



Local Offer Newsletter Spring Term February 2023

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter! In this issue:

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What's New on the Local Offer Website?

Finding a parent group just got simpler.

We have added a new search function to the Local Offer website.

Click on ['Find Parent Groups'](#) to search

To use the search, you can either:

- Press search to get a full list of parent groups or
- Type the name of the parent group, you will need to make sure you spell the words correctly the search doesn't have a 'did you mean' function

If you are a member of a parent group and you can't find details of the group in the Find Parent Groups section email infofis@barnsley.gov.uk or ring Families Information Service on 0800 0345 340

New National Organisations section

We have added details of some of the national organisations that offer advice and support.

Find them here: [National Organisations](#)

The SEND Strategy 2022-2025

The new SEND strategy has been added to the Local Offer site. It sets out how SEND services and support will be continually improved as well as providing information on:

- Levels of SEND in Barnsley,
(Numbers of children and young people with SEN Support needs or an EHCP)
- The different services involved with SEND in Barnsley
- Barnsley's Inclusion Statement
- The SEND improvement programme
- Who is responsible for the Strategy

Read the strategy in detail here : [BMBC strategies section](#)

FREE Parent Training Courses delivered by Education Inclusion Services

Thinking Differently

Sessions for families of children and young people with a Social Communication and Interaction needs. Find out about:

- What is a Social Communication and Interaction need?
- Why does my child act and react in this way?
- How can I support my child?

When: Tuesday 28 February 2023 – via Microsoft Teams,

Time: 9.30am to 12 noon

To book email Melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk

First Steps

First Steps give parents and carers the chance to find out more about autism and the support that's available, as well as chat and share experiences with others.

- Has your child received an Autism diagnosis?

- Would you like to know more about Autism and the support available?
- Would you like to chat and share with other Parents?

When: Tuesday 16 May 2023–

Where: Barnsley Library @ The Lightbox,

Time : 9.30am to 12 noon

To book email Melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk

Footsteps

This is a follow-on workshop, building on the knowledge and understanding, developed in First Step. You will need to have completed the First Steps course.

For more information on the course, including dates of next sessions, email Melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk

Supporting Key Transitions for Children with SCI Needs/Autism For parent with children in Year 5, Year 6 and 11

The session will look at ways of effectively supporting key transitions for pupils identified with SCI Needs/Autism

The session runs on Microsoft Teams and the next 2 dates are:

28th March 2023 10.30am-12pm

30th March 2023 1pm-2.30pm

Both sessions have the same content, so you can book on either one.

Book a place by emailing Loiusestringer@barnsley.gov.uk

Makaton Taster

This Taster Session gives a general introduction into what 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

Chance to meet services face to face.

Drop into the Local Offer Multi Agency Drop-in

A chance talk to SEND services and find out about:

- General information on SEND services including how they help and how to contact them
- How services can meet your child's needs
- What kinds of educational support is available
- How decisions are made
- Having a break from your caring responsibilities
- How Health and Wellbeing services can support you.
- What opportunities are available post 16

When: The first Wednesday of every month 10am-12.30pm

Where: The Ozone at Barnsley Football Club (next to the ticket office) Grove Street S71 1ET.

Ways to get involved

Let's Talk Local Offer Website

Come along and help Families Information Service make sure the information on the Local Offer website works for families and young people. We will be looking at,

- How easy the section is to read?
- How relevant is the information?
- What do you think is missing?
- Are there any words or acronyms you didn't understand?

What- We will be talking through the 'Childcare for a child with SEND'

When Tuesday 14th March 2023

Where- Barnsley Town Hall at 11:00am – 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, online or face to face.

Can't make the sessions?

You can complete the online survey; it goes live on the 14th March

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