

Barking & Dagenham

SEND LOCAL OFFER Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

We hope all children and young people will be happy throughout this school year with their education settings or alternative provision.

This is the 1st edition of the Barking and Dagenham (B&D) SEND Local Offer Newsletter. You will find:

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Useful Contact:

- ❖ MASH Team:
020 8227 3811 (Monday-Friday)
020 8215 3000 (Out of duty hours)
- ❖ Travel Assistance:
transport.request@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Targeted Early Help Service:
020 8227 5600
familynavigators@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ 0-19 Children's Health Universal Service
- ❖ EHCP Team
EHCCenquires@lbbd.gov.uk
020 8227 2400

SEND Local Offer website

Consultation and Co-production



[Barking and Dagenham \(B&D\) SEND Local Offer](#) is for You – children and young people with SEND and their families.

It is a one place information about provision available across education, health and social care for children and young people who have SEN or are disabled.

Local Offer website is now asking children, young people, parents/carers and the practitioners supporting them to share views and experiences of the website.

Please visit (close 20/9/23)

[Local Offer Consultation](#)



We want to use the survey to improve the design, content and experience of the Local Offer website so people in B&D can get the right information, advice and support when they need.

Partnership and Co-production

Starting from September, our new SEND Family Co-production Lead Gigi will start to visit schools, college, and attend forums to capture your views on the SEND Local Offer website. She is looking forward to meeting you to co-design our SEND Local Offer website together!

Contact:

gigi.kwong@lbbd.gov.uk



Just Say Parent Carer Forum (JSPCF)

In our area JSPCF is the Department for Education recognised Parent Carer Forum. Anyone living in B&D who has a child or young person aged 0-25 years with SEND can join for free. For information and membership, please contact and visit:

- ❖ Phone/SMS: 07936 851199
- ❖ Email: justsaybdforum@gmail.com
- ❖ Website: www.justsayforum.online
- ❖ Facebook: Just Say Parent Carer Forum



Young People's Development Forum (YPDF)

Children and Young People are at the heart of everything we do.

Any children and young people ages 8-25 with SEND living in B&D are welcome to join the YPDF. YPDF meet regularly to identify issues, co-produce and manage their project work, and lead on strategic development of the Progress Project as a charity.

Through joining YPDF, our children and young people will build confidence to participate fully in community activity and develop leadership skills to acquire a 'voice' which directly influences local service strategies.

For information or participation, please visit and contact:

- ❖ [Barking and Dagenham Progress Project | Dagenham | Facebook](#)
- ❖ [Young People's Development Forum \(YPDF\) / \[forum@bdpp.org.uk\]\(mailto:forum@bdpp.org.uk\)](#)



Top Tips for parents and carers

High Aspirations and Expectations for children with SEN:

- ✓ All schools and colleges have a duty to use their best endeavours and make reasonable adjustments to provide support to children and young people with SEN.

SEN Support:

- ✓ Schools and colleges should use SEN support, a graduated approach (Assess – Plan – Do – Review cycle) to support pupils with SEN and disabilities.

Inclusion and Exclusion:

- ✓ Through early intervention and looking at key strategies such as the prevention of/and reducing exclusion, schools should focus on ways to engage children and young people in their learning and keep pupils in schools to achieve good attendance. Exclusion should be a last resort. For guidance, please visit or contact [Inclusion Team: inclusion@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:inclusion@lbbd.gov.uk)
- ✓ If your child has an EHCP with a threat of an exclusion, school should arrange an emergency review of an EHCP, or request an increase SEN support, or seek specialist advice from services. If you have this concern, please contact your allocated [EHC Co-ordinator](#).

Health Services for CYP with SEND



There is an up to date list of health services for children and young people with SEND on our [Local Offer](#) Website. Here are some links of the health provision:

- [Audiology](#): consultant-led service provides assessment and management of hearing and balance in people aged up to 19.
- [Barking and Dagenham CAMHS](#): provide child and adolescent mental health & emotional wellbeing services.
- [Child and Adolescent Speech and Language Therapy](#): provides specialist diagnosis and treatment of communication and/or feeding and swallowing difficulties for children and young people up to the age of 16 years.
- [Children's Integrated Therapies – SALT, OT & PT](#): The team works with children and young people (CYP) aged 0-19. They have 6 pathways with clear entry criteria and set packages of care based on need.
- [Paediatric Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy](#): they assess the child, set goals with the child and family and/or school to help them achieve their physical potential.



Information, Advice and Support – Barking and Dagenham Carers' Hub

Barking and Dagenham Carer's Hub provides support and guidance for parents, carers and young people with Special Educational Needs.

There are many ways they can help:

- ✓ Help you understand the SEN and EHCP process
- ✓ Support at meetings such as termly parent evening or annual review
- ✓ Prepare and Support for exclusion meetings
- ✓ Provide free advocacy, support and information

Please contact:

- ❖ 020 8593 4422
- ❖ carers@carerscentre.org.uk
- ❖ <https://www.carerscentre.org.uk/iass>

Upcoming Events /

Fun Activities

Please click the badges for details:

[Events for children, young people and families](#)

[Children and Young People Disability Hub](#)

[Short Breaks](#)

[AbPhab Youth Club \(RM8 2UT\)](#)

[Future Youth Zone RM9 5YX](#)