

# Pastoral Newsletter June 2023

## Safeguarding:

What to do if you are worried about the safety of a child:

Contact the school office on 01788 890494 and ask to speak with one of our designated Safeguarding leads:

Mrs Willis [head@braunston.pdet.org.uk](mailto:head@braunston.pdet.org.uk)

Mrs Sawyer [n.sawyer@braunston.pdet.org.uk](mailto:n.sawyer@braunston.pdet.org.uk)

Mrs Craig [r.craig@braunston.pdet.org.uk](mailto:r.craig@braunston.pdet.org.uk)

Miss Tant [v.tant@braunston.pdet.org.uk](mailto:v.tant@braunston.pdet.org.uk)

Contact NSPCC:

0800 800 5000

[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

[How to Report Child Abuse Without Any Worries | NSPCC](#)

Contact MASH 0300 126 7000

If you believe a child is in immediate danger phone 101 or 999.



## Pastoral Support:

If you have any concerns about Mental Health or Wellbeing, please contact Mrs Craig on 01788 890494

Or Email:

[r.craig@braunston.pdet.org.uk](mailto:r.craig@braunston.pdet.org.uk)

## Family Support:

Please do get in touch with us if you are experiencing financial difficulties in these uncertain times and require support. We have a large stock of pre-loved uniform available – please contact

[r.craig@braunston.pdet.org.uk](mailto:r.craig@braunston.pdet.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page. Pre-loved uniform is available to buy from the school entrance.

In addition, if you are having problems with your food bills, please do get in touch with us, either through the school office or to Mrs Willis directly. Any requests for uniform or food will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Alternatively, local food banks are:

Daventry Food Bank:

18A Benbow Close

Daventry

NN11 4JP

Opening Times:

Mon, Wed, Fri 10.30am – 12.30pm

Braunston Food Share and Care:

Available in the church any time the church is open (apart from when it is being used for services).

This is run as a community larder for people to donate and take items as they need.

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Working in partnership with Scope, Northamptonshire Carers are hosting an online Sleep Right Workshop aimed at parents and carers. You will have the opportunity to talk with and ask questions of the presenter from Scope around sleep techniques for your child and their sleeping patterns.

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 7PM – 8PM**

To find out more please call 01933 677907 and choose option 1, or email [admin@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:admin@northamptonshire-carers.org)

To book a place on the virtual workshop please email [lucya@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:lucya@northamptonshire-carers.org)

## Adult Classes in Functional English

Develop your confidence, skills and knowledge in all areas of English.  
Work towards a recognised City & Guilds qualification at the level appropriate to your learning.

Daventry Library – Monday's 1-3pm  
Daventry Children's Centre – Tuesday's 10am-12pm

**Courses start week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

To be eligible for the course you need to:

- Be over the age of 19
- Have lived in the UK (EU) for at least 3 years
- Have not achieved a C grade in GCSE or equivalent or above in the subject of study

For more information or to book your place contact  
[AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northants.gov.uk](mailto:AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northants.gov.uk)

## Daventry Community Choir is back!

**MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 6.30PM – 8.00PM – DSLV SCHOOL HALL**

Free of charge – new and current members welcome.

Email [daventrychoir@hotmail.com](mailto:daventrychoir@hotmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/daventrycommunitychoir>



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## HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

'Our popular 'Handling Anger in the Family' course is back! This course is extremely popular and we advise you to book your place ASAP to avoid disappointment.'

This 4-session course focuses on how you and your child can understand and manage anger in a safe and healthy way. It is run by Hope for Families, a registered charity working to support parents and carers living in Northamptonshire and the surrounding area. Each session is 2 hours long and is run online. The course aims to help you build strong family relationships and increase your confidence as a parent/carers. The course talks about how you and your child can manage anger safely and healthily.

The 4 sessions run on the following dates and times and in order to get the most out of the course it is advised you attend every session:

Tuesday's 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am – 12.00pm

The cost is £12.50 per household, which includes the accompanying parent handbook (RRP£9.99) and additional resources.

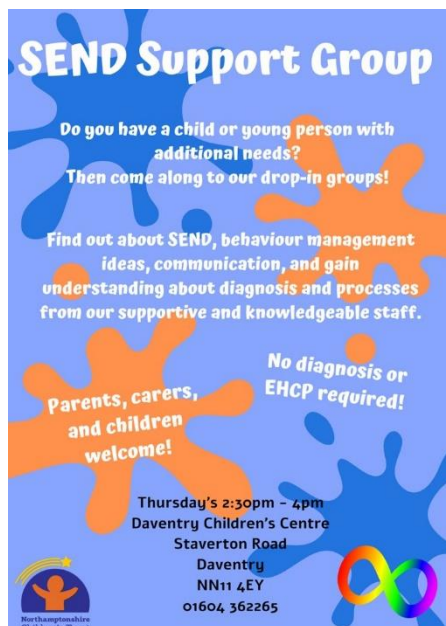
'We do not want anyone to be excluded from our courses due to cost and bursary places are available with a 50% discount. Please enter the promo code bursaryscheme23 when you select your ticket. You may be eligible for a bursary place if you are in receipt of:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance – income related only'

You can book your place here:

[Handling Anger in the Family Registration, Tue 20 Jun 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**\*PLEASE NOTE TIMES HAVE NOW CHANGED\***



**SEND Support Group**

Do you have a child or young person with additional needs?  
Then come along to our drop-in groups!

Find out about SEND, behaviour management ideas, communication, and gain understanding about diagnosis and processes from our supportive and knowledgeable staff.

No diagnosis or EHCP required!

Parents, carers, and children welcome!

Thursday's 2:30pm - 4pm  
Daventry Children's Centre  
Staverton Road  
Daventry  
NN11 4EY  
01604 362265

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## DAVENTRY MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June the town hosts the 10<sup>th</sup> Daventry Motorcycle Festival

- Live music
- Street entertainment
  - Stunt show
  - Food and drink
  - Inflatable fun
- Street dance performers
- ...and much more!



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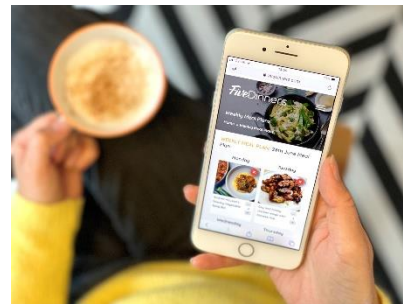


Mind in Daventry is part of the Northamptonshire Mind network, providing essential mental health support and services to Daventry and surrounding areas. They offer a range of services and support, including counselling, training and employment support as well as activities and social events that promote mental wellbeing and community involvement.

They also run a parenting group for parents that may be struggling with their mental health to connect with others in a similar situation, creating a safe space where parents feel comfortable to have those difficult conversations. Little ones are welcome to join too.

For a full list of current courses and wellbeing activities, visit:

[Mind in Daventry | NorthamptonshireMind](#)



We recently shared information from a company called FiveDinners about their online meal planning service. They have contacted us again and asked us to promote their offer of FREE lifetime membership to their service. Details below:

## Limited time offer – get FREE lifetime membership to FiveDinners.com!

We know how hard times are at the moment so the folks at FiveDinners.com – online meal planning service - have decided to give away FREE lifetime memberships to try and help you save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. There's no catch or restrictions, simply full access to our meal plans to make your dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper.

FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service co-founded by author and TV chef Theo Michaels. To help with the cost of living crisis so many families and individuals are facing Theo has decided to offer their meal planning service for FREE (usually £49.99 per year); every week they publish a new meal plan with an automatically generated shopping list; set to your serving size so you know exactly what you need for the week ahead. It saves you time, money on food shopping and ultimately takes away the headache of deciding what to cook every night. You can even create and save your own meal plans choosing from hundreds of recipes.

Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click green Join button now.

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## Disability Fun Day

Sport4Fitness CIC

Sunday 25th June 2023  
1:00pm - 4:00pm



A Fun Day Open to All Children & Adults With A Disability  
Or Special Needs Their Family, Friends & Carers

**FREE ENTRY!!** At **FREE ENTRY!!**  
The Avery Pavillion  
Fernie Field, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7BD



**FREE Activities!!**  
Facepainting  
Football  
Bouncy Castle  
And Many More!!

**Information Stalls!!**  
NAYC!  
SEND 4 DADS!  
EN-FOLD!  
And Many More!!

**BOOK NOW**  
Booking Link: [www.jumblebee.co.uk/S4FDFD2023](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/S4FDFD2023)  
Email: [info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk](mailto:info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk)  
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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

#### COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the R/R Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

#### DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

#### ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

#### MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

#### ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

#### IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

#### WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

#### CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

#### Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and V247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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