Within the local area, there is lots of support available for families of children with SEND. Please see below for a selection of the support available as well as SEND friendly days out and respite opportunities, as well as useful web links, books and articles.

If you would like to add any events, useful resources or information, please feel free to email them to me at: k.horn@bladon.oxon.sch.uk

Days out/respite breaks for the whole family but also support for parents.

Thomley Hall: https://thomley.org.uk/

Barnardos: https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/services/sycamore-resource-centre

Oasis: http://oasisonline.org.uk/

Autism family support Oxfordshire: https://www.afso.org.uk/

Purple advisory care: https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Services/6806

OCC local Offer: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/education-and-learning/special-educational-needs-and-disability-local-offer

SEN friendly activities:

SEND Saturday club, Carterton family centre: https://www.facebook.com/events/892289442043724/?paipv=0&eav=AfbcuisV69iUH7O6kEI-klFvcVijOg_eDYERkk2qu83qv5E2g9u7cxElcbDD8qaF-no&_rdr

Blenheim palace adventure play area: https://www.blenheimpalace.com/adventure-play/accessibility/

Cineworld Witney – have regular autism friendly showing of popular children's films.

Cogges Farm: https://www.cogges.org.uk/visit-us

https://scienceoxford.com/events/sensory-friendly-family-days/

Oxford Natural History Museum have autism friendly events: https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/visit-us

If you are visiting the Oxford natural history museum, they have an on-line visual guide that can be used to prepare a child for their visit: https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/files/visual-guide-october-2021pdf

Theatre: https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/access/access-facilities

Horse riding: https://www.newyattrda.org.uk/

Rugby : Gosford All Blacks Rugby club have a team set up specifically for children with SEND: https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/sport/23434544.gosford-blacks-running-send-friendly-rugby-sessions-children/

Trampolining: https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/west-oxfordshire/carterton-leisure-centre/carterton-trampoline-play-park

Parent and baby groups:

Bladon parent and toddler group:

https://bladon-pc.gov.uk/the-parish/bladon-toddler-group/

Woodstock parent and toddler group:

https://toddleabout.co.uk/near-me/woodstock/mums-and-tots-groups

Toddlers World, Witney – Sensory Friendly, 6moths to under 5's.

https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/service.page?id=ayPutO4etDY

Sing and Sign:

https://singandsign.co.uk/classes/classes-near-you/oxford,-witney-&-woodstock

Indoor and Outdoor Sporting Activities:

Abingdon Boccia Club:

https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/service.page?id=KG_pJLHIE6c

Gosford All-Blacks, SEN friendly, family Rugby, ages 4-17

https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/service.page?id=uSOurbIogRQ

Other information:

Sleep:

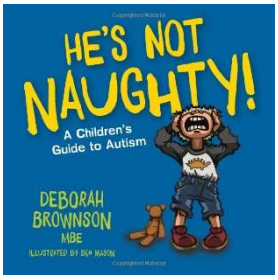
https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/physical-health/sleep/parents

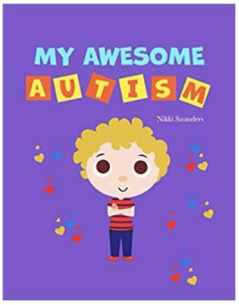
An autism alert card:

https://www.afso.org.uk/oxfordshire-autism-alert-cards/

Books to support explaining autism to children:

Suitable for younger children:





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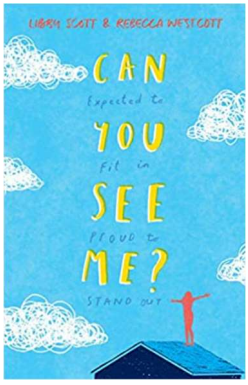

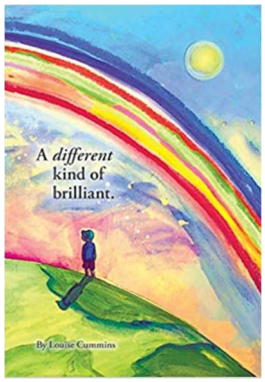

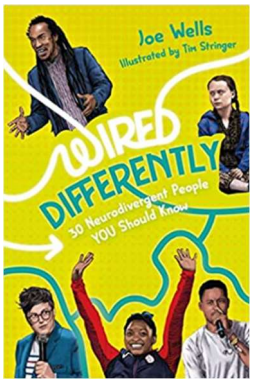

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