

# Family Support Bulletin **፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟፟**



## February Edition



#### Local Clubs and Activities



#### **Monthly Game Club** When- Monday 17th February, 3:30pm - 4:30pm Where- Thames Community Hub Age: 5-13 years Come and join a free family game club on the 3rd Monday of every month.



#### Portage Play & Learn

For Children aged 0-5 with Complex Needs When- Thursday 27th February, 10:30am - 11:30am Where- Thames Community Hub Drop in for parents and children aged 0-5 years with complex needs.

#### **Reading Beez**

When- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm-5pm Where- Dagenham Learning Centre For children aged 5–13-year-old



**SMART- Internet Safety** 

SMART tips for children & families.

#### **S** is for **Safe**.

Keep your own and other people's information safe. Don't share information such as your name, age, address or school.

#### M is for Meet.

Be careful of people you talk to or meet online, even if they say they're also a child. If they ask to meet you, you should tell a trusted adult straight away.

#### A is for Accepting.

Before accepting friend requests, adverts or link pop ups, ask a trusted adult first.

#### **R** is for **Reliable**.

Unfortunately, not everything you see or read online is reliable. Some things are untrue or fake. When looking for information, it's best to check this in a few places first to see if it is true. You can ask an adult for help too. T is for **Tell**.

If something online, on a computer, a game, or video makes you feel scared, sad, unsure or worried, you should tell a trusted adult, straight away.

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**GET SENSORY PACK** 

#### Caudwell Children- Sensory Pack

#### About the Autism Sensory Pack

Processing everyday sensory information can be extremely challenging for autistic children, as any of their senses may become over or under stimulated by their surroundings. That's why Caudwell Children's Autism Sensory Packs are specifically designed to support these children with affordable, fun, educational, and durable tools that help manage sensory experiences.

**For eligible families, Caudwell Children will cover 80% of the pack's cost, requiring only a £22 contribution** from the family. These packs provide great value and support for children on the autism spectrum, offering both enjoyment and sensory relief.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Each application must be made on behalf of an individual young person.
- The child you are applying for must be less than 19 years old. The whole application process must be completed before their 19th birthday.
- The child and their parents or guardians must be living legally in the United Kingdom.
- The child must have a chronic illness or disability.
- We will ask for a copy of a letter stating the name of your child's condition from your doctor, hospital or clinic.
- You will be considered for our support if you can demonstrate that either: You are in receipt of means tested benefits OR your household income is no more than £60,000 excluding benefits.

To apply, please click on the link.



This half term, children can eat free (or for £1) at selected places!

Here are some restaurants and café's that are offering this.

- Morrisons Café- Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one children's meal all day, every day.
- Asda Café- Kids eat daily for £1. No adult spend required.
- TGI Friday's- Kids eat free when any adult meal is purchased through the TGI Friday's app.
- Burger King- From Friday 14<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21<sup>st</sup>
  February, kids eat free with any adult meal purchased via the Burger King app.
- Harvester- From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal purchased (must download their app)
- Beefeater & Brewers Fayre- Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult.



