

PARENTCONNECT













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A NEWSLETTER CONTAINING UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR NEWHAM FAMILIES

Hello Newham Parents and Carers!

Please enjoy this month's Parent Connect Newsletter If you would like to receive this Newsletter direct to your email every month, you can sign up here!

Best wishes all, The Early Help Partnership Team

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FAIRER

Autumn break / October Half Term Activities Programme

This Autumn School Break there is loads to do for children of all ages (including those who are vulnerable) at our Youth Zones, Libraries, Leisure Centres, Children's Centres and Parks. There are many face-to-face activities as well as online over zoom. The full programme of activities is now online, from pony rides to BMX sessions, youth dances to Black History Month movies and events, alongside youth choir singing, combat sports, badminton, Halloween parties, stories and guizzes and so much more. Most activities are free.

Find the full programme of activities >

PROGRAMME LISTINGS



INCLUSIVE

A variety of free taster sessions in a range of Paralympic sports for children and young people with disabilities.

- Monday 24 October
- Tuesday 25 October TIME: 12pm-2pm

Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, Stratford E15 4PT 8+ years



ROWING

complete beginners. taking participants through land training exercises, equipment handling and on-water rowing boats.

- Monday 24 October
- Tuesday 25 October
 Thursday 27 October
- Friday 28 October

TIME 10am-2pm

VENUE

Royal Docks Adventure, 1012 Dockside Rd, E16 2QT

12-16 years



MINI ACTIVITIES

Introducing your little ones to sport can be great fun. Come along and try our Mini activity offer including: Mini Tennis. Mini Kickers and Mini Yoga!

DATES

Monday 24 October -Friday 28 October

TIME: 11am-12pm

VENUE

East Ham Leisure Centre, 324 Barking Road London F6 2RT







WE ARE ACTIVE.



Free activities for children and young people this half-term, continuing to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of London 2012. Come and try a variety of Olympic and Paralympic Sports. Sessions include Combat Sports (Taekwondo, Judo, Karate, Boxing), Racquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis) and Team Sports (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Handball, Rugby).

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TIMES/AGES

12pm-2pm - 5-11 years 2pm-4pm – 12-16 years

- East Ham Leisure Centre
- 324 Barking Road London E6 2RT

 Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, Stratford, E15 4DZ (meeting point for activities covered MUGA area)
- Keir Hardie, Tarling Road, Canning Town, E16 1GX (meeting point for activities - old Changing Rooms)

To book: https://tinyurl.com/OctoberHalf-

For more information: sports@activenewham.org or 07741 293506



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sports@activenewham.org or 07741 293506



Grief and Loss Women and Men's Groups – Green Street Masjid Newham North Islamic Association and Newham Bereavement Service

Let's talk about grief and loss Men's Group

October 2022 - 7:30PM to 8:30PM Wednesday 5th/12th/19th/26th

Address: Green Street Mosque 88 Green St, London, E7 8JG

- Coping with loneliness.
- Why am I sad all the time?
- Safe non-judgmental space to talk about loss
- Islamic perspective on grief

Newham Bereavement Service, Stratford Advice Arcade, 107-109 The Grove, E15 1HP Phone: 0207 510 4268

Mobile: 07511 080986 or 073<mark>78 223782</mark>

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Ambition Aspire Achieve SEND YOUTH CLUBS

SEND Youth:

This is our Youth club set in arc in the park and the age range is 9-25 years old. A staff ratio of 1 staff to 3 young people is offered within this group and we cannot take children that need 121 support. We offer sports, arts and crafts and gardening during our sessions. The sessions are great for young people to build upon their social skills and make new friends. This runs as an after school club and throughout the school holidays too.

Positive Transitions:

This is our 16-25 year old group for young people with additional needs. Works well for school leavers or those attending college that are not in full time education. The group is based around life and social skills and have broken the sessions into three categories, life skills, art and sports so the young person can choose a group that suits them best. We also have trips and work experience planned for this group. This is a 1 to 3 ratio and is during the day, term time only. It is another great way to make new friends, build up social skills and learn new skills.





Booking Is Essential, Contact:
Leo on 07904 882 104 /
<u>leo@theaaazone.com</u>
Web: <u>www.theaaazone.com</u>
Twitter: @theaaazone
Facebook:
@AmbitionAspireAchieve/



ELFT Parent Mental Health Matters Support Workshop

We understand how having a new baby can be a huge life changing event. Parenthood can be an incredible source of joy and fulfilment but it's also important to recognise the challenges that come with it. With this in mind, we plan to run an online workshop to provide a space for new parents to reflect on their wellbeing and learn some day-to-day strategies that can help them look after their mental health.

If you'd like to attend but may feel uncomfortable in sharing your experiences, please know this isn't a therapy group and you are not required to disclose personal information. Join in ways that make you feel the most comfortable (whether this includes joining without a video or simply listening to the information being provided).



Elft.nttworkshops@nhs.net

Book your place!

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=slTDN7CF9Ueylge0jXdO4y0-YCymLt1Etaug6JpG QdUNU1LM05JQlMyWlVDOEhLS0hESUtOQUJUSy4u

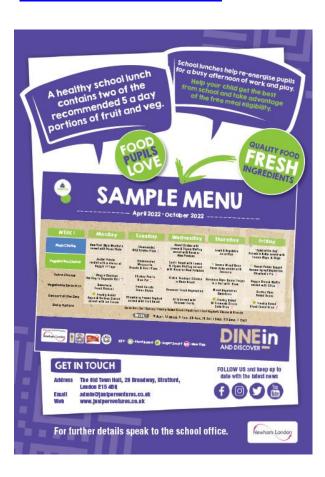
*A note about the registration forms: As a service, we are required to monitor access to Newham Talking Therapies. The forms are collected as evidence to show to commissioners the work we are doing as an NHS service and ensures we are able to continue to provide these workshops for free. The first part of the form will ask you to provide personal details. Please know that you should only disclose information that you feel comfortable sharing. For example, you can write down 'N/A' in sections where you don't want to share personal information. The second half of the form is a series of questions related to your mental health & wellbeing. This help us to screen for individuals who might need additional support — if your responses indicate that you might benefit additional support, you will receive a call from us as a 'check-in' and think together about your wellbeing and how we can support you.

Free School Meals for all Primary Children in Newham

Lunchtime hot and cold meals are available at all of the primary and secondary schools in Newham. There has never been a better time for your child to stay in school for a healthy lunch. All schools have good dining facilities and menus follow the standards laid down by the Department for Education's School Food in England Standards March 2019.

Free school meals in primary schools
Every primary school aged child attending
school in Newham still has the opportunity to
have a free school lunch even if their
parents/carers are not in receipt of one of the
qualifying benefits for free school meals.

https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/1





Cost of Living Support in Newham

ENERGY USAGE

Does your home feel cold and damp? Are your energy bills too high?

GET FREE HELP NOW

Keep your home warm by getting free help and advice on your gas and electricity bills. Contact Our Newham Money for urgent help 020 8430 2041.

For information on support available visit: www.newham.gov.uk/public-healthsafety/energy/2





SIGNS YOUR HOME IS NOT WARM ENOUGH

- The home feels cold, damp or draughty
- Wearing lots of clothes indoors
- Staying in bed to keep warm
- Asthma or a persistent cough High energy bills or in fuel debt



Save energy and keep warm by getting help and advice

Our Newham Money

Energy vouchers are provided to applicants with prepayment meters without electricity/ gas or at risk of having their fuel supply cut. Tel: 020 8430 2041

East End Citizens Advice

Call 020 8525 6379. Lines are open at the following times: Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 10am-1pm

GLA Warmer Homes Programme

Get free advice and support if you are having trouble paying to keep your house warm. Services include:

- · Telephone advice and home energy
- · Help with draft excluders and similar in house support
- Support with energy bills and debts
- Grants of up to £20,000 per household to improve insulation (visit ww.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes for eligibility criteria and to apply)

Call 0300 555 0195 or contact shine@ islington.gov.uk

Other places to get help

Keep Warm Keep Well Scheme (ECO)

Newham Council is working with E.ON and J&J Crump on its Keep Warm Keep Well scheme to help eligible residents benefit from a range of energy-saving measures in their homes, Call J&J Crump and Son on 0800 783 3127 or visit www.jjcrump.com

WaterSure and WaterHelp can help make water bills lower, particularly for people who have lower income or need water for health conditions.

Find out more:

www.thameswater.co.uk/help/account-and-billing/financial-support/waterhelp

For any physical and/ or mental health concerns call 111 for information on where to get help or talk to your local

Warm Home Discount Scheme

Residents could get £140 off your electricity bill for winter under the Warm www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme Home Discount Scheme. Find out more at

Winter Fuel Payments

Residents can get between £100 and £300 tax-free to help pay your heating bills if you were born on or before 5 July 1953. Find out more at www.gov.uk/winter-

GLA Cost of Living Hub www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/ communities/help-cost-living

Translated leaflets www.nea.org.uk/get-help/advice-resources/?tag=english

Keep energy down by practising sustainabe fuel saving tips

- 1. Turn off standby appliances
- Install a smart thermostat
- Turn down your thermostat Buy efficient appliances
- Install a new boiler
- Wash clothes in at low temperatures Be smarter about water
- Invest in double glazing windows
- Draught-proof your property
- 10. Insulate the roof
- Monitor your usage
 Switch to LED Light bulb



For information on support available visit: www.newham.gov.uk/ public-health-safety/ nergy/2

















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Cost of Living Support in Newham

STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY?

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You need to be:

- living in Newham
- receiving a means tested benefit such as Universal Credit, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit or Housing Benefit.



In addition, one of the following must apply to you:

- you're affected by the current cost of living
- there's been a significant change in circumstances or a life changing event causing hardship
- have taken all reasonable steps to maximise your income.

Even if you don't meet the criteria, we might still be able to help you. Please apply and we will consider your application.

For further information and to apply: www.ournewhammoney.co.uk/emergency-support



112-118 The Grove, Stratford E15 1NS 020 8430 2041

WE ARE NEWHAM.



Cost of Living Support Package - Help for Households

Millions of people on means-tested benefits will receive the first of two cost of living instalments totalling £650 from 14 July 2022, as part of a £37 billion government package to help families with cost of living pressures.

The first £326 instalment for qualifying low-income households in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by their usual payment method from 14 July 2022, continuing to the end of the month. For those eligible, the rest will follow in a second instalment in the autumn. People receiving tax credits and no other eligible benefits will receive their first payment from HMRC in autumn and the second in winter.

In total, millions of vulnerable households will receive at least £1,200 from the Government this year to help cover rising costs. There are specific payments for those on means tested benefits, for pensioners, those on disability benefits and to help people with energy bills.

Check eligibility here: <u>Cost of Living</u>
Payment-GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



There is also helpful information about further support available on the Cost Of Living campaign website.

Find out more



Parent Advice Phone-In with Educational Psychologist

Please find attached a leaflet for the Parent Advice Drop In service run monthly by the EP Service. Parents can contact an EP to discuss any concerns they may have, e.g. managing anxiety at home, supporting CYP with learning, supporting positive relationships at home and in school, etc. They are allocated a 40 minute session over the phone for this.

Sessions will operate monthly on: 25 Oct 29 Nov 20 Dec 2022 To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk 07976 733536

Newham Educational Psychology Service



Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Healthy Start FREE HEALTHY FOOD

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Pregnant? Children under 4?

You may be able to get money to help you buy fruit, vegetables and milk. Apply online by visiting www.healthystart.nhs.uk

If you need help applying, speak to your local Children's Centre, library, midwife or health visitor.

Applying is easy and DOES NOT affect your other financial benefits.



FREE VITAMINS!

In Newham, ALL pregnant women, new mums and children under 4 years old are entitled to free vitamins. You can collect a bottle from your midwife or local children centre.

To find your nearest vitamin distribution site, visit www.newham.gov.uk/healthystart



Childhood Vaccines

Since vaccines were introduced in the UK, diseases like smallpox, polio and tetanus that used to kill or disable millions of people are either gone or seen very rarely. However, if people stop having vaccines, it's possible for infectious diseases to quickly spread again.

There are a number of vaccines that children should have. You can find a list of them below and on the NHS website. It is important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection.

All recommended vaccines are available for free from the NHS.

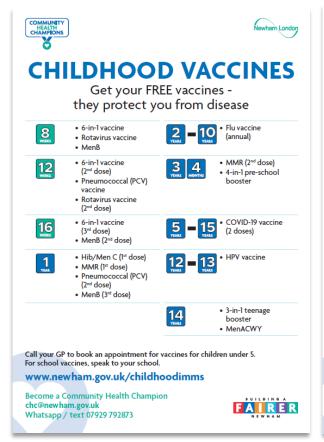
If you or your child missed any recommended vaccine, you can still contact your GP to catch up.

Vaccine Information from Newham Public Health Service

https://www.newham.gov.uk/childhoodimms

https://www.newham.gov.uk/polio

Frequently Asked Questions - Childhood Immunisations - Newham Council





Renewal Programme Community Hub

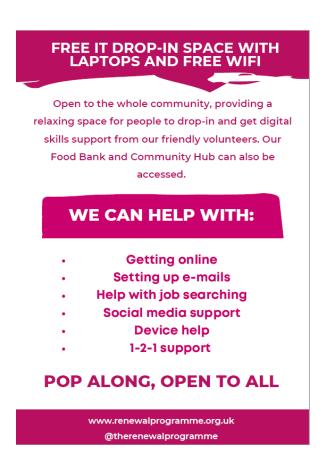
Open to the whole community, providing a relaxing space for people to drop-in and get digital skills support from our friendly volunteers.

Our Food bank and Community Hub can also be accessed.

Phone number on flyer below! www.renewalprogramme.org.uk



When: Tuesdays & Fridays 11am-2pm Where: 395 High St. N., E12 6PG, Manor Park



Family Navigators

FAMILY NAVIGATORS WILL ASSIST YOU BY

Signposting you and your family to services, offers and opportunities

Connecting you to support you need, when you need it

Supporting you to feel confident in accessing services

Translation - all of our Navigators speak a second language, we also have connections to language translation and interpreter services

Having a regular presence in key community settings

<u>Family Navigator Schedule (updated weekly)</u>





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This Link to find out when and
where our Family Navigators
will be!
Please note that this schedule



Here to help Families

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Please note: This is not a referral service, instead Navigators will regularly attend existing organisations, events and sessions out in the community such as Food 1-k/bs, 5chools, 6°Fs, and Libraries locally in Newharm and will assist families that they meet at these organisations to connect them to the appropriate support.



Family Navigators Schedule



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"ফ্যামিলি নেভিগেটর্স – পরিবারগুলিকে সহায়তা করার জন্য"

"Family Navigators - pomagamy rodzinom"

"Orientadores familiares – Aqui para ajudar as famílias"

"Familie navigatoare – Suntem aici pentru a ajuta familiile"

"குடும்ப நேவிகேட்டர்கள் - குடும்பங்களுக்கு உதவ இங்கே உள்ளனர்"

"Навігатори для родин — допоможіть надавати допомогу родинам"

" خاندانی نیویگیٹر - خاندانوں کی مدد کے لیے حاضر"