



OXFORDSHIRE
AUTISTIC
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Information & Support



OASIS is a friendly charity run by parents for parents/carers who are bringing up children/young adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder or related conditions such as Global Developmental Delay or Sensory Processing Disorder in Oxfordshire.

There aim is to create a supportive community through informal coffee and chat groups, evening meetings with professional speakers, clinic nights, subsidised courses and family playdays during school holidays. They welcome families who have an ASD diagnosis for their child and also those going through the assessment process.

Registered Charity Number

1033927





Members

- Being a member of OASIS entitles you to use their book/Sensory library, attend specialist courses and enjoy significantly subsidised playdays. You do not need to be a member to come to coffee and chat groups and clinic/evenings meetings. The annual membership fee of £16 is for the whole family including siblings, grandparents and any staff supporting your child in or outside school.



Fundraising

- OASIS is a self funding charity that rely on fundraising and donations to run their services, so are grateful for any time, money and energy that people are willing to donate. Fundraising is a good way of making friends and promoting awareness of the needs of individuals and families affected by autism. Also, anyone can donate to OASIS, individuals, members, social clubs and companies. The donations are used to fund playdays, courses, books for our library, inspiring evening meetings and social events. All donations make a massive difference to our ability as a charity to support families with autistic children and young people in Oxfordshire.





Coffee and Chat



These informal drop-in Coffee and Chat groups are a great way to meet other parents and carers. You don't have to be an OASIS member to come along and the groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents, school staff, anyone who might find benefit in chatting about their experiences or who would like support. All groups are hosted by OASIS volunteers who offer a warm friendly welcome, coffee and cake. Pre-school children and babies are more than welcome to attend with their parents. They host these coffee mornings in different areas including Oxford, Abingdon, Wantage, Didcot and Witney and are looking and expanded these further.

Clinic/Evening meeting



We hold clinic evening 2 times a year. You do not need to be a member to attend these meetings and these are open to parents, carers, family members, support staff, professionals etc to attend. No booking is required. Please note, children are not able to attend these meetings. The evenings start with coffee, cake and a chance for members to look through the book and sensory library. Then they will be able to book sessions with up to 2 professionals to talk about your individual situation/needs. These evenings are extremely popular as we have a array of professional attend it's something for everyone

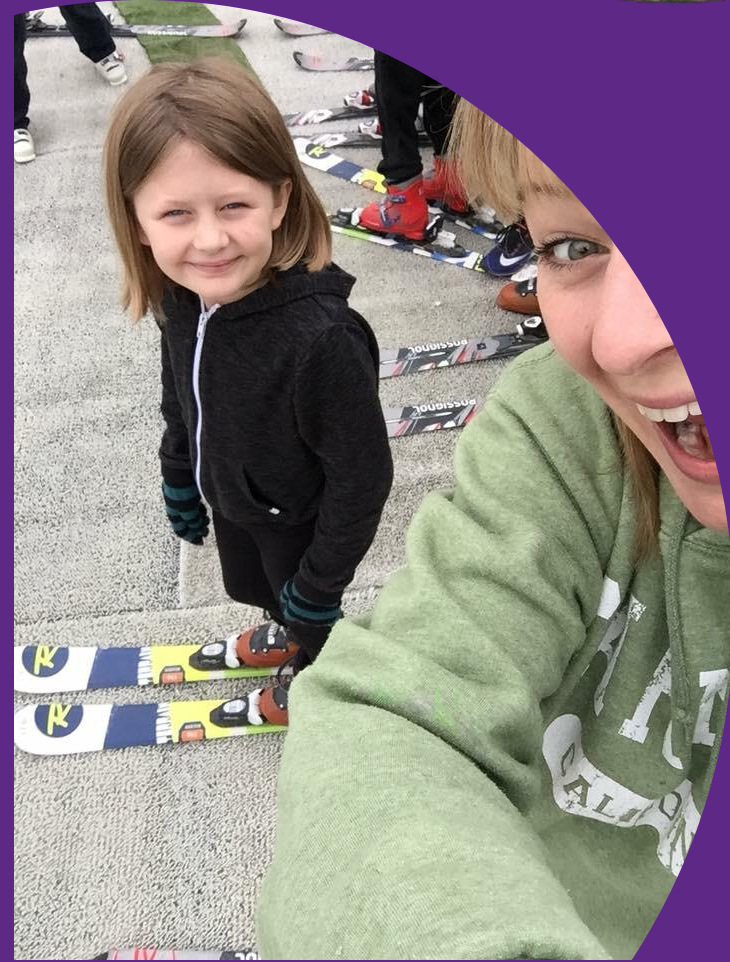




Playdays



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Playdays are a very important part of what OASIS does. As parents of ASD children, they understand that the school holidays can be very isolating and stressful. They run playdays in all school holidays, providing a wide range of safe and enjoyable activities for autistic children, siblings and their families. Playdays are available to members only and are offered at heavily subsidised rates. They provide a great day out, often enabling children with ASD to try new activities at an autism-friendly venue and giving parents the opportunity to meet and catch up. Most importantly, everyone support each other on playdays.



Sensory Library

The sensory library will work in a similar way to our book library. You get the chance to borrow equipment, try it in the comfort of you own home and return Nothing worse than spending your hard earned money on a piece of equipment for your child to hate. We have a huge array of equipment available.



Thank you very much for Organising the fab playdays. My son has had a great time at the ones we attended. He especially loved the boat trip at Henley and the Wind in the Willows exhibition. I know that Organising these things can be a lot of work, and we really appreciate it. The summer holidays haven't been easy for us, and the playdays have been a lifeline.

thank you so much for your hard work and Organising these events, its proved to be a new life line for my family. it was my first time to this open night event and it was really i particularly valued the independents advocates advice. just 1 thing would of been useful that was missing, on the tables where the professionals where stationed really useful and productive evening for me

I really wanted to write and say thank you for the camping event you Organised so brilliantly! We all really enjoyed it; both the chance for the girls to have their first experience of camping, and also the chance to sit and chat with other carers while the children played in a safe, fun environment. The food was great, the activities were well thought out and you even managed to sort out good weather for us! I Realised it takes a lot of work to put on an event like that, and wanted to let you know how much we appreciated it. As we left, the girls asked when we could come again!

Feedback

