

Talk Autism!

**Merton's Forum for Parents
of Children, Young People &
Adults with Autism**

Drop-In Meetings January 2012 - July 2012

Monday 16 January, 10am to 12pm

National Autistic Society

Heather Wildsmith

Find out what support is available from the National Autistic Society

Tuesday 21 February, 7pm to 9pm (evening meeting)

Lead Officer for Adult Autism Services in Merton

Jonathan Brown, Manager of the Learning Disability Team

Hear about plans for Merton services for adults with autism, and the Autism Bill

Monday 27 February, 10am to 12pm

Challenging Behaviour Clinic

Andy Whysall, Sherwood Training

Learn strategies to deal with difficult behaviour & underlying anxieties; you will also be able to discuss your son or daughter's specific issues

Friday 16 March, 10.00am to 12pm

TEACCH

Bonnie Brown, Deputy Head, Cricket Green School

A technique for understanding children and adults with autism

An overview of TEACCH & how it can help children & adults with autism to live or work more effectively at home, at school & in the community

Tuesday 8 May, 10.00am to 12pm

Nutrition Clinic, Emma Stiles

Association of Applied Nutrition & Nutritional Therapy

Practical advice on nutrition & diet

Tuesday 12 June, 7pm to 9pm (evening meeting)

Metropolitan Police

Find out how the police approach a child, young person or adult with autism.
Understand relevant police procedures and protocols

Monday 2 July, 10am to 12pm

Speech & Language Therapy Improving Social Communication

Merton's Language & Learning Support Team

Discuss speech therapy techniques including conversation & social skills

ALL DAYTIME SESSIONS WILL BE AT
**The Chaucer Centre
Canterbury Road
Morden, SM4 6PX**

ALL EVENING SESSIONS WILL BE AT
**Cricket Green School
6th Form Building
Mitcham, CR4 3AF**

At each event, most of the time will be available for parents to ask questions and discuss the topic

A mutual support group will run in a different room at the same time as the above events

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