

March 2023

## SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer Team have been working hard following feedback from our parents, carers and professionals to improve the [Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer](#) and after February half term we were able to launch our new and improved site.

We are committed to spreading the word about the [Local Offer](#) to ensure our families and professionals in Milton Keynes can take advantage of what we have available on the Local Offer:

- New headings to help with navigating the SEND Local Offer
- More images and resources
- We now have a [calendar of events](#) as requested by our families in Milton Keynes, sharing the SEND events and activities available in Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas
- We also have a [calendar for our centralised training for professionals](#)
- Information from our health colleagues has been updated and we are especially proud of our [wellbeing hub](#)!

We would love to hear your feedback on the new site, so we can continue to develop and improve our offer, [please complete our survey](#).

## What's New to the SEND Local Offer?

The SEND Team will be highlighting new additions to the Local Offer, please check our centralised training pages where we will add new training!

[New sensory processing video from Occupational Therapy!](#)

### SEN Support Plan Video

We also have added a video about [SEN Support Plans](#), what is a SEN Support Plan, when to use a SEN Support Plan and how to complete a SEN Support Plan, we hope you find this supportive!



## SEND Newsletter

I would also like to share with you information on our [SEND newsletter](#) for our parents and carers. The Milton Keynes SEND team, [Parents and Carers Alliance \(PACA MK\)](#) and [SEND IAS](#) work together to produce a half termly SEND newsletter.

The newsletters include information about:

- Local events, holiday time events, where to use Short Breaks.
- Parent and carer workshops and programmes
- The team - profiles of new and existing staff
- What we are working on to improve the local offer
- Resources for parents and carers
- Useful tips and resources to support your children
- And much more!

Please share with your families and if they would like to receive the SEND Newsletter, please sign up.

[Milton Keynes City Council - Destination \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

## Parent and Carer Programmes

We offer a variety of free [programmes for parents and carers](#) to develop their own knowledge and understanding of SEND and introduce a range of strategies that can be used when supporting children and young people.

Please note that programmes are currently being delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Our current offer:

- [Autism in the Early Years](#)
- [Autism in the Primary Years](#)
- [Autism in Teens](#)
- [EBSA parent and carer workshop](#)

Please signpost parents to the support available, it may be helpful to print out the posters and display them or share the links via newsletters.

## SEND Videos

You will find [video resources](#) for our parent programmes as well as links to video resources from other key services.

We have a variety of videos available on the Local Offer, please see some examples:

- [Introduction to ASC / SCN](#)
- [What is sensory processing?](#)
- [Emotional regulation](#)
- [Autistic Spectrum Condition and Sleep Difficulties in Children and Young People](#)
- [Autistic Spectrum Condition and Toileting Difficulties in Children](#)
- And many more!!

## SEND Support Line

The SEND Support Line will be open over the Easter holidays, please find the opening hours below:

Monday 3 April	9:00 – 12:30
Tuesday 4 April	9:00 – 12:30
Wednesday 5 April	9:00 – 12:30
Thursday 6 April	9:00 – 12:30
Friday 7 April	Closed

Monday 10 April	Closed
Tuesday 11 April	9:00 – 12:30
Wednesday 12 April	9:00 – 12:30
Thursday 13 April	9:00 – 12:30
Friday 14 April	Closed

## SENCo Quadrant Meetings

The next SENCo Quadrant meetings will take place the week beginning 24 April, for more information please visit our [SEND Local Offer](#).

We will be discussing SEND Support Plans and completing SEN Support Plan audits, **please bring two SEN Support Plans along with you** for this activity.

## Happy Easter, have a lovely break!

