

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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**BRANCHES  
SUPPORT GROUP  
EVERYONE WELCOME**

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BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

**When?**  
Tuesday 16th July

**Where?**  
The Meadow, Leigh Road,  
Swindon,  
SN2 5DE

**Time?**  
7-8.30pm

**Working Together  
Strengthening Support  
Reaching Out**

**Guest Speaker**

Kirsty Ashew & Maxine Hamilton - Disabled Children's Team  
Dee Turner & Hannah Stuart - Wellbeing Practitioner for Young Persons Service from Swindon Mind  
Eloise - SIAS SEND Co-Ordinator



BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed

Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641.  
Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday.

Alternatively, you can email  
[SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk).

For more information, please visit the [Meet the SEND Service page](#) on the Local Offer.

## Dyslexia Awareness



What should everyone know about dyslexia?

Made by Dyslexia, is a global dyslexia charity, led by successful dyslexics who have built the world's largest community of dyslexic people and allies. Made by Dyslexia asked parents, kids and teachers from the Made By Dyslexia community around the world to share their top tips.

Here are 5 facts every parent should know about dyslexia (from the parents in their community):

1. Your child is brilliant, they just think differently. This thinking is super valuable in the real world.
2. Find their strengths and their passions. Every dyslexic child has strengths, they may not be super obvious but they are there.
3. Praise and nurture their strengths at every opportunity and make sure their teachers do this too. This is vital for their self-esteem.
4. You know your child better than anyone, so trust your gut when asking for help. Be persistent. Don't give up.
5. Remember their struggles are real, and the sooner they get support, the sooner they can learn, catch up and keep up.

To learn more about how to empower Dyslexic Thinking at home, watch our new course, FREE, on Microsoft Learn (no subscription needed).

Available here: [Empower Dyslexic Thinking in Schools - Training | Microsoft Learn](#)

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