

SEND Termly NEWSLETTER



SENSORY WORKSHOPS

Virtual School Rotherham are excited to announce our programme of Sensory Workshops for the 2023/2024 academic year. These online Sensory Workshops will be facilitated by Occupational Therapist, Sadie Charlton. Parent/Carer sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams at 10:30-11:30 and 17:30-18:30 on the following dates, with the planned areas of focus shown below. *They are unable to offer specific advice or intervention to individual children and this session is for information/learning purposes only.*

Date of session	Focus of this session
Wed 18 th Oct 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identifying Sensory Struggles
Wed 15 th Nov 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory circuits for regulation
Wed 6 th Dec 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory struggles through the festive period
Wed 17 th Jan 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory diets and routines
Wed 28 th Feb 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See behaviour, think sensory
Wed 27 th March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing Sensory friendly spaces
Wed 24 th April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensory strategies to prepare for SATs
Wed 22 nd May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interception - What's going on inside?
Wed 26 th June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Supporting with Transitions (Sensory Edition!)

To register your interest in attending please complete and submit the form on the link below;

[VSR - Sensory Workshop 2023/2024 - Foster Carer/Parent sessions \(office.com\)](#)

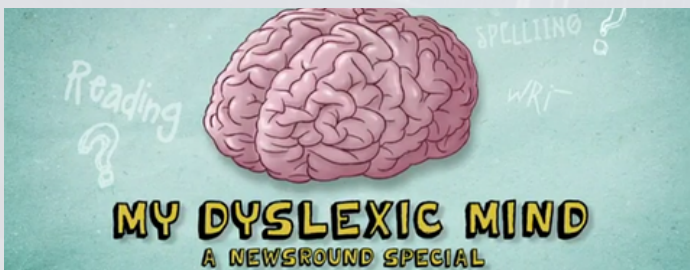
ACTIVITIES

Autism-friendly cinema screenings are sometimes called relaxed or sensory-friendly screenings. Adjustments are made to reduce stress and sensory input, such as low lighting and sound, freedom to move and staff trained in autism awareness.

- [Cineworld Sheffield](#) has an autism-friendly screening on the first Sunday of each month at 11am.
- [The Odeon](#) has an autism-friendly screening around the third Sunday of the month, and is currently trialling autism-friendly screenings for older audiences once a month.
- [The Showroom Cinema](#) has its Kids Inclusive Cinema, KIC Start, on the third Sunday of the month at 1pm.
- [Vue Meadowhall](#) hold their autism-friendly performances on the last Sunday of every month at 10am.
- Barbie You Can Be Anything: The Experience - SEND Sessions at Meadowhall have reduced sound and music levels and are limited to a maximum of 20 people in the space.

MY DYSLEXIC MIND - A NEWSROUND SPECIAL

CBBC Newsround have put together a 15 minute child-friendly video which explores what dyslexia is and some of the ways it affects children. This is a great tool to help children and families learn more about the condition and hear from children who have it. Just put Newsround My Dyslexic Mind into a search engine to find the clip.



USEFUL LINKS

- Rotherham Parent Carers Forum - <https://www.rpcf.co.uk/>
- Rotherham SEND Local Offer - <https://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>
- Rotherham SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service) - <https://www.rotherhamsendiass.org.uk/>

SCHOOL UPDATES

This term, the schools across the academy are looking to create a consistent academy-wide approach to SEND paperwork. At our reviews this term, we will launch our new One Page Profiles and SEND Support Plans which we will create alongside children and parents.

At these reviews, a parent questionnaire will be shared to ask for feedback on our processes. We would appreciate positives and areas of improvement to help to shape provision for your children.