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Head Office Move **2024**

📍 **Sense TouchBase Pears**

Bristol Road, Selly Oak
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New Autism West Midlands Head Office

Head Office Move

As you may know, Autism West Midlands have made the decision to move our Head Office. We are currently based in Kings Norton on the business estate.

Following the global pandemic, many organisations have changed the way offices are used, with some staff working from home. In Autism West Midlands we have reviewed how we currently work and have decided to move our Head Office to Selly Oak.

We will be sharing our office space with other similar organisations at the Sense Touchbase centre. Our teams will be working more flexibly and will free up some resources to focus more on service delivery. The Sense Touchbase centre is a purpose-built accessible building used by a number of different charities with meeting rooms and activity spaces which we will be using.

What does this mean for me?

All staff who previously worked at the Kings Norton office will transfer to the new office in Selly Oak. Some will also work from home.

All groups, activities and meetings that were held in Kings Norton will move over to the new Autism West Midlands Head Quarters in Selly Oak.

If you currently attend a group or have meetings at the Kings Norton office, our staff will be talking with you to plan the transfer to the new building. We will be sharing descriptions and pictures about the new offices, rooms and activities there. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the person who runs your group or meetings.

Getting there: By Car

Secure parking is available at Sense TouchBase Pears including spaces for parents and for blue badge holders. Our car park is behind the building and is accessed by Selly Wharf, entry is controlled by barriers and an intercom system.

The Car park entrance is via Selly Wharf using electronic barrier in/out. The barrier is controlled by the reception staff using an intercom.

If you are visiting or volunteering you are free to park in the car park, if there are spaces available.



Selly Wharf is parallel to Bristol Road, you can access it from the main traffic light intersection on Bristol Road down Elliot Street (with Bristol Street Motors Car Garage on the corner) and then onto Selly Wharf. This will take you up to the barriers for the Sense Touchbase Centre.

By Bike

Sense TouchBase Pears is located on the Bristol Road and is accessible via cycle lanes from both directions.

We have indoor, lockable bike storage to keep your bike safe and dry during your visit, accessible via the car park entrance on Selly Wharf.

If you wish to use the secure storage facility, please report to reception and they will give you details and a key to the storage area.

By Train

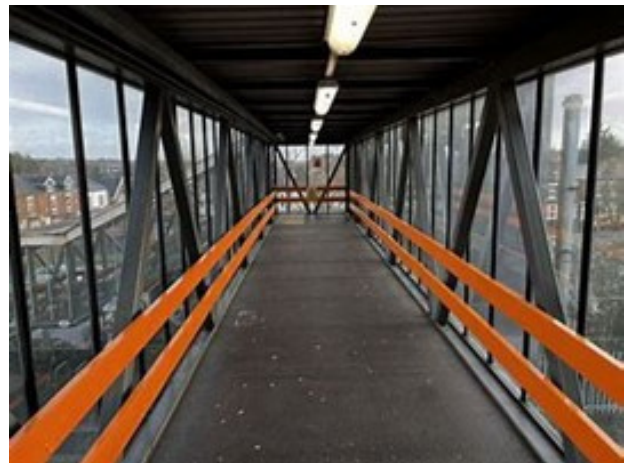
Selly Oak Train station is a two minute walk away from Sense TouchBase Pears and operates regular services in the city centre. Trains to Birmingham New Street run four times an hour on weekdays with the journey time being roughly ten minutes. Services to Bromsgrove, Redditch and Lichfield also pass through the station.

Details about the station can be found here, including train times, parking and accessibility information: [**Selly Oak Train Station | Trains to Selly Oak | West Midlands Railway**](#)

Arriving at Selly Oak train station:



If travelling from the city centre, you will have to cross over the bridge by foot or use the lifts at either end of the bridge:



Walk from the station towards Bristol Road, using the pathway through the car parking area. Turn left when on Bristol Road and immediately ahead you will see the Sense TouchBase Centre:



This will bring you to the entrance of the café, then through the library into the main foyer. Please then report to reception and ask for Autism West Midlands.

If you prefer, you can walk past the café on your left hand side to the main entrance as this will avoid the café and library.



By Bus

AWM at Sense TouchBase Pears can be reached by a number of bus services that stop nearby on the Bristol Road. The 61 and 63 buses both stop on Elliot Road and at Selly Oak train station and run roughly every ten minutes throughout the day.

These bus routes take you into or out of the city centre or in the opposite direction towards Longbridge.

Busses stop immediately outside of the Sense TouchBase Centre:



If you are travelling from Northfield direction, you will arrive on the opposite side of the road and should use the crossing points to arrive at the main entrance.

Entrances on Ground Floor

There are three level access entrances on the ground floor for staff and the public to use:

Bristol Road Entrance – Main entrance opposite Selly Oak Shopping Centre with Sainsbury's opposite. Selly Oak Train Station is within two minute walk and busses stop outside of the entrance.



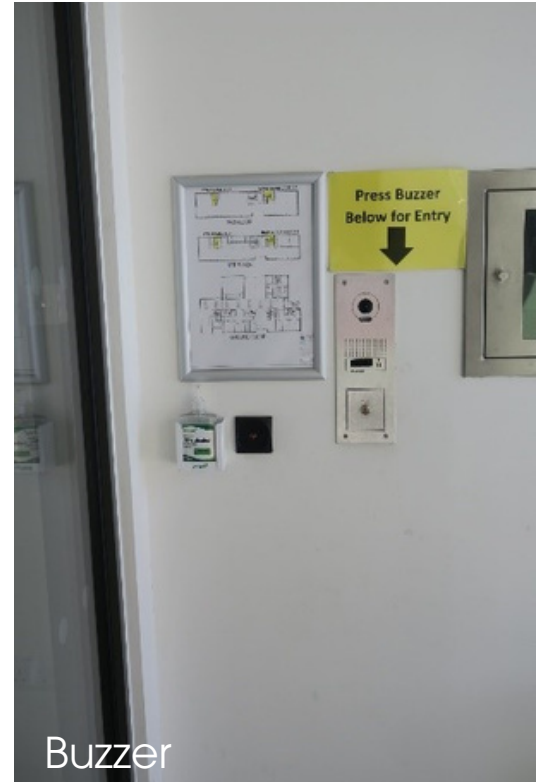
Bristol Street Main Outside Entrance Doors – These doors open automatically.



Immediately after these are the inner doors where a buzzer (for the public) or a fob (for staff) must be used. Main Doors Inner Doors Buzzer



Inner Doors



Buzzer

Café Entrance on Bristol Road – As you face the front of the building this entrance on the left-hand side. This is a single door entrance directly into the café and then into the Library.



Cafe Entrance



Car Park Entrance – As you face the front of the building on Bristol Road, this is on the right-hand side.



Car Park Entrance

Immediately after these are the inner doors where a buzzer (for the public) or a fob (for staff) must be used. This is the same as the Main Doors Inner Doors Buzzer.

Ground Floor Area - Reception All three entrances come into the ground floor main foyer with reception, lifts and various rooms. On the right hand side, just after the car park entrance is the main reception desk. This is staffed and visitors will sign in and reception staff will call up to AWM.



Main Reception



Facilities

On all levels there are toilets. All toilets have blue doors. There are accessible toilets on all floors. On the ground floor there is an additional shower room/changing place.



Toilets



We want to make the move to our new Autism West Midlands Head Office as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the person you usually link with in AWM.