



Local Offer Newsletter Autumn Term September 2022

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter!

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What's New on the Local Offer Website?

Jargon Busters: Helping you to become more familiar with the words you will hear on your SEND Journey

We want to make the site easy for everyone to use and understand so we've added 'jargon busters' to the bottom of each page on the Local Offer Website.

If you see any words, or any acronyms that you aren't sure what they mean, email infos@barnsley.gov.uk telling us the word and the title of the page and we will add a definition to the jargon buster section

Targeted Youth Support for Children & Young People with SEND: Current sessions

Take a look [here](#) at their current sessions for children and young people aged 8-24 with SEND and their siblings, and how to access them.

SEND Friendly Things to Do

Take a look at what's happening across Barnsley for Children & Young People with SEND.

Friends of the Willow Tree Sensory Sessions at Nova City

A sensory session to provide your loved one with lights, colours, sounds, textures, and smells to stimulate their sensory input and provide a relaxing area to find calm.

Take a look at their record [here](#) for costs and opening times.

Accessible Adventures at RSPB Old Moor Wetland Centre

We've been talking to volunteer coordinators at RSPB Old Moor to understand more about their accessible walks. Take a look at their record [here](#)

Playzone SEN sessions

Every Monday 4:30 - 6:30pm, at Playzone Barnsley for babies and children under 6 years. Ring 07733 424778 to book your place. Take a look at their record [here](#).

Play Valley SEN sessions

Monthly SEN sessions, including a spook-tacular SEN disco click [here](#) for the full timetable, on their website.

Our Place

Social Club for young adults 18+ with mild to moderate learning difficulties more information join in on Facebook [here](#)

Parent Training Courses from Education Inclusion Services

Key Transitions Workshop from SCI Team

Online Parent Carer workshop for pupils with autism, when moving from Y6 to Y7 and or Y11 to Post 16 Education. For more information, and to book a place on the next workshop email andreaeaton@barnsley.gov.uk

Makaton Taster

The Taster Session gives you a general introduction into Makaton is, and opportunity to learn a few signs and symbols. for further information including the next dates and to book your place email gemmawhitfield@barnsley.gov.uk

First Steps (for children with autism)

A workshop for parents and carers whose children have an autism diagnosis

The next session is on: 04/10/22

9.30 - 12 noon

Barnsley Library @ The Lightbox

A webinar recording is also available, if you cannot attend. please contact:

melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk to book your place, or for a link to the webinar.

Footsteps (for children with autism)

This is a follow-on workshop from First steps, once you have completed first steps you will find out the dates for this session.

A webinar recording is also available, if you cannot attend.

Email melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk for further information.

Thinking Differently

A workshop specifically designed to support the families of pupils who have social communication and interaction needs, but do not yet have a diagnosis of autism.

Email: Melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk for further information.

Do you want to meet services face to face?

Local Offer Drop in

Did you know we hold a multi-agency monthly information drop-in, a chance for families to drop in and speak to key SEND Services.

The Local Offer Drop is on the **first Wednesday of every month** at the Ozone, Barnsley Football Club, Grove Street S71 1ET.

Drop in anytime between 10am – 12.30pm

Come along for information, advice, and support from a range of SEND services including

- Families Information Service for general information about SEND services, including how the Local Offer Website will help you on your journey.
- SENDIASS for school and education, including questions about tribunals.
- EHCP team for updates on your child's EHCP or how to start the process of getting an EHCP.
- Disabled Children's Team to help complete short break applications
- Positive Activities to talk about out of school activities and Targeted Youth Support.
- Parent Participation Officer to find out about getting involved and having a say.

We are pleased to confirm Community Paediatrics will be joining our existing line up of SEND services from this September, to talk about your child's health and pathways to diagnosis.



Ways to get involved

Let's Talk Local Offer Website:

We want to get together and talk about the information on the Local Offer Website, as part of our ongoing Quality Assurance programme.

Over the next 10 months we will be running a series of 'Let's Talk Local Offer Website Sessions.'

This term we will cover the following sections:

- Starting your SEND journey
- Disabled Children's Register
- Early Help for SEND families
- Childcare for a child with SEND

When are the sessions?

Starting your SEND Journey: Tuesday 13th September 2022

Barnsley Town Hall @ 12:30 - 1:30pm or Online Microsoft Teams 6 – 7pm

Disabled Children's Register : Tuesday 11th October 2022

Barnsley Town Hall @ 11:00 – 12:00pm or Online Microsoft Teams 6 – 7pm

Early Help for SEND families : Tuesday 8th November 2022

Barnsley Town Hall @ 11:00 – 12:00pm or Online Microsoft Teams 6 – 7pm

Childcare for a child with SEND: Tuesday 6th December 2022

Barnsley Town Hall @ 11:00 – 12:00pm or Online Microsoft Teams 6 – 7pm

How do I book?

Email infofis@barnsley.gov.uk telling us which session you want to join.

Can't make the sessions?

You can complete our online surveys, they go live during the same week.

The surveys will be shared on our Barnsley Local Offer Facebook Page and through our wider networks.

If you would prefer to receive the upcoming surveys direct to your inbox please email infofis@barnsley.gov.uk and we will add you to our mailing list.

