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Branches

By Nausheen Ali – Acting Chair,
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"Branches was formed to help support parents and Carers with only one vision

in mind and that is to support other parents. It is a monthly support group hosted by Swindon Send families Voice.

Going through the SEND journey can be very daunting, that is where we can offer support and our experience and a listening ear. After all "a problem shared is a problem halved".



We invite professionals to come along and provide information, support and to listen to parents. We hold this monthly, one month it will be during the day and the next in evening, so that we can reach out to as many parents as we can.

In February, we invited Teresa Carter who is a Consultant Community Paediatrician and the Designated Medical Officer. Many parents attended the session and had the opportunity to ask questions. Our regular speakers like Project ME, Healthwatch and Local Offer were also there to meet the parents and provide information about their services.



With Amina
and
Hannah!

SEND STAY & PLAY SUPPORT GROUP

For children aged 0-5 years with SEND

FREE to attend!

Email: sendstayandplay.ssfv@outlook.com to book a place

When: Thursday 2nd February; 10:00 - 12:00

Where: The Meadow, Leigh Road
Swindon, SN2 5DE

Please note parents and carers are responsible for their children whilst attending

Branches is held so parents can socialise, make friends, have a chat and be able offer support to one another. We sometimes feel like we are the only one going through this, but we are not, there are so many more families in the same boat, we just need to reach out and make contact.

Branches is very close to my heart and I want parents to be able to make that first step to come along and see what it is all about. So many have found a support network that they will now not be without .

Our next Branches is taking place on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7pm at The Meadow. We have invited the Disabled Children's Team - we have Liz Wiltshire, Teresa Jones, Mark Green and Hannah Freeland. Also, we have the Aiming High team alongside Project Me in attendance too.

So come along to our next Branches. My team members will be waiting with the kettle on, lots of biscuits and this is also the opportunity for a chat 😊."



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