

Help for the Holidays (December 2024)

A guide to sources of support for Greenshaw High School parents and students

Winter Holiday Activities in Sutton (Ages 4-14)

APF Activity Camps offer free holiday activities and food during the school holidays for school age children who receive benefits-related free school meals



FREE CAMP - FREE HOT MEAL - FREE GOODIE BAG

- For children eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- Dates: 23rd, 27th, 30th and 31st December
- Times: 11am-3pm



Once you have received your HAF code from your school/local authority you can make your booking here https://suttoninformationhub.org.uk/pages/haf-bookings

For more information please contact support@apfactivitycamps.com



Our winter camp will be on Monday 23rd of December 10am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm & Monday the 30th 10am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm.

Sign up for a longer day to enjoy the fun trips with have in store

To sign up please email for instructions of how to sign up via HolidayActivities.com

CALL US ON:

07549994732

EMAIL US FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

admin@mensahedusport.com



Supreme Education HAF CAMP (ages 13+)

Our camps are specifically designed for young people eligible for free school meals.

We have a camp in Sutton that caters specifically for 13+. (Wallington girls school)

Please find attached a link below to book: https://www.supremeeducation.org/holiday-camps



Kids Eat Free or for £1 (during school holidays 2024)

FRANKIE & BENNYS

Kids Eat Free deal from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November.

MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

EMBERINNS

Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)

YO! SUSHI

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

PIZZA HUT

Free Kids buffet Monday 14th Oct - Tuesday 5th Nov daily until 3pm with code **SPOOKY**

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main. 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKE/

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



GET HELP

HOW TO GET HELP

If you need help from our foodbank there are a few simple steps to follow.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS TO GET A FOODBANK VOUCHER.

In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis.

GET IN TOUCH WITH AN AGENCY

Agencies we work with include: Citizens Advice, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services, some local charities and some local churches. Here are some examples:

Citizens Advice: 0208 4053552 or online via their website

Together for Sutton: 020 8254 2616 or via their website

Welfare Reform Team: 020 8770 5000 or email them

Sutton Uplift: 0800 032 1411 (Freephone) or 020 3513 4044

Tweeddale Children's Centre: 020 8770 5801

Encompass: 020 8770 5000 or via email them

They will discuss your situation and supply you with a foodbank voucher where appropriate.

Visit website



Childline is a free, private and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday.

Visit website



You can access confidential emotional support at any time from Samaritans either by calling 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org

Visit website



24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258.

Only available in mainland UK

Visit website



CEOP help children stay safe online. If anybody acts inappropriately towards you or another child or young person online (such as sexual chat, or being asked to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable); you can report it here.



With 52% of young people experiencing daily struggles with mental health according to YoungMinds (2023), access to continuous support is essential. This festive season, we're here to help - offering free resources and webinars to keep families supported, and a reminder that Kooth is here for you over the winter break.

KoothTalks Families

Supporting your child with Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Link to share



We're still here

Supporting you over the festive period

Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

24th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm – 8pm
25th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm – 8pm
26th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm – 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm – 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm – 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm - 10pm on weekdays and 6pm - 10pm on weekends.

kooth.com







FAITH AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SUPPORT BY PHONE, LIVE CHAT, WHATSAPP OR EMAIL

We offer non-judgemental, confidential support 7 days a week, 365 days a year including bank holidays and Eid.

Call: 0808 808 2002 – you can reach our free helpline any day of the week between 4pm and 10pm. Our team will offer you support in a non-judgmental and non-directive way.

Email: help@myh.org.uk – need support but you don't want to call or chat? You can also reach us by email and we'll get back to you soon.

More about us - to find out more about the team behind MYH and to see how we can help support you please visit: https://myh.org.uk/



The Muslim Cultural & Welfare Association of Sutton (MCWAS) was established in 1981 by the late Mr Lal Hussain MBE, former Mayor for the London Borough of Sutton, to serve the needs of the local Muslim community

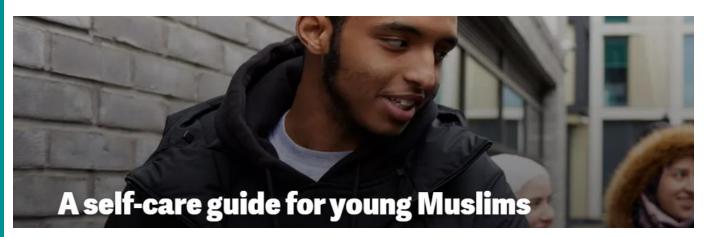
To find out more about us go to: https://www.mcwas.org/about-us

YOUNGMINDS



Our cultural identity is a big part of who we are. It can affect our mental health and influence what support we need. Find out more about the relationship between cultural identity and mental health, how to navigate expectations and pressures, and where to find support.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/cultural-identity-and-mental-health/



It's normal to have ups and downs, but if you're struggling, there are things you can do that can really help. Check out our faith-friendly guide to self-care and how to practise self-care that's right for you.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/a-self-care-guide-for-young-muslims/

Getting professional help

Getting professional help can feel scary, especially when you don't know what to expect. But sometimes getting the right professional support is what you need to start to feel better.

There are lots of different types of professional help, like https://docs.psychologists and GPs. There are also free helpline and listening services available through charities and other organisations, where you can call and talk to trained advisers. It can be helpful to understand what support is available to you, so you can choose what works for you.

Whether you're seeing your GP, a therapist, or any other service, it's important to remember that everyone's experience is different.

Below are just some of the ways that professional support can help.



https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/muslim-mental-health/#Gettingprofessionalhelp

Loneliness over the festive period

Top Tips for when you're feeling lonely



Find people with similar interests

Don't worry if you haven't found "your people" yet. There are many opportunities throughout life to meet similar people.

Explore ways to express your thoughts and feelings

Find out what works best for you. You could try journaling, sports or listening to music.

Talk to someone

Opening up is brave. There is lots of support out there, including your GP, friends, family and school.

Do things you enjoy

Doing things you enjoy and are confident in will make you feel happy!

Connect with people

Supportive relationships will help us feel less lonely. Spend time with people you trust.

Look out for yourself

Feelings of loneliness are okay and can happen to everyone at some point. Do what makes you comfortable.

Be mindful of social media

If social media is making you feel lonely, take a break or be aware of what content is making you feel this way.

Be kind

Showing gratitude for the things around us can help to make us feel more connected and less lonely.



GETTING SUPPORT WHEN YOU'RE FEELING LONELY

Hey, are you ok?

Sometimes I feel lonely too

Talking to someone

Someone I trust family, friend, teacher...

...or a helpline

Not really, feeling a bit lonely

Anything help?

Like who?

Thanks



Childline

You can contact Childline about anything. Call free on 0800 1111. Shout 85258

Shout offers support 24/7. Text "SHOUT" to 85258.





Other parenting support

- Playwise https://playwise.org.uk/services/
- Sutton Woman's Centre https://suttonwomenscentre.co.uk/what-we-offer/
- Sutton Young Carers https://www.suttoncarerscentre.org/young-carers
- Cognus https://www.cognus.org.uk/services/cognus-therapies/
- Bags of Taste https://bagsoftaste.org/
- Sutton Children's Centres https://www.sutton.gov.uk/children-and-family-centres
- Homestart https://homestartsutton.org.uk/get-support/
- Solihull Parenting https://solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-parents/
- Family Lives https://www.familylives.org.uk/
- Sutton Men in Sheds https://menssheds.org.uk/
- Jigsaw4u https://jigsaw4u.org.uk/what-we-do/
- Transform Sutton https://cranstoun.org/help-and-advice/domestic-abuse/transform-sutton/





Parent/carer Coffee Information Sessions

For Sutton Families

January-December 2025



Would you like to meet with other parents/carers in a cosy, non-judgemental and welcoming environment?

Would you like to find out about services that are available in the London Borough of Sutton that may benefit you and your family?

Would you like to give your opinion about what you feel is needed in your local area?

Maybe you just want some advice on a matter and you don't know where to turn.

Do you require any parenting advice?

If your answer is 'yes' to any of the questions above, we are facilitating parent/carer coffee/information sessions in your local area.

The very least you will get from attending our coffee/information sessions, is a genuine and sincere warm welcome, a cup of tea/coffee and a chance to sit and chat to other parents/carers.

We can organise guest speakers who can offer you advice on a range of issues and we can signpost you to relevant services if required subject to your needs.

Parenting can be so rewarding. However, at times it can also bring its challenges and worries and this can make you feel isolated.

You don't need to make an appointment. Just turn up.

If you would like to find out more about the sessions, please contact

Clare Kennedy Parenting Administrator: clare.kennedy@sutton.gov.uk

Carshalton Family Hub and Children's Centre Session times: 9.30am - 11.30am (Fridays)

January 10th / 24th
February 14th / 28th
March 14th / 28th
April 25th
May 9th / 23rd
June 13th / 27th
July 11th

September 12th / 26th
October 10th / 24th
November 14th / 28th
December 12th

Parent Coffee/Information Sessions Shanklin Community Centre

Session times: 1pm - 2.15pm (Mondays)

January 13th / 27th
February 10th / 24th
March 10th / 24th
April 28th
May 12th
June 9th / 23rd
July 7th / 21st
September 8th / 22nd
October 6th / 20th

November 3rd / 17th

December 1st / 15th

Parent Coffee/Information Sessions The Quad. Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton SM5 1JW Evenings: 6pm - 8pm (Mondays)

January 27th
February 24th
March 24th
May 12th
June 9th
July 7th
September 22nd
October 20th
November 17th

December 1st

Sutton Library Family Hub

Session times: 9.30am -11.30am (Fridays)

January 17th / 31st
February 28th
March 21st
April 4th
May 2nd / 16th
June 6th / 20th
July 18th
September 5th / 19

September 5th / 19th October 3rd / 17th November 7th / 21st December 5th / 19th

Parent Coffee/Information Sessions Stanley Park Children's Centre Session times: 9.30am -11.30am (Wednesdays)

January 8th / 22nd
February 5th / 26th
March 12th / 26th
April 2nd / 23rd
May 7th / 21st
June 4th / 18th
July 2nd / 16th
September 10th / 24th
October 8th / 22nd
November 5th / 19th

December 3rd / 17th

Chill, Chat and Connect Men's Group The Quad. Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton SM5 1JW Evenings: 6pm - 8pm (Mondays)

January 13th
February 3rd
March 10th
April 28th
May 19th
June 23rd
July 21st
September 8th
October 6th
November 3rd
December 8th

These sessions are aimed at fathers, stepfathers, foster dads, grandfathers and other significant male carers to meet together to chill, chat and connect. It's a chance to share experiences and challenges/positives of family life in a safe, supportive, relaxed and non-judgemental space. Led by male parent volunteers who are fathers themselves with support of the parenting coordinator, Theresa Cameron.