on their website under 'News', <a href="https://www.sp-dc.org/">https://www.sp-dc.org/</a> .	 SPDC Feb 2021 <hr/>  SPDC Jan 2021 <a href="https://www.sp-dc.org/">https://www.sp-dc.org/</a>

<p><b>BBC TV will help children keep up with their studies</b> during the lockdown by broadcasting lessons on BBC Two and CBBC, as well as online. From Monday this will include three hours of primary school programming every weekday on CBBC, and at least two hours for secondary pupils on BBC Two.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-55552962">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-55552962</a></p>
<p>The Winter newsletter from The <b>Quality, Early Years &amp; Childcare Team</b>.</p>	<p><a href="https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/site.page?id=hEboABrYIWU">https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/site.page?id=hEboABrYIWU</a></p>
<p>Looking for something to do with your baby or toddler? <b>Children's Centres</b> are running virtual sessions during Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	<p><a href="https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/advice.page?id=IHQyrCEtzOo">https://fis.sandwell.gov.uk/kb5/sandwell/directory/advice.page?id=IHQyrCEtzOo</a></p>
<p>Citizens Advice Sandwell and Walsall are looking to appoint <b>Help to Claim Advisers</b> who provide effective and efficient support to Universal Credit claimants across Sandwell and Walsall. Closing date is 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</p>	<p><a href="https://citizensadvice-sandwell-walsall.org/blog/">https://citizensadvice-sandwell-walsall.org/blog/</a></p>
<p>In 2022, Birmingham will host the 22nd Commonwealth Games. To help deliver this, over <b>1,000 people are being recruited</b>.</p>	<p><a href="https://birmingham2022.gigroup.com/">https://birmingham2022.gigroup.com/</a></p>
<p>The annual Connexions Sandwell <b>New Year New Start</b> event, a careers fair for 14 – 19-year olds and NEET young people, will this year be a virtual event and spread over a week.</p> <p>NYNS 2021 will be held on Monday 25 January to Friday 29 January 2021 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Microsoft Teams and on Saturday 30th January 11am- 2pm on Facebook.</p>	<p>For more information and links to the event:  <a href="https://www.connexionssandwell.co.uk/news/new-year-new-start-2021/">https://www.connexionssandwell.co.uk/news/new-year-new-start-2021/</a></p>
<p>Schools and communities can apply to the Woodland Trust for packs of <b>free trees</b>.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/">https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/</a></p>
<p>If you would like to promote services or information in this newsletter or share a good news story, please contact the team.</p>	<p>Parent Support Team  <a href="mailto:parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk">parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</a></p>