



Local Offer Newsletter Summer Term April 2023

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter! In this issue:

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What's New on the Local Offer Website?

Looking for SEND related training to help you through your parenting journey?

We have added a new section to the Local Offer website.

Click on [SEND Learning Opportunities](#) to access:

Free Online courses for parents and carers

- Children's mental health
- The teenage brain
- Managing behaviour
- Supporting development

Free online courses for Teenagers

- Looking at Emotions
- Teenager's brains development
- Health and wellbeing

Courses from the Education Inclusion Service (EIS) include

- Courses for parents or carers of a child with autism
- Courses looking at communication issues
- A chance to Learn a bit of Makaton

Face to face courses from our Family centre teams covering Sleep issues

- Behaviour

Searching for services and things to do

To make searching easier we have added more keywords to the records on the Local Offer. This means you can search for services and things to do more simply.

Have you heard about Barnsley Carers Service?

Take a look at the updated record for the [Barnsley Carers Service](#). They have a brand new website and updated contact information.

Meet the new SEND Participation Assistant



Hi, my name is Laura Madeley and I have just started in the role of SEND Participation Assistant. I work alongside Alex Taylor the SEND Participation officer who, you may have already met. I am very excited to be working with Alex to help support SEND families to have a voice.

I have worked in Education for many years and was SENCO throughout my career, this has given me lots of knowledge and skills to progress into the children services.

My new role is to build strong relationships with SEND parents/carers and school settings so that they can help shape services and decisions about SEND across Barnsley.

You can contact me by email lauramadely@barnsley.gov.uk

A Chance to meet services face to face

Hold the date!

Wednesday 21st of June 2023 is Local Offer Live Marketplace Event

We are excited to announce the next Local Offer Live Marketplace Event

FIS are back at Priory Campus at Lundwood together with loads of SEND services, parent groups, and support organisations.

The Local Offer Live Marketplace Event gives you the chance to talk face to face with people and find out about

- Early help
- Parent groups,
- Education
- Health Care
- Social Care
- Post 16 opportunities
- Childcare
- support groups
- Mental health support

And more

Drop in anytime between 10am and 5.30pm

More details will be coming soon so keep an eye on our Local Offer Facebook page or give us a call on 0800 0345 340 for information on the event.

If you would like to be added to our parent/carer email list and receive information on events, consultations and surveys then please drop us an email asking to be added to our SEND mailing list.

Come along to 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
- What Barnardo's can offer SEND children, young people and Families

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

This terms sessions are,

Wednesday 3rd of May

Wednesday 7th of June

Wednesday 5th of July

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

Can you help Families Information Service make sure the information on the Local Offer website works for families and young people. We want to find out:

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

This term we will be looking at 2 sections

[Childcare for a family with SEND](#)

When Thursday 25th May

Where: Lundwood Family centre 10:00 – 12:00pm or Online Microsoft Teams 6 – 7pm



And

[Education](#) Thursday 15th June

Grimethorpe Family Centre 2.00pm- 4.00pm or Online Microsoft Teams 6 – 7pm

You need to book on

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 an online survey.

Surveys will be shared on our Barnsley [Local Offer Facebook Page](#) the link to the survey will be posted.

New ways you can have your say

Take a look at the [Current ways to have your say](#) on the Local Offer website

The Parent Participation Team are running a series of sessions designed to help people have their say. Find out when the sessions are and how to have you say

'What're your thoughts ?

It's been brilliant to see so many parents and carers coming along to the Local Offer Multi-Agency Drop-in sessions at the Ozone.

The sessions can get really busy.

We are looking at ways to stagger the number of people arriving, so people don't have to wait too long.

If you have any suggestions, email at infofis@barnsley.gov.uk or give us a call 0800 0345 340

Our Local Offer Newsletters go out every term, so keep an eye out for the next one at the start of the Autumn term in September

