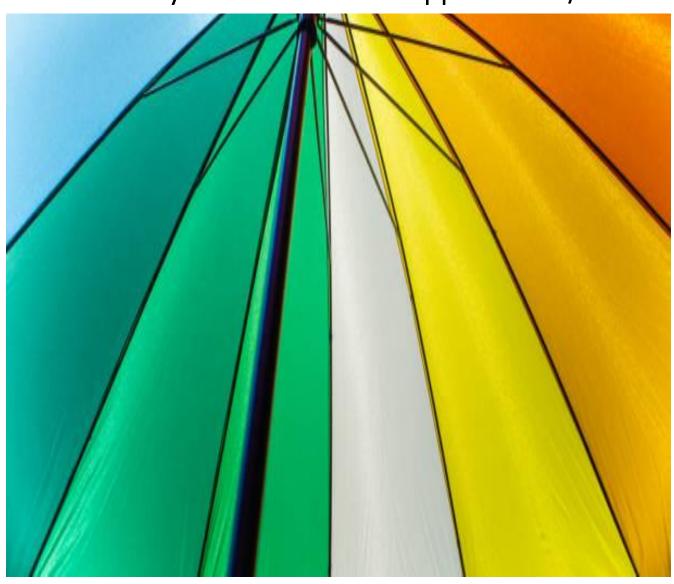




Milton Keynes Social Communication Difficulties/Autism Directory of Services and Support 2023/24









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Welcome to the MK's Social Communication Difficulties/Autism Directory of Services and Support Directory for 2022/23. You will find here useful information about Autism, Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and Social Communication Difficulties (SCD) for children and young people aged 0-25. The directory has a list of service providers, schools, specialist schools, further education (post 16) as well as information about leisure activities and clubs.

As of June 2023, the information in this directory is up to date; the document will be updated annually via the Local Offer pages.

By sharing this information, we are not endorsing or quality checking any events or activities, and parent/carer/families remain responsible for their own research. Some providers operate a waiting list or their venues have a maximum capacity - we recommend contacting providers directly.

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Further advice:

Email <u>SENDSsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk</u>
MK SEND Local Offer <u>www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/MKSEND</u>
MK SEND Local Offer Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/MKSEND</u>

For any questions you may have about your child, we advise you speak to your child's Setting or School SENCo. You may also wish to contact **MKC SEND Support Line on 01908 657825**

Feedback on the directory

We take your feedback about this directory seriously, please use this QR code:



or this link https://forms.office.com/e/6J1Gkv86JB to offer your feedback, alternatively please go to: SENDSsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk thank you in advance.

Parent Programmes

Autism in the Early Years	This programme is designed for parents and carers who have a child aged 2-5 with autism or social communication needs.	Areas covered during the parent programmes are: • What is autism? • Supporting communication • Developing play and learning • Understanding and supporting behaviour	How to book a place (If emailing please state which programme you would like to take part in) Email: SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Autism and Social Communication Needs in the Primary Age CCO	This Autism and Social Communication Needs in the Primary Age has been developed with a range of professionals to support parents and carers of children and young people aged 5 - 11, who have Autism, or who present with Social Communication Needs.	It is delivered through a number of pre-recorded video sessions, along with 4 follow-up, live Question and Answer sessions, using Microsoft Teams. Videos: Introduction to ASC and SCD Understanding sensory processing needs and strategies Strategies to support sleeping and toileting Supporting Communication - Using visuals to support understanding Understanding and Managing Anxiety Supporting Siblings and Encouraging Socialising Behaviours of Concern - Services and Support Question and Answer Sessions: What is Autism and sensory issues? Communication, toileting and sleep Anxiety and behaviours that challenge. Support services: PACA, SENDIAS and MKCarers	Website link for videos: https://www.milton- keynes.gov.uk/schools- and-lifelong- learning/SEND/send- resources/video- resources Email: SENDsupport@milton- keynes.gov.uk

Autism in teenagers	Autism in teenagers is a parent and carer programme to support with young people aged 10 -18 with Autism or social communication needs.	The programme consists of five sessions followed by an in person get together with the opportunity to ask Specialist Teachers questions and meet other parents and carers. The sessions: Understanding Autism in Teenagers Transitions Relationships Independence Puberty In person get together	Email: SENDsupport@milton- keynes.gov.uk
Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Parent and carer workshop	This workshop aims to support parents and carers of school-age children and young people whose experience of anxious thoughts and feelings is leading to school avoidance. These difficulties are often referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).	Objectives of the course: This workshop will focus on supporting parents and carers of children and young people of schoolage living in Milton Keynes: Iearn more about what can contribute to a child or young person experiencing high levels of worry and anxiety about attending school and how this can lead to school avoidance Iearn about strategies which can support a return to school Iearn about current Milton Keynes Council guidance and local services for further support explore the importance of self-care when supporting a child or young person experiencing EBSA	Email: SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Speech and Language Therapy offer	The Speech and Language Therapy Team offers two highly successful programmes for parents to help their children's communication development	'It Takes Two to Talk', for parents of children with speech and language difficulties 'More Than Words', for parents of children with social interaction and communication difficulties	It Takes Two to Talk Program.pdf (cnwl.nhs.uk) The Hanen More Than Words parent course. pdf (cnwl.nhs.uk) Phone: 01908 725299

Health			
Service Provider (Alphabetical order)	Description	Cost	Suitable for:
Beat Eating Disorders Beat Eating Disorders Website: www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/	Beat provides helplines, online support and a network of UK-wide self-help groups to help adults and young people in the UK to beat their eating disorders. These are available to families living in Milton Keynes Beat provides helplines, online support and a network of UK-wide self-help groups to help adults and young people in the UK to beat their eating disorders.	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Phone: 01908 724544 The referral line is available Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm on 01908 725372 Email: Mkspcamhs.cnwl@nhs.net Website: www.cnwl.nhs.uk/camhs	The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provides assessments, support and treatment for children and young people up to the age of 18 experiencing moderate to severe mental health problems. This includes Depression, Self-harm, anxiety disorders (including phobias), Obsession/compulsion, Tic disorders, Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Eating disorders, Family relationship problems, Trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and Psychosis A referral can be made into CAMHS by another professional e.g.GP, Health Visitor, Teacher or the young person can self-refer by contacting our Single Point of Access (SPA) Team on 01908 724228 or by emailing cnwtr.mkspcamhsspa@nhs.net	Free	Primary ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Community Paediatrics	Community paediatricians are specialist children's doctors with training and	Free	Early Years ✓ Primary ✓
Phone: 01908 724800 Email: cnw- tr.community.paediatrics@nhs.net Website:	expertise in developmental paediatrics and disability. The service is offered to children aged up to 16, or up to 19 if the child attends a special school. Children must also be registered with a Milton		Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓
https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/services/mental-health-services/learning-disability/milton-keynes-community-paediatric-team	Keynes general practitioner (GP) They are a team of specialist nurses and paediatricians that work as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide diagnostic services for Autism in MK		

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Referrals: Through the health visitor for 0-5 year olds and the school nurse for 5 – 19 year olds. https://www.mkchildrenshealth.cnwl.nhs.uk/school-readiness/ The Continence Service for over 18s. Milton Keynes Continence Team:: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (cnwl.nhs.uk)	Continence support for 0-18 years. If you have concerns about your child, please contact your Health Visitor for the 0-5 years or School Nurse 5-19 years. They will be able to explore any daytime or night time wetting issues and independent toileting difficulties and provide advice and support. If the Health Visitor or School Nurse feels this is longer term difficulty due to complex needs, they will be able to make a referral to a specialist service (Complex Needs Nursing Team) for the provision of incontinence products. In the first instance, contact your Health visitor or School Nurse on the link below. This also has informative advice and resources from ERIC, a children's continence and bowel charity: School readiness, getting ready for school Milton Keynes Childrens Health (cnwl.nhs.uk)	Free	Primary ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Post 18 ✓
Phone: Single Point of Access (SPA) Team on 01908 724228 Email: cnw-tr.mkspcamhsspa@nhs.net	The Milton Keynes Eating Disorder Service is provided by the Lifespan Eating Disorder Service and is accessed via a referral to the CAMHS SPA referral line. Referrals can be made by another professional e.g.GP, Health Visitor, Teacher or the young person can self- refer. Once the referral is received, it will be reviewed by the SPA team and shared with the Lifespan Eating Disorder team who will be in contact to triage and review.	Free	Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Health Services in Milton Keynes Website link for further information: https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/health -conditions-and-disabilities/your-health- services	Information on the health services available in Milton Keynes to support children and young people aged 0 - 25 years, each area provides a summary of the service, alongside details of support and advice and contact details. Information and links to Audiology Children's Physiotherapy Community Paediatrician Complex Needs Nursing Team Continence Service Dietitian Speech and Language Occupational Therapy Ophthalmology	Free	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y Up to 25 Y

	Specialist Dental Services Websites, advice and help sheets can be		
Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub Website link for further information: https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/health -conditions-and-disabilities/mental-health- and-wellbeing-hub	found on the individual health websites. Offers support and resources on Mental Health Eating Disorders Self-Harm LGBQTI+ Bereavement	Free	Primary ✓ Secondary ✓ KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
MindBLMK Website: https://www.mind-blmk.org.uk/how-we-can-help/milton-keynes/	In Milton Keynes, MindMK have a central Wellbeing Centre (based on Midsummer Boulevard) where they offer peer support and a bereavement by suicide support service. They also have a Community Garden project at York House in Stony Stratford and work across the community to promote better mental health and wellbeing.	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Occupational Therapy Service for children Website: https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/services/community-services/milton-keynes-children-and-young-peoples-occupational-therapy-team	The Occupational Therapy Service support children and young people (CYP) who have significant difficulties with everyday functional skills due to a physical, motor or sensory-based need that impacts on their independence and ability to participate in everyday activities. OT support with: • Specialist Equipment and adaptions • Managing everyday living skills (toileting, feeding, dressing) • fine motor coordination difficulties The website has resources and advice on Sensory needs	Free	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
Paediatric Dietetics service Phone: 01908 996 004 Website: https://www.mkuh.nhs.uk/nutrition-and-dietetics-department/paediatrics	The Paediatric Dietetics service specialise in the nutritional care, assessment and treatment, provide dietary advice for a range of areas including: • Food allergy • Faltering growth • Neonatal nutrition • Cystic Fibrosis • Diabetes • Eating disorders/ restrictive food intake • Supporting alternative feeding methods	Free	Early Years ✓ Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓

Reflect (a free text support service) To start a conversation, anyone can text (please don't WhatsApp!) the word reflect (upper or lower case) to 85258. The service is free, anonymous and does not show up on phone bills.	Reflect is a free, confidential and 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who needs advice or help. It is delivered by trained volunteers and clinicians who are available around the clock to listen and support anyone who is feeling anxious, lonely, overwhelmed or not quite themselves. It is part of the wider network of Shout services across the UK. How does reflect work? After sending the first message, texters receive four automated text messages before being connected to a trained volunteer. There is an aim to connect young people in greatest need within five minutes all others in 30 mins. At busy times it can take longer. Reflect is specifically for young people across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. The service is delivered in partnership with Shout.	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Self-Harm Support Website link for further information: www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/health- conditions-and-disabilities/mental-health- and-wellbeing/self-harm	Advice, contacts and resources for parents and young people experiencing self-harm.	Free	Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Specialist Dental Services Your usual dentist will need to refer your child to this service Phone: 01908 724677 Website: https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/services/community-services/community-dental/buckinghamshire-priority-dental-service	Buckinghamshire Priority Dental Service (BPDS) provides a specialist assessment and treatment service for those adults and children who have learning disabilities, complex and unstable medical needs or severe anxiety and behavioural needs. The website also has an oral health guide for parents.	Free	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y Up to 25 Y

Speech and Language Therapy service Phone: 01908 725299 Website: Milton Keynes Children's Speech and Language Therapy Services :: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (cnwl.nhs.uk)	See the SLT website for advice and resources that support communication and interaction.	Free	Early Years ✓ Primary ✓ KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓
Teen Sleep Hub Website: www.teensleephub.org.uk	Support to help teenagers understand sleep, their sleep patterns and get better sleep.	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓

	Education		
Service Provider	Description		Suitable for:
(Alphabetical order)			
Website: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize	Website to support learning through interactive resources	Free	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary
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Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)	Some children, with more complex or long term needs that are impacting on their ability to access learning and	n/a	Early Years Primary KS1/2
SEND Team phone: 01908 657825 SEND Support Line: Monday-Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm	develop independence, may require an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).		Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓
Email: SENDSupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk	Information about EHCPs, how to apply and how they are reviewed to make sure your child is supported in the most		7 000 20
Location: Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ	appropriate way.		
Free School Meals	Contact child's school for how to apply.	You must be in	Primary KS1/2 ✓
Website links for further information: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-		receipt of certain benefits	Secondary KS3/4 ✓

and-lifelong-learning/information-parents/free-school-meals https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/milton-keynes		to be eligible for free school meals for your child/chil dren – please see link for more details.	
Future Wolverton/The Old School Café in Wolverton Phone: 0783 2959205 Email: Rachel@futurewolverton.org	EHCP funded places to offer weekly work experience at The Old School café and guest house.	Funded through EHCP	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25✓
Website for further links: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools- and-lifelong-learning/information- schools/home-education-schools	Information on MKCC Home education Policy and how to register for home education.	Free	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
Website for further links: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools- and-lifelong-learning/information- parents/home-school-transport	Information about who is eligible for free home to school transport and how to apply.	Criteria applies	Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25 (with EHCP)
LEANS (Learning About Neurodiversity at School) project Website: www.salvesen- research.ed.ac.uk/leans MK Christian Foundation	LEANS is a free, downloadable programme for mainstream primary schools. It introduces pupils aged 8-11 to the concept of neurodiversity and help them explore how it impacts school experiences.	Free	Primary KS2

Phone: 01908 311112 Email: admin@mkchristianfoundation.co.uk Website: https://mkchristianfoundation.co.uk/	The Christian Foundation offers an alternative to school or college.	Free	Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 (with EHCP) ✓
Open University – Free courses Website: www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses School Admissions Phone: 01908 253338 Emails: primaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk secondaryadmissions@milton-keynes.gov.uk Website:https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions	Produced by The Open University, a world leader in open and distance learning, all OpenLearn courses are free to study. There are nearly 1000 free courses across the following different subject areas: • History and the Arts • Languages • Money and Business • Nature and Environment • Science, Maths and Technology • Society, Politics and law • Digital and Computing Information on applying for a school place in Milton Keynes: • Starting primary or junior school • Starting secondary school • In year admissions • Waiting lists for schools • School admission appeals • Admission arrangements	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ (from 13yrs) Post 16 ✓ Primary (starting school for first time) KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓
Schools in Milton Keynes Directory Website: https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/education-and-send/schools-and-settings-send-information	A list of schools in Milton Keynes Primary Schools Secondary Schools Maintained Nurseries	Free	Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 (with EHCP) ✓
Special schools	A list of special schools and schools with specialist departments and links to their websites	Free	Primary KS1/2 ✓

Website: https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/educa tion-and-send/specialist-education			Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 (with EHCP) ✓
Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/SEND/send-resources/transitioning-resources SEND Support Line for further information: 01908 657 825	A selection of resources to support children and young people transitioning between schools and key stages. Transitions can be an anxious time for parents and their child or young person, in order to support with transition, parents', educational staff and any other relevant professionals involved with the child or young person should work together to ensure that the correct support is provided.	Free	Early Years ✓ Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓

Social and Leisure				
	tory on the Local Offer, which can Keynes City Council (mksendlocaloffer.		lat	
Service Provider (Alphabetical order)	Description	Cost	Suitable for:	
1st Bedfordshire Inclusive Girlguiding Unit Email:specialneeds@bedsguiding.org.uk	The South Bedfordshire Division now has an Additional Needs Girlguiding Unit - but you don't have to live in South Bedfordshire, you can live anywhere to join us! The unit is for girls aged 5 to 14 who may not be able to attend the usual weekly meetings, but still want to experience the opportunities that Girlguiding has to offer.	Contact for details	Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3 ✓	
BOBiCats football Phone: Berks and Bucks FA 01235 558450	Provides young children with disabilities with the opportunity to play football (4-8 years)	Contact for details	Early Years (from 4) ✓ Primary KS1 ✓	
Email: Development@berks-BucksFA.com				
Butterflies Sessions For children with additional needs Phone: 01908 217135	Available to all families across MK who children have additional needs.	Free	Early Years ✓ Primary KS1/2✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓	

Location: Tickford Meadow Children's Centre, Newport Pagnell			Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 (with EHCP) ✓
Climb Quest Autism Friendly Sessions Websites: https://climbquest.co.uk/climb- with-us/send-sessions https://spectrum.org.uk/spectrum- sessions/	On the 1st Sunday of each month, Climb Quest run a special session for those climbers with special educational needs. SPECTRUM Working with Spectrum, to hold one session a month for their members.	£11 a session	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
Phone 07825 338087 Email samina.mehrab@buckscb.org	Disability Cricket Sessions - Super1's Cricket sessions for ages 12-25 Bletchley leisure centre, Fridays 5pm – 6pm, please contact before attending first session.	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Website: https://www.disabilitysnowsport.org.uk/	DSUK caters for all types of disabilities from who can stand to those in wheelchairs. They have the equipment and specially trained instructors to handle all disabilities and ages.	Contact for details	Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25
Elite Dance and Theatre Arts – SEN Sessions Phone: 07973 379009 Email: elitedancetheatrearts@gmail.com Location: Monkston Community Centre	Elite Dance & Theatre Tuition offer a wide range of dance and theatre classes.	Contact for details	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
Gravity SEND Session Website: https://www.gravity- uk.com/xscape-milton- keynes/activities/sen-sessions Meeting days: Thursdays 4:30 – 5:30 Sunday 9:00am -10:00am	Trampolining has been shown to help with a wide range of sensory, developmental and physical issues. In our Reduced Sound & Light sessions, Gravity offers a dedicated yet fun environment for any bouncers who wish to join us in a calmer, quieter environment	£5 a session £3 for socks	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y

Groovy Gecko Club Night Phone: 01908 318285 Email: info@interactionmk.org.uk The Slug and Lettuce, 1 Savoy Crescent, Theatre District, Milton Keynes, MK9 3PU	Nightclub for adults with learning difficulties and/or learning difficulties on first Tuesday of every month, based at the Slug and Lettuce, Milton Keynes. 7pm – 9:30pm	Members: £5 Non- Members: £7 Carers: £3 Tickets available at the door	Post 18 ✓
Inclusive tennis Website: http://www.mkinclusivetennis.co.uk/ Website: https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/mkit Locations: Olney Tennis Club Newport Pagnell Tennis Club	Delivering tennis to those who would normally find it difficult to access the sport.	Contact for details	Primary KS1/2 ✓ Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Milton Keynes Disabilities Gymnastics Website: http://www.miltonkeynesgymnastics.co.uk/ gymnastics/disabilities Website: https://miltonkeynesgymnastics.co.uk/sessions/ Email: Reception@mkgym.co.uk Location: Kingston Meeting days: Saturdays 5:25pm -6:30pm	Gymnastics club open to all.	Contact for details	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16
MK Dons Disability Football Phone: 07741313279 Website: http://www.mkdonsset.com/ Email: Kelly.day@mkdonsset.com Location: Woughton on The Green	Disability football for all ages	£5 a session	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25
Milton Keynes Springers SEND Sessions	An inclusive gymnastic club, offering activities for all ages and abilities.	£34.50 a month	Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3 (up to 13)

Website: https://mkspringers.com/club-sessions/club-sessions-milton-keynes/ Meeting days: Tuesdays at 5pm MK Gallery Inclusive/accessible events Phone: 01908 676 900 Email: info@mkgallery.org Website: https://mkgallery.org/whats-on/?event-descriptor=accessible-events	The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities class runs throughout the year, these classes have a lower gymnast to coach ratio. Relaxed cinema viewings, SEND Exhibition Tours and Family Workshops	Club member ship fee £25 annually Contact for details	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
Neil's Swim School4ALL Phone: 07427 240156 Email: Tazm2001@icloud.com Location: Freedom Leisure, Willen Lake	Specialist Swimming Lessons for children with Autism or SEND	Contact for details	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16
SEND Family Swimming Email: Lesley.byrne@slatedrow.com Location: Middleton Pool, Newport Pagnell	Swimming sessions for families with SEND.	Contact for details	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16
Sensory Rooms at MKCC Children and Family Centres Website with contact details: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-s-centres Contact individual centres for availability and booking information	Sensory rooms are available for families to use	Contact for details	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y

Service Six	Youth Club – for young people aged 11+	Contact	Secondary
Spectrum Youth Club/cafe Phone: 01933 277520	with SEND (Thursdays 4pm – 5pm) Youth Café – For young people aged 16+ with SEND (Tuesday 5:15pm – 6:15	for details	KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y Up to 25 Y
Email: www.servicesix.co.uk	pm)		υρ το 25 ♥
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Short Break Vouchers and how to apply Website for further links: https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/education-health-and-care-plans-ehcps/short-breaks	Short Breaks enable children and young people with EHCPs to try something different and make new friends while having time away from their primary carers. They are also an opportunity for carers to take some time out	Free for families with CYP with EHCP	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16
Splash and Play SEN Sessions Website: https://www.willenlake.org.uk/activities/off -the-water/splash-n-play/sen-sessions Location: Willen Lake	Splash 'n' Play is one of the UK's largest outdoor splash parks with over 60 unique water features, SEN sessions are in a less crowded environment.	£6 a child	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
TeenSpace Email: Teenspace8@gmail.com Meeting day: Fridays 7:00 – 8:30	A board game club run by parents of secondary age teenagers (13-16) who have been diagnosed with autism. A parent must be present at all times	£5 a person per session	KS3/4 ✓ Ages 13 - 16
The Games Café Email: Roz.mascarenhas@milton-keynes.gov.uk Location: MK Gallery Cafe	Refreshments and games are provided Fridays, once a month	Contacts for details	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ 12-18 year olds
What's the drama Ltd. Phone: 07759 531392 Email: Whatsthedrama@hotmail.com Website: http://www.whatsthedrama.comhttp://www.whatsthedrama.com	What's the drama is a service for adults with both physical and learning disabilities. It aims to provide a space where people can pursue their interest in theatre, performance, dance or singing.	Contact for details	18+ 🗸

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Phone: 07850 916600 (Youth Starz Project Manager Katie Marsh)	Youth Starz is a new and exciting project for Children and Young people aged 4-19 years. The project offers activities including sport, music, dance and life skills including cooking.	Contact for details	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y
Website: http://servicesix.co.uk/youth-starz-project.html Website: https://www.servicesix.co.uk/			Post 16 🗸

W	Work and Volunteering			
Service Provider (Alphabetical order)	Description (AS/AF)	Cost	Suitable for:	
BASE UK Website: https://www.base-uk.org/home	The British Association for Supported Employment (BASE) the national trade association for the supported employment sector. Their purpose is to support, promote and develop the principles and provision of supported employment.	Free	Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓	
Community employment service (CES) Phone: 01908 252323 Email: nep@milton-keynes.gov.uk Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/CLMK/community-employment-service-ces	A free employability support service designed to help Milton Keynes residents into work. Each service offers you practical help and advice with the steps towards finding work, guidance with identifying skills and potential work options and information about local job vacancies and training opportunities	Free	Post 16 up to 25 🗸	
Community Learning MK 16-19 Team	We offer a free and confidential service for young people in Milton Keynes aged 16-19 (up to 25 for care leavers and young people who have special educational needs and or a disability)	Free	Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓	

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Young People's Careers Information, Advice and Guidance Phone: 01908 254410 Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/CLMK/16-19-team-support-and-resources	 who are not in education, employment, or training. Our aim is to support young people to understand the options open to them in order that they can make realistic and informed choices. We offer impartial advice on: Career Pathways Education and Training Courses Traineeships and Apprenticeships Help with looking and applying for jobs CV writing and employability skills 		
Employability Talkback Email: employability@talkback-uk.com Website: www.talkback-uk.com Website: www.talkback-uk.com	Talkback offers a wide range of employment programmes that caters for all ages and abilities.	Free	Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Supported internships and job coaching Phone: 01908 657825 SEND Support Line: Monday-Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm Email: SENDSupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/SEND/support-young-people/work-and-training	Supported internships are structured study programmes based primarily at a workplace. They enable young people aged 16-24 with SEND to achieve sustainable, paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work through learning in the workplace.	Free	Post 16 up to 25 ✓
The Prince's Trust Website: www.princes-trust.org.uk	The Prince's Trust believes that every young person should have the chance to succeed, no matter what their background or the challenges they are facing. They support those from disadvantaged communities and those facing the greatest adversity by supporting them to build the confidence and skills to live, learn and earn. The courses offered by The Trust help young people aged 11-30 to develop	FREE	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓

essential life skills, get ready for work	
and access job opportunities.	

Independent living / Achieving Independence			
Service Provider (Alphabetical order)	Description	Cost	Suitable for:
Barclays Life Skills Website: www.barclayslifeskills.comWebsite: www.barclayslifeskills.com	LifeSkills offers a range of free tools, tips and interactive resources to help young people to recognise and develop their skills. They aim to help build confidence and boost employability covering the following areas: Build a job-hunting toolbox Identify skills Gain experience	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Community Learning MK Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/CLMK	Information about adult education, youth advice, music education and employment support. • Adult education • Music hub • 16-19 Team • Supported Employment MK • Community Employment Service	Contact for details	Up to 25 (From 19 years)
Living Independently Phone: SEND Team contact information 01908 657825 SEND Support Line: Monday- Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm Email: SENDSupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk Website to further links: https://www.milton- keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong- learning/SEND/support-young-people/living- independently	Information about living independently, choosing where to live and how to pay for your home as well as other useful tips. Types of housing Who do you want to live with? Cooking /food hygiene Looking after your home Paying Managing your money	Free	Post 16 V Up to 25V

MacIntyre Website:	MacIntyre provide learning, support and care for young people and adults who have a learning disability and / or autism	Free	Post 18 ~ Up to 25 ~
https://www.macintyrecharity.org/			
Website to further links: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools- and-lifelong-learning/SEND/support-young- people/managing-your-money VoirBank DEBIT CARD 5073 1231 8715 11323 10213 10213	Information about how to get money and how to pay your bills safely. • Wages • Disability Living Allowance (DLA) • Personal Independence Payment (PIP) • Employment Support Allowance (ESA) • Personal Budgets • Paying your bills	Free	Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
MK Snap Website:: https://mksnap.org/	MK SNAP provides a leading programme of education, life skills, work preparation and opportunities for work to adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities, giving them the skills to realise their potential.	Contact for details	Post 18 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Self-care café Phone: 07586543551 Email: Jayne.hobbs@milton-keynes.gov.uk Location: Christ the Cornerstone Church	Every Wednesday 11-12 For young people aged 16-19 (25 with an EHCP) who are not in education or work and are currently looking to take time for self-care and build on their confidence.	Free	Post 16 V Up to 25 V
Skills4Success Autism Beds Email: ebony.willis@autismbeds.org Website: https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/support- for-children/skills4success	This is a project for 16-19 year olds with lower support needs and provides a variety of bespoke skills courses to support learning and development alongside social opportunities within the community. Most of the skills courses will run for approximately 6weeks and follow a planned scheme of work. Typical courses include cookery, money management, travel training, preemployment and volunteering	Contact for details	Post 16 (Up to 19 years)
Well-being and life skills course Phone: 07586543551	A 5 week course for young people aged 16-19 (25 with an EHCP) which support young person's well-being, build confidence and upskill them in	Free	Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓

Email: Jayne.hobbs@milton-keynes.gov.uk	preparation for employment, education or training.	
Location: Christ the Cornerstone Church		

Support and Advice					
Service Provider	Description	Cost:	Suitable for:		
(Alphabetical order)					
Ambitious about Autism	For autistic children and young people, their parents and carers	Free	Early Years Primary KS1/2		
Phone : 020 8815 5444	Ambitious about Autism is the national charity standing with		Secondary		
E-mail: info@ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk	autistic children and young people. The charity's vision is a		KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓		
Website: www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk	future where every autistic child		Up to 25 ✓		
	and young person can be themselves and realise their ambitions.				
Autism Bedfordshire (also covers MK)	Autism Bedfordshire's services help break down the barriers to	Free (some	Early Years Y		
Email: enquiries@autismbeds.org	social participation for autistic people and their families by	activities	KS1/2 🗸		
Website: https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/	providing places where they can go and feel comfortable,	cost)	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓		
CO	accepted and not judged by society.		Up to 25 ~		
Autism Early Support (formerly known as Puzzle Centre)	Specialists in early intervention for children with autism or	Contact for	Early Years Primary		
Website: https://autismearlysupport.org.uk/	communication difficulties, working with families and	details	KS1/2 ✓ Secondary		
<u> </u>	practitioners across the UK to offer structured assessments,		KS3 (up to		
CO	practical support and advice,		12)		
	training and consultancy in response to your and your child's				
Covers MV	needs.	Eroo	Farly Vacret		
Carers MK	Carers MK has support groups, specialist training and social	Free	Early Years Primary		
Website: www.carersmiltonkeynes.org	events to help and support carers in their caring role.		KS1/2 ✓ Secondary		
00	Carers MK Support:		KS3/4 🗸		
	Adult and parent carers		Post 16 🗸		
	Young adult carers Young carers		Up to 25 ✓		

Children and Families Practice (CFP) Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-and-families-practices-central-north-south	Early help for children/young people and their families when they need it most, in the Central area of Milton Keynes. Children and Families Practices	Free	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Page 16 M
	(CFPs) aim to make sure that children (up to 25 years old) and their families receive the right level of support when they need it most.		Post 16 ✓ Up to 25✓
National Autistic Society Website: https://www.autism.org.uk/	For parents of autistic children, young autistic people and autistic adults.	Free	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25
Phone: 07852 526057 Email: pacamk@gmail.com Website: https://pacamk.org/ Parent Support Group run by Service Six Phone: 07850 916600 Website: www.servicesix.co.uk	PACA is an independent forum for parent carers of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs who live in the city of Milton Keynes, influencing change by representing what matters to SEND families in MK. We share our experiences with decision makers to bring about real change to develop local services and to make lives better for our families by holding Coffee mornings to meet other parents, focus groups to share your views and publish reports on the issues parents raise. 3rd Wednesday of every month at Chapter Community Centre	Contact for details	Early Years Yerimary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y Up to 25 Y Early Years Yerimary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y Up to 25 Y
Website: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/children-and-family-centres	Children and family centres offer support and activities for families across Milton Keynes. These centres are hubs of activities and services for families and the local community	Free (some activities may have a cost)	Early Years Y Primary KS1/2 Y Secondary KS3/4 Y Post 16 Y
Milton Keynes Local Offer	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer is	Free	Early Years

Website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/MKSEND Website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/MKSEND MK SEND Local Offer Facebook www.facebook.com/MKSEND SEND Newsletter and how to sign up	an online service which provide information about how Milton Keynes supports children and young people with SEND. The website contains information on - Education and SEND Early Years Support for young people and preparation for adulthood Leisure and things to do Health conditions and disabilities Education, health and care plans (EHCPs) Social Care Programmes and workshops Working together/coproduction It also includes a calendar of local events and a SEND directory. Milton Keynes SEND team and Parents and Carers Alliance (PACA)	Free	Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25 Early Years Primary
Website:	MK) work together to produce a		KS1/2 🗸
https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/education-	half termly SEND newsletter.		Secondary
and-send/what-send-team-does/send-newsletter			KS3/4 🗸 ´
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			Up to 25 ✓
Telephone: 01908 254518 from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday (answer phone facility). Email: contact@mksendias.org.uk Website: www.mksendias.org.ukWebsite: www.mksendias.org.uk	MK Special Educational Needs and Disability Service (SENDIAS) is a statutory service offering confidential and impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with additional needs and their parents/carers. Their remit covers education, health and social care between the ages of 0 - 25.	Free	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25
SEND Team Support Line	A telephone and email support service to provide information	Telephone call rates	Early Years Primary
Phone: 01908 657825	and signposting related to the	(local rates	KS1/2 ~
	education of children and young	if on landline,	Secondary
Email: sendsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk	people within MK.	check with	KS3/4 ✓
∞	Open Term Time - Monday to Friday, 9:30 – 3:30. Reduced hours during school holidays.	service provider if from a mobile)	Post 16 V Up to 25 V
Service Six	A children's and young people's	Free	Early Years
	charity focussing in mental health	(some	Primary
Phone: 01933 277520	and well being.	activities	KS1/2 ~

Website: www.servicesix.co.ukWebsite: www.servicesix.co.uk		may cost)	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓
Spectrum Website: https://spectrum.org.uk/	Spectrum is a multi-award winning, parent-led children's charity who provide events, sessions, and support for families of children with Autism, additional needs, learning difficulties, and disabilities.	Member ship is free, activities may cost.	Early Years Primary KS1/2 Secondary KS3/4 Post 16 Up to 25
YiS Young People's Mental Health Education, Outreach and counselling. Phone: 01908 604700 Email: info@mkyis.org.uk Website: www.mkyis.org.uk Website: www.mkyis.org.uk	YiS is a charity that works in MK to help young people as well as the people who support them.	Free	Secondary KS3/4 ✓ Post 16 ✓ Up to 25 ✓

Glossary of terms

AAC – Augmentative and Alternative Communication

Academy School – Run by not-for-profit academy trusts and are independent of the Local Authority.

Access Arrangements - are the provisions made for candidates, agreed before they take an assessment, to ensure that they can be validly assessed and not unfairly disadvantaged due to a disability, temporary illness or injury or if their first language is not English.

ADD - Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Annual Review – Parents of children with an EHCP will have a meeting every year to discuss their child's progress, provision and next steps.

Area of Need – The SEND Code of Practice identifies four broad areas of need: communication and interaction, cognition and learning, social, emotional and mental health difficulties and sensory and/or physical needs

ASC – Autism Spectrum Condition

ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder

CAMHS – Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service

CYP – Children and young people (YP) Young people

DfE – Department for Education

DLA – Disability Living Allowance

EAL - English as an Additional Language

EHCNA - Education and Health Care Needs Assessment

EHCP – Education Health Care Plan

EPS – Educational Psychology Service

EY – Early Years

EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage

LSA – Learning Support Assistant

Mainstream School – A school teaching pupils of a wide range of abilities and aptitudes, it is not a Special School or Pupil Referral Unit

Maintained School – these are community schools run by the Local Authority.

Mediation and Mediation Advice – A more informal way of trying to settle a dispute between a parent or young person and the local authority.

OfSTED – Office for Standards in Education

OT – Occupational Therapy

PACA – Parent and Carers Association

PECS – Picture Exchange Communication System

PR- Parental Responsibility

PRU – Pupil Referral Unit

Reasonable Adjustments – a school considering in advance what they will do to ensure that a pupil with a disability will not be disadvantaged by their needs and will be able to access and participate in the education that is provided to all pupils.

SaLT – Speech and Language Therapy

SEND – Special Education Needs and Disabilities

SENDIAS – Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service **Special School** – A school which specialises in an area of special educational needs.