

SEND

Welcome to the Summer issue of the SEND Newsletter, 2024

Has summer finally arrived??

Now the sun is starting to shine, we hope families are enjoying some of the lovely outdoor spaces and parks Lancashire has to offer and making the most of some drier weather!

Lots of children will be preparing to start school after the summer holidays or making the transition to secondary school. There is a brilliant article in this edition produced by SENDIAS, and you can also find some helpful tips on the Lancashire County Council website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/getting-ready-to-start-school

We hope you enjoy reading this Summer edition of the SEND newsletter. Carers Week 2024 takes place from 10th – 16th June 2024, a yearly campaign which aims to highlight the challenges faced by carers and recognise the outstanding contribution that unpaid carers make to their families, friends and communities up and down the UK. You can find details of some of the support groups for carers available in Lancashire inside the newsletter.

Following Deaf Awareness Week 2024, which took place in May, we have also highlighted some d/Deaf baby and toddler groups in Lancashire which are run by Teachers of the Deaf, plus other support and activities for deaf and hard of hearing children and young people.

Lancashire Family Hubs Network has some fantastic activities taking place over the summer holidays, don't forget to follow your local Family Hub page on Facebook or take a look at their website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs

Have a wonderful summer!

Anna Burkinshaw

Policy, Commissioning and Children's Health

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Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

Theodore Roosevelt





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SHORT BREAKS

Commissioned by



FREE

Packed full of sport, games and fun activities to provide your child with the ultimate fun and safe experience.

play games make friends inclusive

BURNLEY

ST STEPHEN'S C.E. (AIDED)
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOODGROVE ROAD
BB11 3EJ
Every Monday, 5pm -7pm

CHORLEY

SOUTHLANDS HIGH
SCHOOL
1 HARESTONE AVENUE,
CHORLEY PR7 2NJ
Every Friday, 5pm -7pm

HYNDBURN

RHYDDINGS SCHOOL
BB5 3EA
Every Tuesday, 5pm -7pm

ORMSKIRK

ORMSKIRK WEST END
PRIMARY GRIMSHAW LANE
L39 1PA
Every Thursday, 5pm -7pm

PRESTON

MOORBROOK SCHOOL
AINSLIE ROAD
PR2 3DB
Every Wednesday, 5pm -7pm

Inclusive Short Breaks programme, designed for children and young people with SEND.
For more information and to book contact: craig.holcroft@sportworksltd.co.uk

It's Official maktoom

As we broaden our Maktoom services for families and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, we are delighted to announce that Maktoom is now a registered Break-Time provider supported by Lancashire County Council. We offer a diverse range of short break activities and services tailored to our SEN families.

We'd like to thank all the families, volunteers, professionals, and well-wishers who have supported us on our journey since 2017.

It takes a Special heart to look after Special people
@wearemaktoom



Sunday InClub Sessions
Every Sunday 2:30
til 5:30pm

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL BETHANY.HENRY@INSPIREYOUTHZONE.ORG

Places are limited and on a first come first serve basis, which are bookable online

£3 FOR BREAKTIME MEMBERS
£6 FOR NON BREAKTIME MEMBERS

Activities range from...

- Rock climbing
- Dance
- Games
- Baking
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- Football
- and more...**

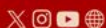
JOIN IN THE FUN!



To access the application form for children or staff, please visit our website at www.maktoom.org.uk
For any inquiries, reach out to us at maktoom@quwwatulislam.org.uk



Quwwatul Islam, Peel Hall Street, Preston, PR1 6QQ



Inspire Youth Zone, Chapel Street, Chorley, PR7 1BS
Registered Charity No. 1167309

Lancashire Short Breaks Service

Break Time

Break Time provides fun group activities to children and young people aged 4-18, living in Lancashire, who have a special educational need and/or disability (SEND). Activities take place after school, at weekends and during school holidays and give parents and carers a short break from their caring role.

New Break Time Provider

We were pleased to welcome a new Break Time provider in the Preston area from April this year. Maktoom are very experienced in supporting children and young people with SEND, and we are delighted to have them on board!

We are still looking for new providers, to increase the range of activities available to Break Time members and their families. If you know of a suitable organisation that may be interested, please ask them to contact us at cyp-shortbreaks@lancashire.gov.uk

Registrations

Families must register every year if they wish their child to attend Break Time groups. Registrations for 2024/25 took place during the autumn term, with a second period in May 2024 for families that missed the original deadline. If you applied in May, you should receive a letter confirming the outcome over the coming weeks.

Please remember that registrations for 2025/26 will be open in October 2024 and you must re-register then if you wish your child to continue their membership after 31st March 2025.

My child has been awarded Break Time hours – what now?

Once you have been notified of your child's Break Time membership number, you can select a suitable provider from the list on the Local Offer ([link below](#)). Contact the provider by phone or email to discuss your child's needs and to book sessions.

There will be a parental contribution to pay – usually around £2 per hour, but this can vary depending on the activity offered. The provider can advise when booking. You can book and attend sessions in any area you choose, however please be aware we do not provide transport (one or two providers do offer their own pick-up service).

If you agreed to receiving promotional materials on your child's registration form, we may email you occasionally with flyers and information from local Break Time providers.



Things to remember

- Keep your child's Break Time membership number safe – you will need this when booking activity sessions. If you do lose the number, you can request a copy via email; include your child's full name, date of birth and your postcode.
- Keep a record of the sessions you have booked, so you know how many hours are still available to use. There is a downloadable Hours Tracker on the Local Offer pages, or you could use the paper version included with your child's membership letter.
- You will need to re-register each year in order to continue to use the service. Registrations for 2025/26 will take place in the autumn term 2024 – updates will be shared on the Local Offer website and facebook page closer to the time.

Feedback

We welcome feedback (good or bad!) from all Break Time members and their families, to help us develop and improve the service further. If there is anything you would like to tell us about your experience of using the service, please complete the online form at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/short-breaks-feedback

Contact Details

For any queries on the Break Time service, please contact us at breaktime@lancashire.gov.uk

If you prefer to speak to someone, please call:

0300 123 6720 and ask for the Children and Family Wellbeing SEND Team.

Full information on Break Time, including details of all our providers, can be found on the Local Offer at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time.

If you feel your child needs more support than Break Time provides, you can request a Child & Family assessment, so we can fully understand and identify the best way to meet their needs. Call **0300 123 6720** to request an assessment.

Break Time Plus

Break Time Plus enables children and young people who receive a social care package of support following an assessment, or who are in the care of Lancashire County Council or another local authority, to access group activities as part of their package of care.

You do not need to register for Break Time Plus – speak to your child's social worker or allocated worker, or visit the Local Offer page: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time-plus



10 - 16 June 2024



Are you an unpaid carer?



An unpaid carer is someone who looks after a family member or friend who could not cope without their support.

The person they care for could have a disability, illness, mental health condition, or may need extra help as they grow older. Caring is often part and parcel of family life and close friendships.

Every day, 6,000 people in the UK start looking after someone close to them, unpaid. For many, caring is something that happens gradually when someone becomes older, or has a progressive illness. For others, it arises suddenly, for example as the result of an accident, a stroke or as a consequence of a COVID-19 infection.

Caring can be hugely rewarding, but it can also have an impact on all aspects of your life. Looking after someone without the right information and support can be tough. If any of the issues below are affecting you, the organisations supporting Carers Week, listed overleaf, may be able to help.

Getting more support

You can find out about local support groups and services by contacting your local council or Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland.

They can also tell you what rights you have.

For example, a carer's assessment can explore what your needs are and the support available, from emotional assistance to practical help.

Looking after yourself

Taking care of your health and wellbeing is essential when you are caring for someone, but it can be challenging. You may struggle to eat and sleep well, find the time to exercise and manage your stress levels. It's common to feel lonely or isolated as a carer, especially as friends and family might not understand how difficult it can be.

For more information visit:

carersweek.org/info-for-carers

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Lancashire Young Carers Service

Are you caring for someone with a physical disability, mental health problem and/or a drugs and alcohol problem, and:

- You are affected by your caring responsibilities
- You are not getting along with family or friends
- Feeling down about your situation
- Your health and wellbeing are being affected by your caring role
- You are not getting any spare time of your own
- You are struggling with homework and lack of support in school

We can help, after assessing your needs, by:

- Making sure you and your family have the right support in place
- Helping you make informed choices
- Providing information on friendships and activities in your local area
- Working with your school and training providers to support you to reach your goals
- Offering you one to one support and groupwork
- Working on your feelings and refer you to services we think might be able to help

If you are under 18 years old and any of these issues or similar ones are affecting you or someone you know, call us confidentially on: 01772 641002

Believe in children
 Barnardo's

The Lancashire Carers Service works across the county providing support and information to unpaid adult carers (18+). Our service is delivered in partnership - n-compass delivering in North and Central Lancashire and Carers Link delivering in East Lancashire.

Support available includes:

- Statutory Carers Assessments and Reviews
- Specialist 1-2-1 and group support
- Information, advice and guidance on a range of carer related matters
- 1-2-1 and group Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Person-Centred Counselling
- Magazines twice a year detailing local groups, activities, courses and much more
- Support with contingency planning, including Peace of Mind 4 Carers Plan
- Support to access community and health and wellbeing services
- A 24/7 volunteer-staffed Carers Help And Talk (CHAT) Line
- PenPal Scheme
- Support to access a wide range of digital resources to support health and wellbeing
- Digital Carers Community Network
- Support for former carers
- Volunteering opportunities for carers, including volunteering for the CHAT Line, PenPal Scheme, befriending and Sitting-In services
- Carers Awareness Briefings and Carer Champion Training to other professionals aiming to increase the number of hidden carers identified and supported in Lancashire



North & Central Lancashire
W: www.n-compass.org.uk/our-services/carers
E: enquiries@lancscarers.co.uk
T: 0345 688 7113 option 2
F: @lancscarers

East Lancashire
W: <https://www.carerslinklancashire.co.uk>
E: info@carerslinklancashire.co.uk
T: 0345 688 7113 option 1
F: @carerslinklancashire

10th - 14th JUNE 2024



Carers Week 2024

'Putting Carers on the Map'

Card Making

Come along and try your hand at card making. Choose from a selection of different designs and materials to make a greetings card of your own!

£3 PER PERSON

Monday 10th June,
10am - 12:30pm,
Carers Link Community Facility,
Accrington

Gratitude and Joy Workshop

Life can be uncertain, hard and complex at times. This session will discuss what gratitude is, how to practice it and how it can benefit our lives.

FREE, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Tuesday 11th June,
5.30pm - 7pm
Chai Centre, Hurlley Street, Burnley
BB10 1BY

Citizens Advice Website Demo

This session will empower you to find the right information on the Citizens Advice website.

FREE, BUFFET PROVIDED

Wednesday 12th June,
11am - 12:30pm,
Carers Link Community Facility,
Accrington

Drumming for Wellbeing

Drumming can relieve stress and boost confidence! Try something new and join our friendly drumming circle.

FREE

Thursday 13th June,
1.30pm - 3.30pm,
Carers Link Colne Shop,
59 Market Street, BB8 0LL

Afternoon Tea and Singalong

Join us at our Community Facility for afternoon tea, followed by a singalong. To book please contact us at: activities@carerslinklancashire.co.uk

£5 PER PERSON

Friday 14th June, 12noon - 2:30pm,
Carers Link Community Facility,
Accrington



Carers Link Lancashire
IMPROVING LIFE FOR CARERS



everyone
matters.

Everyone Matters is a group for parents and carers of children and young adults with disabilities or SEN needs. You are welcome to join us every first Tuesday of the month at 1-3pm.

Everyone Matters provides a friendly, safe and supportive environment for you to come and meet others.

Brave Church, Watson St,
Oswaldtwistle BB5 3HH

Phone: 01254 372771

Email: hello@bravechurch.co.uk
Website: www.bravechurch.co.uk

Find us on Facebook

Spectrum of Light
You are not alone

'you are not alone'

Spectrum of Light Rossendale is a parent carer support group of children whom have extra needs

**MONDAY EVENINGS
7.00PM - 9.00PM**

Come along to our safe space with people who are in similar positions. Make friends, give and take away advice. £2 donation, refreshments are provided.

For more information contact **Julie** on
07968 057954
info@spectrumoflightrossendale.co.uk

Do you
think
your
child
may

**HOME
START**
in East
Lancashire



have additional or behavioural needs or have you got a diagnosis and need help?

Coffee Morning

Home Start are running informative coffee mornings for parent/carers, of all children who have additional and/or behavioural needs, who would like to share/gain advice and ideas with others.

Topics such as managing behaviour, sleep, nutrition, sensory needs will be discussed and ideas and resources are available.

No need to book—just turn up

Contact **Rachael** for more information:
07702 555078



Family
AUTISM
Service

Is your child seeking or has an autism diagnosis?

Do you live in East Lancashire or Blackburn with Darwen?

Is your child/children under 25 years old?

Are you a parent/carer looking for information, advice and support?

Come along to our:

- Parent Support Group
- Autism Awareness Sessions and workshops
- Cygnet Course
- Social Activities (for families, young people, siblings)
- Emotional Health and Well Being sessions



MAKE A REFERRAL

For more information:

📞 01254 244706 | ✉ autism@canw.org.uk | www.canw.org.uk

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NHS
Lancashire and
South Cumbria
Integrated Care Board



Lancashire Positive Minds Parent/Carer Support Group

Anxiety / Obsessions and Compulsions / Depression / Self Harm
Eating Disorders / Psychosis / Suicidal Thoughts / Autism
Low Mood / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/
Borderline Personality Disorders / Self Esteem and confidence issues
and more.

Supporting a child, whatever age, with Neurodiverse and Mental Health difficulties and needs can be really challenging, isolating, emotionally, physically and mentally exhausting.
You are not alone!

Come along to the group, meet with other likeminded Parents/Carers in similar situations and get both peer and professional support in a confidential, safe environment. The Group is very much parent led but professionally supported who can provide support, advice, guidance, practical tips and strategies, topic discussions and guest speakers all whilst you can have some time for you and have a cup of tea/coffee!

Leyland Group meet - First Monday of the month from 6.30 – 8.30pm
Preston Group Meet - Second Thursday of the month from 6.30-8pm
Contact the below number for further details.

Email: Lancashirepositiveminds@gmail.com
Telephone– 07824 042908
Instagram:Lancashire_Positive_Minds
Twitter:Lancashirepositiveminds@lancashireminds
www.Lancashirepositiveminds.co.uk
Facebook Closed Group: Lancashire Positive Minds

**All Facebook requestors will receive a message in messenger prior to approval, please check your spam messages.*



Free drinks
and snacks
available

at
Carnforth Hub,
Kellet Road, Carnforth, LA5 9LS
(Next to the High School)

**Starting Friday 26th April 2024
9:15am - 10:30am**

- Coffee morning for parents and carers
- Access help and information about the Children and Family Wellbeing Service
- Signposting to local agencies that can support you.
 - Peer support
- Someone to talk to, someone to listen



BEYOND THE SPECTRUM

A meeting space for parents and carers of Autistic children over the age of 16.

Facilitated by :
The More You Know About Autism Services.

The Haven, Blanche Street, Preston. PR2 2RL

Please register your interest at:
Sue.Lovatt@RichmondFellowship.org.uk



[Click here to join us on Teams](#)

Meeting ID: 362 226 377 186

Passcode: ySbzbj

Ring 01524 581280 or email
cwflancastercommunity@lancashire.gov.uk

Online Every Thursday 1-1:30pm

- Information and advice for parents and carers
 - Access help and information about the Children and Family Wellbeing Service
- Signposting to local agencies that can support you.
 - Peer support
- Someone to talk to, someone to listen



SEND Drop In Peer Support Group

Signposting and support available for
parents/carers with children who have SEND.

Come and have a coffee and a chat

Held the 3rd Thursday every month

09:30am — 11:30am

the first session will be on Thursday 18th April
at

West Paddock Family Hub

West Paddock Leyland Preston PR5 1HR call

01772 532930 for more information



Play Laugh Support

SHINE SUPPORT GROUP

EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY
10-12PM



Open to parents, carers, and
adults in the community
seeking a warm and
supportive environment. Join
us in our specially designed
soft play room for a unique and
inclusive experience!



To book a place contact
01695 455625
or email:
sensory@twinklehouse.co.uk

Connect and Share
Connect with other parents
and carers.
Share experiences, tips, and
laughter.
Build a community that
understands and supports
each other.

**Warm Drinks and Conversations for
Adults**
For adults attending without their
children, or those who simply want
a break, our cozy corner offers a
space to enjoy a warm drink and
engage in friendly, supportive
conversations.

Inclusive Atmosphere
All abilities and needs
welcome.
Accessible facilities for
everyone to enjoy.

Safe Play Space for Little Ones
Let your children explore and have
fun in our expertly crafted soft
play area, tailored for their safety
and enjoyment.

Trinity Parent Carer Group

for parents and carers of children and young people
with special needs or disabilities.

*Join us for an informal chat with other parents and
carers to share information and support.*

Face to face Meetings

2nd Thursday each month 9:30-11:30 am

St Annes Pastoral Centre,

Prescot Rd, Ormskirk L39 4TG

2024 Face 2 Face meeting dates

June 13 th	July 11 th	September 12 th	October 17 th NB change of date	November 14 th
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Virtual Meetings via Zoom

4th Tuesday most months 8-9pm

2024 Zoom meeting dates

June 25 th	July 23 rd	September 24 th	October 22 nd	November 26 th
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Email trinitysnap17@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation

All Welcome please check TrinitySNAP on Facebook
for any possible date changes due to school holidays etc

Wednesdays 1-2:30pm

Support group for parents, grandparents &
carers of children with additional needs

Come for a cuppa and a chat about joys & challenges
Share ideas with other parents & carers
Guest Speakers

Park Neighbourhood Centre
Barnes Road, Skelmersdale, WN8 8HN



Jenny Ashton joined **Lancashire SEND Partnership** in February 2023 as Manager of the SEND Partnership and would like to take this opportunity to look back at our activity over the last 18 months and the improvements we have made for children and young people with SEND, and their families.

Last Autumn the SEND Partnership co-produced the updated **Working Together Strategy 2023-2025**. Since then, we have held **SEND Partnership information events** in each of the twelve districts, bringing together practitioners, parent carers, children, and young people to meet the team and find out what support and activities we offer. The SEND Partnership work closely with **Lancashire Family Hubs Network** and attended the launch events in September 2023.

The SEND Partnership, hosted by **Lancashire Parent Carer Forum** have also delivered Working Together virtual events to hear the voices of parent carers and practitioners about SEND services, introducing the team and progress made, identifying what is working well and what needs to improve. The SEND Partnership created and published the **SEND survey** to enable children, young people and their parent carers to share their views .

POWAR participation group, hosted the first ever young people's Take Over of SEND Partnership, bringing together leads and young people to explore through creative activity and conversations what the five priorities identified in the **Lancashire SEND Plan 2021-2025** meant to professionals in relation to young people.

Analysing the feedback from these opportunities, common themes were identified regarding what needed to improve, to help improve the lives of children and young people with SEND, including: communication, accessing support, support for schools, and workforce development.

The SEND Partnership listened to these concerns and identified how we could help improve services for children and young people with SEND, and their families.

These include:

Further Working Together events hosted by LPCF in 2024, to listen to your views further, the introduction of the Inclusion Helpline **01772 533900** to improve communication with the Inclusion Team for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment or Plan, and the recruitment of more staff members to help meet increasing need.

Following the feedback that parent carers wanted practitioners to know how conditions such as autism affected their children and what support was available, the SEND Partnership collaborated to produce the **SEN support guide**. This brings together support in one place regarding education, health and care support for children with SEND, diagnosed or undiagnosed.

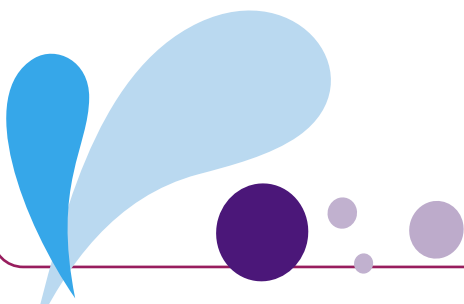
Children and young people wanted to improve how they could communicate their views, particularly in EHCP Annual Reviews, so the partnership developed and improved the forms and process to include the use of Widgit photosymbols, to help improve communication. The new **EHC plan annual review guidance for professionals** was launched in February 2024.

To help upskill and improve knowledge and confidence in the Children's Workforce, Briefings and network meetings were created.

The meetings enable practitioners to share good practice, to increase understanding and to learn from one another, how to better support families who have children and young people with SEND. The SEND Partnership has also been collaborating with the Family Hubs Network and Children and Family Wellbeing Service to deliver SEND workshops for all partner agencies in 2024.

Please contact us at **sendpartnership@lancashire.gov.uk** if you would like to share your views.

Many thanks for your support
Jenny Ashton.



Lancashire SEND Partnership: Parent Carers and Practitioners Working Together Online: Microsoft Teams



Lancashire SEND plan 2021 - 2025 is soon coming to an end.

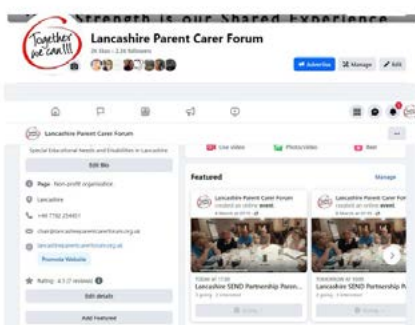
Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) are hosting a series of events between May and October 2024 for parent carers and practitioners to meet our new Director of Education, Paul Turner and revisit the SEND plan which we coproduced with parent carers and practitioners in 2021.

We will discuss the priorities for the new plan which takes us forward from 2025.

Are our priorities for our children, young people and families the same as they were in 2021, or have they changed since the COVID pandemic?

Details and links are on our Facebook page where you can also sign up to our membership database on our Website to be sent information about upcoming events and much more.

All parent carers welcome to come along!



Vision

Improving the lives of children and young people with SEND, and their families.

Working Together - Upcoming Dates

15 July 12.30-2pm
16 July 5.30-7pm
18 July 10.30 – 12 noon

14 Oct 10.30-12 noon
15 Oct 5.30-7pm
16 Oct 1-2.30pm

Lancashire Parent Carer Forum second round of Parent, Carer and Groups Rep Training

25th June 2024
2nd July 2024
Both sessions to be attended please

5th November 2024
19th November 2024
Both sessions to be attended please

More information will be available through our membership database so please sign up at: www.lancashireparentcarerforum.org.uk

More information available through LPCF Facebook: www.facebook.com/LancashireParentCarerForum

and Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lancashire-parent-carer-forum-33669080245



Do you like to be beside the seaside?

Come and join us at Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs where we aim to make our beach accessible for all!

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs is a charity providing specialist beach wheelchairs and other equipment to enable those with additional needs and disabilities to go on the beach. Our service is free, run by volunteers and funded through donations. We opened in 2020 with the aim of enabling everyone to enjoy the beach. Since then, over 1000 people have visited to use our chairs.

We have 10 beach wheelchairs, 2 rollators, and a wide range of other equipment such as a hoist, Go-To seats,ommel cushions and lumbar supports. We work with each client and their parents/carers to make sure they are safe and comfortable in their chair.

The service is based at the Wheelbase in Fleetwood which is on the Promenade beside the Central Car Park. There are disabled parking spaces next to the base, and free parking. Next to the Wheelbase is a Changing Places facility. There is also a café in the same block, which has a wheelchair accessible picnic bench.

Originally the service was established to serve the local community, however word soon spread that it is open to anyone and everyone who can travel to the beach at Fleetwood. Our visitors are of all ages and needs, individuals and groups, from near and far. Several are regular visitors who we have come to know well.

The service has received several awards, including a Lancashire Tourism Award in the Accessible and Inclusivity category, and the Community and Charity Organisation of the Year in the Wyre Business awards.

We are proud of these awards, but prouder still of the positive effect our service can have for those who use it. For some it is their first time on the beach, for some it means they can now enjoy the beach with their families and friends. We know that many leave with moving and lasting memories.





You can book a wheelchair by calling our freephone number 03000 111 003. We take bookings for any day as long as volunteers are available and it is best to book in advance. We are also open from 10am - 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays from March to October, (weather permitting), when you can drop in and see us at the Wheelbase. We also aim to be open throughout school holidays, but please check in advance on our web-site or better still call the number above.

Wheelbase location:
Fleetwood Promenade FY7 6QE.
 What3Words **gold.weeps.warrior**

We look forward to seeing you
beside the seaside!

To find out more please go to our Facebook Page or website:
www.FleetwoodBeachWheelchairs.co.uk
 You can also call us on **03000 111 003** or email on **FleetwoodBeachWheelchairs@outlook.com**

The feedback we receive from our clients is overwhelmingly positive:

“ I can't get her safely on to the beach in her wheelchair... sadly the world just isn't accessible for everyone.

But the amazing people at Beach Wheelchairs were not having that!

They carefully thought about every single part of getting onto the beach and worked out solutions to absolutely every potential issue. They take time to get to know us, making sure everyone is safe, comfortable and happy. Everything is really well thought out and perfect.

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We receive no local or government funding and rely on attracting grants and donations to run the activity sessions so we have to charge for membership (£5.00 per family a year). The charge for activity sessions is normally £1.00 per child unless otherwise stated.

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Who to contact

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Website – www.rsbc.org.uk

Where to go

Name- Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC)
Address – Life Without Limits Centre, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN

The Families First Service is a national service with Family Practitioners based all over England and Wales. The address in London is our head office where we have some activities and some of our activities also run online.

Time / Date Details

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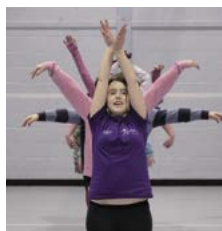
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Top tips for a less stressful summer

The school summer holidays. Six long weeks of fun, activities, sunshine, and dare I say it...making memories?

If you're a working parent like myself, then the inevitable thought of "what are we going to do?" starts rumbling through your brain in terror around April. You've survived half term, you've just about scraped through a fortnight for Easter thanks to a double bank holiday...but what on earth will you do for a full six weeks?

And when you're an SEN parent, your choices become more limited, and the juggle becomes even more complex.

So here are my top tips of what I learnt from the last summer holiday, which I'll be doing my best to remind myself of this year before diving headfirst into the madness:

1 Find a holiday club that has come recommended for SEN by a friend or by asking on a local group. Ask them all the questions. Most clubs aren't SEN specific (that I've found anyway), but most have experience or expertise - so the more they know about your child, the more they find the best person to support them.

2 Bring in your squad. You won't be the only local parent who's using a particular club. Finding someone else who will be nearby and on hand in case there are any issues could be invaluable. When my son wasn't able to fully toilet himself last year, we had close friends on standby with us if the club staff needed support. Anything that makes your day a little less stressful will pay off.

3 Avoid theme parks. We've booked so many and enjoyed so few. Last summer we didn't even get off the end of the drive for our planned day out. Think about what you and your child actually need and will enjoy...and you'll probably find it's not queuing for half the day for rides they won't enjoy, and nowhere to hide.

4 Which brings me onto... lower your expectations. Stop worrying what everyone else is doing. I don't remember doing anything in the summer holidays when I was young apart from playing out and being in a caravan. This never-ending need to do activity after activity has been created by Instagram - they don't need it, and most SEN children would rather not have the constant chopping and changing of moving from one thing to the next. Find your groove and don't be swayed just because you're not doing a tour of the North West's family days out.

5 Don't try and get into wetsuits. Sensory. Nightmare. I accepted sadly last summer that we are just never going to be a paddle boarding family. I've made my peace with it now!

6 Trampoline parks are your friend. When it's rained for seven days solid and you're sat in a caravan, find an indoor jumping site. The one we found on holiday didn't charge parents of SEN children, so one of you can go and supervise the bouncing, whilst the other has a brew. Switch and repeat. You even get to keep the socks.

7 Likewise, libraries. They've usually got activities, accommodating staff, and there's no set timetable - come and go as you please.

8 Don't try and plan more than one thing a day. Even if that one thing is just to walk round the block or go for a little bike ride. We all know the parents who have done a week's worth of activities before lunch time - they're the same people whose kids go to a different club every night. Great for them. Fast track to anxiety for most of us.

9 When all else fails, go for a walk - but have a game up your sleeve. If your child is like mine, repetition is key. Re-enacting the Gladiators semi-final eight times in a row may make you feel like you're teetering on the edge of sanity, but then you'll realise you've been walking for an hour and a half, everyone is exercised, you've had lots of fresh air, and you've done something with your day.

I hope some of those tips come in useful, or ring tiny bells of recognition. If the going gets tough, remember, all they really want is you with them - and you don't need to be insta perfect for that.



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This means support should continue as the student moves through the different phases of their education and training.

However, parents, carers and young people may have concerns about the way this support is delivered and whether and how the student will be supported in the new environment.

- Check the setting's website for information about the special educational provision they typically provide:
- the SEN Information Report which maintained schools, nurseries and Academies must produce is a good starting place.

Maintained schools, nurseries and Academies also must have a SENDCO and FE colleges must have an equivalent member of staff. Ask them about what they can do to support the student, visit the setting and consider the environment and the support on offer. The important thing is to make sure you start these visits and questions as soon as you can.

It may be that the transfer to a new phase of education and/or training means that the special educational provision typically available might not meet the student's special educational needs.

If this is the case, consider requesting an EHC needs assessment. Remember the decision whether or not to assess is set out in s.36(8) CAFA 2014: does the child/young person have or may they have special educational needs and might it be necessary for the special educational provision required by those needs to be secured under an EHC plan. If the child or young person did need an EHC plan, then the entire process could take 20 weeks from the date the assessment is requested.



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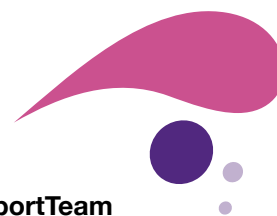
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The Schools Admissions Code (September 2021) requires children with special educational needs to be treated fairly. Schools must not refuse to admit a child who has special educational needs on the basis they do not feel able to cater for these needs. Nor should they be expressing such views on an informal basis, for example during school visits or open days. If a school believes an EHC plan might be necessary to secure the special educational provision required, then they can either support a parent's or young person's request for an EHC needs assessment or request this itself.

- Whatever the stage of education/training (up to Higher Education level), the special educational provision secured for a child or young person must be what is required by their special educational needs.
- Transferring to a new or different phase of education may prompt changes but never a restriction on receiving the special educational provision required.
- For children/young people with SEND, if it becomes clear that they will require educational provision which goes beyond what the setting can provide from within its current resources (or through the additional funding the school has been provided with) then it may be necessary to use the Children and Families Act 2014 process to secure additional support. This could include for example, requesting an EHC needs assessment if your child is currently receiving SEN Support, or by seeking changes to an EHC plan which no longer meets need.
- Changes to provision must be supported by evidence of changes in the individual child or young person's need.
- EHC plans must be reviewed and amended in accordance with the statutory process and meet the statutory deadlines: failure to do so is a breach of statutory duty. Parents, carers, and young people must be involved in the process and the LA must have regard to their views, wishes and feelings and what will secure the best possible educational and other outcomes for that child or young person (s.19 CAFA 2014).

Lancashire SEND IAS is a statutory service which is run at 'arm's length' from the Local Authority and provides free, confidential, impartial advice, guidance and support to parents of children with special educational needs and children and young people with SEND.

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Intern celebrated by Lancashire Constabulary

One of Lancashire's interns, Nick, was recently praised at the Lancashire Police's Commendation Ceremony. Sian Foster, Head of Operations, said about the event:

It was an honour and an absolute privilege to be able to share in the success of the Lancashire Constabulary DFN Project SEARCH programme based at Police Head Quarters in Preston. The team there have been working on creating a hugely impactful safeguarding training package for DFN Project SEARCH Interns across the UK with the aim of keeping young people safe online.

The star of the show was one of their Interns Nick, who shone at Lancashire Polices Commendation ceremony, which focused on celebrating the exemplary work and successes of those in the field of targeting crime within vulnerable groups. To stand next to a young man who has proven his skills through his outstanding work, outlines what can be achieved through Supported Internships with true partnership work.

The programme set within Lancashire Police was the first DFN Project SEARCH programme within a Police setting and is leading the way around inclusion in Lancashire with its partners at Lancashire County Council, Preston College and HfT. It has since been closely followed by other Constabularies.

Well done Nick – it is an honour to have shared your special evening!

We have several DFN Project SEARCH programmes across the county.

Please check our local offer page www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/young-people-and-adulthood/supported-internships or email sendemploymentforum@lancashire.gov.uk to speak to our SEND Employment Officer about the different supported internships available.



The Legacy Project - Changing Lives

The Legacy Project is an award winning 1 year supported internship program ran by Divine Days Community CIC, for young people aged 16-24 living in West Lancashire, who are disabled, learning disabled and/or neurodiverse. A young person is partnered with a Job Coach who supports them from the outset on their programme, initially attending college for 2 days per week, preparing for their world of work, and then after an interim period, also attending their local job placement for the other 3 days per week.

Support and mentoring starts even from the point of travel training initially, for those who have had no prior experience of independent travel, moving on to college work support then on the job support. Placement providers are matched with iterns skills and interests, in order to achieve the best outcome for all and interns experience continued high levels of support from the qualified and skilled staff, to enable them to thrive in both their college and workplace environments.

The national rate into employment for SEND young people is just 6% and yet The Legacy Project is almost 70%!



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However, much more than that even, throughout their time on the programme, interns develop their confidence and communication skills, life skills and friendships, self-belief and a greater sense of hope for the future.

The Legacy Project are now receiving enquiries for their next intake, starting September. Take a look at this short film about the project:

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DanceSyndrome Recognised as Inclusive Innovators

Members of Lancashire-based charity DanceSyndrome are celebrating after winning an award at the Northern Power Women Awards on the first day of Down's Syndrome Awareness Week!

DanceSyndrome transforms lives, creating change, opportunities and joy for people with and without Down's syndrome and other learning disabilities, using inclusive dance as a vehicle in a unique, ground-breaking way which doesn't exist anywhere else. The multi award-winning charity was founded by Jen Blackwell, who has Down's syndrome, because she found it difficult to find opportunities in community dance that were accessible to people with learning disabilities. DanceSyndrome's ethos is that disability should never be a barrier to following your dreams. All DanceSyndrome sessions are disability led, with people with learning disabilities taking visible Dance Leader roles to inspire people to see what can be achieved when we all become more inclusive. The charity works across the North West offering weekly inclusive dance workshops, their own accredited leadership training and exceptional performances by the DS Collective performance company at a variety of events, including the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The inclusive approach of DanceSyndrome was recognised with a nomination in the "Inclusive Innovators" category at the Northern Power Women Awards, an annual awards ceremony that exists to share the stories of amazing role models in and from the North. The awards recognise those who are shifting the dial towards a more gender equal world. Every year, thousands of nominations are made for individuals from across Yorkshire, the North East and the North West. Members of the DanceSyndrome team travelled to Manchester Central Convention Complex on Monday 18th March for the awards ceremony and were thrilled to receive a Commended Award in their category.



Julie Nicholson, Managing Director at DanceSyndrome said "Monday was the first day of the national Down's Syndrome Awareness Week campaign. This year the campaign is about ending stereotypes about what people with Down's syndrome can and can't do. Lots of people will have seen the "Assume I can" video on social media and we proudly support the national campaign every year because we firmly believe that people with learning disabilities can achieve anything that they set their mind to if they are supported to follow their dreams. Our inclusive dance work gives people opportunities to become visible leaders and have their voices heard on issues that are important to them. It's wonderful to receive recognition like winning a Northern Power Women Award at any time, but it's extra special to receive it on the first day of a campaign like this. It truly demonstrates that people with learning disabilities can and do make a significant contribution to society and should be celebrated and given a platform at events like this. We're so proud of our team and their incredible achievements which truly reinforce the "Assume I can" message!"

DanceSyndrome Founder Jen Blackwell said "Being nominated for this award shows that people with learning disabilities can do amazing things with their lives if given a chance. I do have Down's syndrome but that doesn't define me. I believe that everybody can dance and do things they love no matter how other people define us."



DanceSyndrome Celebrated at First Northern Music Awards

Members of Lancashire-based charity DanceSyndrome are celebrating after winning an award at the first ever Northern Music Awards at the Albert Hall in Manchester on Tuesday 23rd April.

The Northern Music Awards (NMAs) are the one and only major awards show celebrating the best of music from the North. The event is organised by Britain's leading music charity, Nordoff and Robbins who reduce social isolation and enhance connection for local people, through music. The NMAs are turning up the volume to showcase some of the biggest stars and rising talent that belong to the North of England including DanceSyndrome. The aim of the event is to be the most influential music awards event that Greater Manchester has ever seen, whilst raising a lot of money for music therapy, so that Northern communities can have access to its transformative power.

The inclusive approach of DanceSyndrome's "Everybody Dance" project was recognised through the Music and Culture for Wellbeing Award which was awarded by Greater Manchester Combined Authority. The award aims to elevate high quality, creative health provision in the North, to support people with health, wellbeing and socioeconomic issues. It celebrates innovative, creative, musical organisations that constantly demonstrate depth, originality and passion in their work, making a lasting, positive impact using the power of culture and creativity.



DanceSyndrome Ambassador and Dance Leader David Corr and Dance Artist David Darcy were VIPs at the star-studded event which featured performances from Liam Frey (The Courteeners), Lisa Stansfield, The K's, English Teacher and Antony Szmierek.

David Corr gave the acceptance speech on the night. He said *"Thank you so much for the award it means so much DanceSyndrome to be the winner when there are so many others here with such incredible talent. At DanceSyndrome we are an inclusive dance company that co-produce all of our work. We use dance to show that everyone can follow their dreams, if given the right support. Thank you again, it's like a dream come true for us. Thank you so much!"*

Julie Nicholson, Managing Director at DanceSyndrome said *"It was such an amazing experience for our team members to attend the Northern Music Awards and see their work celebrated at such a prestigious event. At DanceSyndrome we firmly believe that people with learning disabilities can achieve anything that they set their mind to if they are supported to follow their dreams."*

Being celebrated in the company of such high-profile artists from the music industry is significant recognition because it shows that our work reaches beyond the traditional concept of what the Dance sector looks like and demonstrates that our work impacts people in a range of different communities. Our activities are all co-produced so this award demonstrates that people with learning disabilities can and do make a significant contribution to society and should be celebrated and given a platform at events like this alongside household names from popular culture. We're so proud of our team and their incredible achievements!"

Other winners on the night included The Courteeners, The Reytons, Spice Girl Melanie C, Tim Burgess (Charlatans) and Lisa Stansfield.

To find out more about DanceSyndrome's inclusive opportunities, visit:

<https://www.dancesyndrome.co.uk>

YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AGED 18 TO 25
C.J.'S PARTY NIGHTS
IBIZA SUMMER THEMED CLUB

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR AT £5
 CARER/PARENT FREE OF CHARGE

@ THE ACORN
HYNDBURN RD

NIGHT

Saturday

NIGHT PARTY

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 PM




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£5 Carers Free

BURNLEY DISCO

Thursday 7pm-10pm



2024 Dates
 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th Aug, 12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov & 12th Dec.

Our social events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a night out in a safe environment.

Hidden, 1 Cow Lane, Burnley BB11 1NN


For more details contact Samantha Nott, Events and Marketing Manager on 01254 457026 samantha@spring-projects.co.uk

Please note, this venue is NOT wheelchair accessible

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NEW CHORLEY DISCO

£5 Carers Free

Thursday 6.30pm - 9.30pm

2024 Dates
 25th April, 30th May, 27th June, 25th July, 29th August, 26th Sept, 31st Oct, 28th Nov & 12th Dec.

Our social events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a night out in a safe environment.

St Joseph's Parish Centre
 Harpers Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR

For more details contact Samantha Nott, Events and Marketing Manager on 01254 457026 samantha@spring-projects.co.uk

For more information visit: www.meet-n-match.co.uk/events




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DISABILITY PRIDE

20 June 2024
11am - 3pm
preston Flag Market PR1 2AP

For further information contact Caritas Care on 01772 732313 info@caritascare.org.uk

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We are partnering with Lancashire County Council to provide a limited number* of subsidised introductory places on DanceSyndrome sessions for those who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Lives in a Lancashire County Council area postcode
- Age 16 plus
- Has a Learning Disability and/or Autism

What we're offering

For those who are eligible, we can provide:

- Fully funded introductory places for 6 weeks at one of our inclusive dance sessions
- Funding for 50% of the session fee for a further 6 weeks
- After the 12 weeks, we will also help people to look to see if there are any options that may be able to help with ongoing costs.

We also have places for people with Learning Disabilities to complete our accredited Level 1 Dance By Example leadership training. There will be support with options for progression at the end of the course.

*places are limited so please apply early to avoid disappointment

For more information, email info@dancesyndrome.co.uk or call 07597 942494

Funded Dance Sessions



SUMMER TERM DANCE PLANNER

Mon	6 - 7PM Everybody Dance (ON ZOOM)		
Tues	10:30 - 11:30AM Everybody Dance (ACCRINGTON)	1 - 2PM Everybody Dance (CHORLEY)	
Weds	10 - 11AM Everybody Dance (PRESTON)	11:30AM - 12:15PM Ballet (PRESTON)	1:15-2PM Contemporary Dance (PRESTON)
Thurs	11AM - 12PM Street Dance (ON ZOOM)	6PM - 7PM Musical Jazz (ON ZOOM)	
Fri	6 - 7PM Friday Night Dance Party (ON ZOOM)		
Sat	10:30 - 11:30AM Everybody Dance (CLITHEROE)		

More information and online booking is available at: www.dancesyndrome.co.uk/sessions

DanceSyndrome is grateful to be supported by the following funders:



For people with a learning disability and autistic adults

NEW LGBTQ+ NIGHT

Thursday 6.30pm - 9.30pm

2024 Dates

9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov & 12th Dec.

Our social events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a night out in a safe environment.

The Guild, 99 Fylde Road, Preston, PR1 2XQ

FREE ENTRY



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For people with a learning disability and autistic adults

HYNDBURN DISCO

Friday 6.30pm-9.30pm

2024 Dates

5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd Aug, 6th Sept, 4th Oct, 1st Nov & 6th Dec.

Our social events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a night out in a safe environment.

Adelaide Suite, Adelaide House, 1 Adelaide St, Accrington BB5 2BE

£5 Carers Free



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Join
Us

A Youth Voice and Influence group for young people with SEND

A space to raise issues of importance to young people with SEND. Make changes across Lancashire to improve services and have fun!!!

Where



131 Brindle Road,
Bamber Bridge,
Preston, PR5 6YJ

When

- ✓ Every Monday
- ✓ 6:00pm to 8:00pm
ages 12-25

Who

- ✓ Any young person diagnosed or undiagnosed with SEND

Contact Suli at suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk or call 07775 221214.

Are you a child or young person with SEND or a parent carer?

Have your say about the services you receive by filling in this short survey.

- The surveys are open year-round, open to all children (5+), young people and parent carers
- Your child does not need to have a diagnosis or support in place to complete the surveys
- We use your feedback to develop and improve our services



Parent Carers
Survey



Child/Young Person
Survey

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND
www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer

Does your child have ADHD?
or are they under assessment
for ADHD?

What we offer

Outreach Support

Parent & family support
by our qualified family
practitioners

Telephone Support

Assist with
services/agency meetings
We can attend TAF, Children
in Need meetings or of
anything similar

Are you a professional that knows
a family that could benefit from
our help?

Parent Empowerment & Skills Training Programme

Gain the knowledge, tools
and confidence on how to
parent a child with ADHD

Where we are based

East Lancs

Blackpool,
Fylde & Wyre

West Lancs

Blackburn with Darwen



Tel: 01254 886 886

email: reception@adhdnorthwest.org.uk

www.adhdnorthwest.org.uk

Facebook: ADHD North West



Introduction To Deaf Awareness & British Sign Language

Delivered in partnership with Lancashire Adult learning and available to all staff, service users, carers and the wider community.

- Learn to communicate in unfamiliar environments
- Support better patient experiences for people accessing LSCFT services
- Practise some basic sign language (BSL) and simple adjustments you can make to communicate effectively

Session Dates

Introduction To Deaf Awareness

Tuesday June 11th 10am/1pm

Introduction To British Sign Language

Tuesday June 18th 10am/2pm

Before booking onto Introduction To British Sign Language we ask that you complete Introduction to Deaf Awareness.

To book, simply click the link below or scan the QR code to complete the simple enrolment process and register for the session.

<https://communityroots.membersarea.lscft.nhs.uk>

For any queries, contact our Deepdale team at
Community.roots@lscft.nhs.uk
or call 01772 695365



Lancashire County Council – contact details

www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/get-involved/contact Email: enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk

	Service	Number
Corporate Services	Signposting / General enquiries	0300 123 6701
	Libraries	0300 123 6703
	Library Service Automated Renewal Line	0300 123 6704
	Registration and Certification Service	0300 123 6705
	School Admissions	0300 123 6707
	School Appeals	0300 123 6708
	Lancashire Adult College	0300 123 6709
Care Connect	Social Care	0300 123 6720
	Safeguarding Adults	0300 123 6721
	Emergency Duty Team	0300 123 6722
Travel and Transport	Blue Badges	0300 123 6736
	NoW Card	0300 123 6737
	Schools Transport	0300 123 6738
Local Inclusion Offices	South (Preston, Chorley, South Ribble, West Lancashire)	01772 531 597
	East (Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Pendle, Burnley, Rossendale)	01254 220 553
	North (Lancaster, Fylde, Wyre)	01524 581 200
Other Useful Numbers	Family Information Service	0300 123 6712
	Carers Lancashire	0345 688 7113
	SEND Helpline	01772 533 900
	SEND Information, Advice and Support Team	0300 123 6706
	Children & Family Wellbeing Service	0800 511 111

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Your Help Is Essential

We would welcome contributions from Children, Young People, Parent Carers, Voluntary and Statutory Agencies:

- Are you involved with a project or group you would like to promote
- Details of forthcoming diary dates
- Opportunities for Children and Young People with SEND
- Any ideas, views, letters, poems, etc, you would like to share
- Useful websites that you would recommend to other families

Contributions for future issues – please contact us.

Email: FIND@lancashire.gov.uk

Tel: 01772 538077



Do you have anything to share in the SEND Newsletter? We would love to hear from you!

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