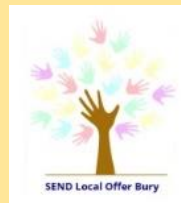


Bury SEND



LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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SEND SERVICES UPDATE



The Local Offer is an online information source for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and their families: [SEND Local Offer In Bury \(theburydirectory.co.uk\)](https://theburydirectory.co.uk)

Bury's Local Offer is currently under review and the Friends of the Local Offer meetings are an informal get together for any parent, carer, service user or service representative from across Bury to find out the latest updates. The meetings are also an opportunity for anyone to have their say about the design and content of the Local Offer.

There will be a total of four meeting dates across the summer term.
Virtual meeting dates will be as follows:

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| Monday 13 th May 2024 7-8pm | Join the meeting now |
| Tuesday 11 th June 2024 7-8pm | Join the meeting now |

There is no need to book on the meetings; just click the link on the day to join.

There will also be two daytime face-to-face meeting dates arranged at
[Redvales Family Hub, Dorset Drive, Bury, BL9 9DN:](#)

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuesday 7 th May 2024 | 1.00pm-2.30pm |
| Friday 7 th June 2024 | 10.00am-11.30am |

There is no need to book on these meetings; just turn up on the day to join in.

For further information, email send.localoffer@bury.gov.uk
We look forward to seeing you there!

EHC Assessment and Review Team

We are pleased to introduce 2 new Officers on the team, Laura Burton (permanent) will be overseeing our young people in independent special schools, and Sarah Davenport (one year contract) will be supporting young people in Year 12+ who are classed as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) but want to return to education. We are currently interviewing for a Lead Assistant Officer and a Senior Officer (overseeing Tribunals and Mediations) and hope to update you soon to introduce the successful candidates.

Sian O'Brien
EHC Assessment and Review Team Manager

Review of the short breaks offer

Bury Council is looking to develop it's current short break offer. We know from parents accessing the current short break providers how they are valued. What we are wanting to do is see if there are ways to extend and grow the short break offer. We have begun a conversation with the Parent Carer Forum (BURY2GETHER) around us having a conversation with more parents, children and young people, so we will be shortly sending out details of those. It is always difficult to share information like this, as we do not want to cause uncertainty or for parents to begin to worry that we are about to stop things or take things away and that is not our intention. We want to see if we can do more of what is working well.

Michael Kemp
Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion Services

Vision and Hearing Impairment/Deaf Education Service



The VI Service is delighted to share some wonderful success stories of our past students:

Katie is in her second year at Holy Cross Sixth Form College. She is studying for three A Levels and has been offered a place at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) to study a degree in Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation. Katie has enjoyed travelling while being at college. She has spent time in Berlin and is currently in New York, enjoying the sights and the shopping! She looks forward to starting university in the autumn.



Katie Baines (Gorsefield Primary, Philips High School, Holy cross College)



James has almost completed his Level 3 BTEC in Sport & Coaching and is on track to start his degree in Sport, Health and Nutrition, in September. He's just completed his first half marathon and is heading to Australia and Dubai for the summer. James says that his vision impairment doesn't define him and that the specialist support from the VI Education Service, the support of his family and his own determination has contributed to his success. Good luck James and keep us posted on your exciting adventures!

James Woods (Chantlers Primary, Elton High School, Connell College)

Tia is currently completing her master's degree in psychology, having graduated from Edge Hill last summer with a 1st Class BA (Hons) degree. In her spare time, Tia loves hiking and is aiming to complete the Yorkshire Three Peaks this summer. Tia would like to give a huge thanks to the VI team for continuously believing in her capabilities during her high school experience, as their support which she says has enabled her to go onto further education opportunities, making lifelong friendships and memories.



Tia Healey (Unsworth Academy (known then as Castlebrook High School), Holy Cross)

Haseeb is coming to the end of his A Levels at Holy Cross College, in Applied Science, Business Studies and Accounting. He is planning on taking a year out and then aims to complete an apprenticeship. Haseeb keeps in touch with the Service, after all he spent almost every day of his school life with us for 7 years! Good luck Haseeb – we know you'll be just great!

Haseeb Khan (Heaton Park, Philips High School, Holy Cross)

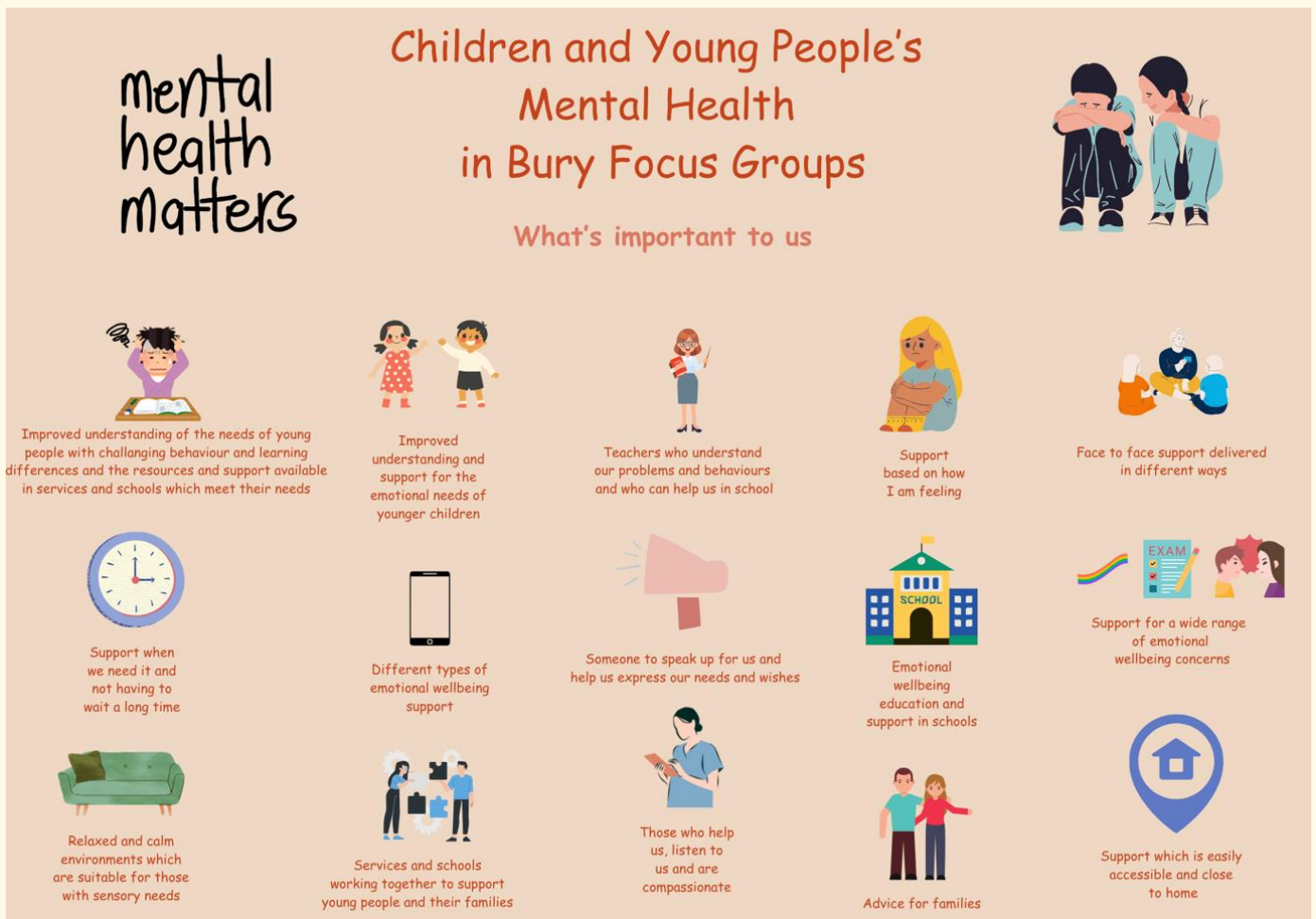
More student success stories to come next month from our superstars with a hearing impairment!

Lesley Woods & Paula Pinder
Manager & Advisory Teacher: Vision & Hearing/Deaf Education Service
L.A.Woods@bury.gov.uk/P.Pinder@bury.gov.uk

HEALTH NEWS

This month we have been out and about talking to our SEND children and youth groups about health services.

NHS Bury has been focusing on establishing co-production mechanisms to involve those who use services in decisions about how local children and young people's mental health services are planned. Parent and carer focus groups and connections with local youth groups including those young people with autism and SEND have been established, to bring mental health professionals and young people and their families together to look at how we can improve care. Together, they have co-designed an emotional wellbeing app and school campaign and this year their work will focus on the development of a new emotional health and wellbeing service and a high school emotional wellbeing programme. As part of this, they have produced a poster to tell people 'What matters most to those who use our services'.



Our Designated Clinical Officer (Jo McMaster) and Programmes Manager (Jane Case) went to speak to young people at the SEND Youth Club about their views on health and where they receive support for their health care. The young people fed back about the people who support them in their schools and that they liked them and would answer any questions about health they had.

Whilst at the youth group, we were pleased to meet two young men who had internships from Elmsbank into Fairfield hospital. One of the internships led to a young man securing employment and the other volunteers on the front desk. The young man was telling me about his role and what he did there and shared that he had just got a promotion. They were proud to work for the NHS!

You can view their story by clicking on the link:

[A Day In The Life Of The Supported Internship \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



The Bury Children's Physiotherapy Team have started a project to raise £10,000 to develop a sensory room in the Bury Living Well Centre. We have already secured £2500 towards the project but we've still got a long way to go!

The room will be available to book for all patients and can be used as a treatment space or as a waiting area for children who would benefit from the sensory environment. We believe it's going to make a massive difference to the outcomes of our sessions for our children and young people with neurodiversity who just cannot cope with the noisy/echo-y rooms we have. The room will be a safe space for children to explore and will encourage fine, gross motor and perceptual skill development. It will also be an environment to improve visual, auditory, and tactile processing.

Our first challenge is the Great Manchester run. Team members and family are going to be running the half marathon. Our next challenge is the Yorkshire 3 peaks, where 4 of us from the team will be taking on the challenge aiming to complete within 11 hours.

Over the next few months, we will be planning more events.

If anyone would like to donate towards the room, we have set up a just giving page:

- Marathon = [Bury Paediatric Physio-Marathon fundraiser page](#)
- Yorkshire Three Peaks = [Bury Paediatric Physio-Yorkshire Three Peaks fundraiser page](#)

Thankyou!!

We have also created an 'All About Us' video for new patients who may be nervous to attend our clinic. Please enjoy!

[Bury Paediatric Physiotherapy – All about us \(youtube.com\)](#)

SEND YOUTH CLUB

March 2024

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

This month we have had some really exciting activities at youth club – we're back on every Wednesday after a break as we moved into the Elizabethan Suite, and we're so happy to have everyone back together again. We've already had some visitors: Marina Nixon from the NHS, who came to talk to us about a project she's working on at the moment for young people who may be facing mental health struggles. We came up with lots of ideas for what we'd like the service to include and how we'd like it to look.

Jane Case also visited us from the NHS to speak about the work she's been doing for young people with additional needs and disabilities.



We've had a look at all the amazing notes written by all the young people at our SEND Circles of Influence event, and we are SO impressed by their incredible ideas and innovative solutions to the problems they've identified. All the young people in attendance got to vote for which issue they felt was most important, and we're pleased to announce that "There needs to be a way to report crime discreetly" was the winner! This means that our work going forward will be focussed around this theme. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Youth Voice Network for planning and facilitating the conference, to Millwood's and Elms Bank's school councils for making special appearances and working so hard all day, and to all of the attendees from so many other schools for contributing and making the day so meaningful. A special shout out goes to all of the professionals who came to answer our questions and listen to our ideas. We can't wait to see you all again next year!



SPECTRUM GAMING

Spectrum Gaming is a community for autistic young people aged 8-17 which run two online Discord servers, a Minecraft server and host meetups in Greater Manchester. Membership to our community is free and Spectrum Gaming is currently accepting new applications for autistic young people residing in the Greater Manchester area. Interested families can find out more and apply online at:

www.spectrumgaming.net

Training

Emotionally Based School Avoidance -

What is next in GM and beyond?

We are radically rewriting the EBSA Guidance in Greater Manchester.

We would like to share our learning so far and hear what you think.

Tue 9th April: 10am-12.30pm

[Join the waitlist to receive a recording](#)

Tuesday 23rd May: 1.00-3.00pm

[Find out more and book tickets](#)

Autism Acceptance 6 Week Course

We are running our popular 6 week course co-produced directly with autistic young people and adults. Suitable for parent, carers and professionals.

Wed 1st May-Wed 5th June: 7pm-9pm

[Find out more and book tickets](#)

Contact Spectrum Gaming: info@spectrumgaming.net

Support our charity: [Just Giving](#)

Follow us on social media: [Facebook](#)



Bury Youth Cabinet has produced a short video telling people about their work to develop the Thriving in Bury digital app and mental health campaign for local children and young people. The App enables children and young people to access a central point of information and support for emotional wellbeing concerns via their mobile phones. The App contains information on local services, digital support, videos, self-help resources and national and local helplines. There is also information for **parents and carers** and **education settings** to help them support the children and young people they care for.

[Bury Youth Cabinet Video](#)

[Thriving in Bury for Children and Young People \(padlet.com\)](#)

[Thriving in Bury for Parents & Carers \(padlet.com\)](#)

We're now called **CAMHS**
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

firstpoint Family Support Services

- Are you aware there has been recent investment in Bury Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?
- Would you like to hear about the new expansion to CAMHS?

If any of the above is relevant to you, please book onto the following session

Questions & Answers session with Bury CAMHS
for parents/carers

Delivered by Paris Thompson, Operational Manager, CAMHS

Wednesday 8th May 2024
10:00am- 12:00pm
Fishpool Liberal Club
79 Nelson Street, Bury, BL9 9HX

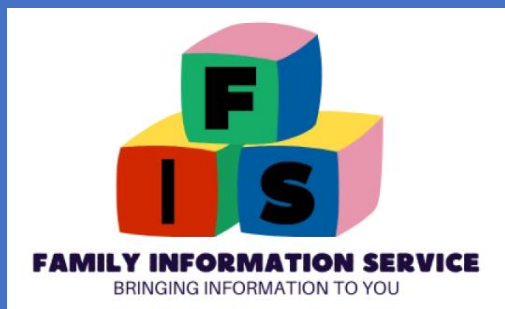
Booking is essential due to limited places
To book please phone or email-
0161-762-1440
admin@firstpointsupport.org.uk
Email: admin@firstpointsupport.org.uk

www.firstpointsupport.org.uk



We have 2 new medics joining us in February and March which will enable a reduction in our psychiatry waiting times. We also have some therapy posts (family therapy) out to advert which is very exciting and we have recruited to our psychology post with some neuro diversity and learning disability experience.

Our parent carer support sessions will be running up to November 2024. These are getting booked up very quickly.



FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE
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A FREE SERVICE PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, CARERS, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THOSE WORKING WITH FAMILIES IN BURY

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HOLIDAY INFORMATION
MAINTAINED SCHOOLS & NURSERIES
ACTIVITIES & SPORTS FOR THOSE AGED 0-19 YEARS

SEND LOCAL OFFER IN BURY -
PROVIDING INFORMATION & SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES AGED 0-25 YEARS

COULDN'T FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?
IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION PHONE US ON 0161 253 5941 OR
E-MAIL CHILDINFO@BURY.GOV.UK

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Unable to find the childcare you need?



Bury's **Family Information Service** is a free service which supports families looking for childcare as well as information regarding activities and support available for parents and professionals alike.

The majority of families are able to access the information they need without assistance however a **brokerage service** is available for those who may require it. This service is for parents and carers who:

- have exhausted the normal routes of finding childcare and are still unable to find childcare which meets their needs
- need extra support to understand the options available to them, this may be because of individual child's circumstances such as a disability or special educational needs
- need childcare as an emergency/short notice
- Are unable to find a free early learning or childcare place for their child.

SENDiass provide information, advice and support on Education, Health and Social Care issues relating to SEND. We have a team of practitioners who support families in Bury either via telephone, email and sometimes if needed through face to face support. SENDiass can be contacted by telephone 01706 769634 and email (bury.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk). All queries will be responded to within 2 days.

We will be planning workshops for parent/carers in the upcoming months around a range of SEND related topics so keep an eye on our facebook page 'Bury SENDiass' for more details.

What is SEN SUPPORT?


Children and Families Act 2014
The Equality Act 2010
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Code of Practice 0-25 years (SEND Code of Practice 2015)

Section 6.27 – 6.35 of the SEND Code of Practice sets out the four broad areas of need:


- Communicating and interacting
- Cognition and learning
- Sensory and/or physical needs
- Social, emotional, and mental health difficulties

Children and young people with SEN (special educational needs) have learning difficulties and/or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most children and young people of the same age. They may need extra or different help from that given to others however some will need extra support for some or all of their time in education and training.


Section 6:44 of the SEND Code of Practice states that - Where a pupil is identified as having SEN, schools should take action to remove barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place. This SEN support should take the form of a four-part cycle through which earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined, and revised with a growing understanding of the pupil's needs and of what supports the pupil in making good progress and securing good outcomes. This is known as the **graduated approach**. It draws on more detailed approaches, more frequent reviews, and more specialist expertise in successive cycles to match interventions to the SEN of children and young people.




What does SEN support look like? Schools should use some of their budget (upto £6000) to make provisions for children who need additional help. This could look like:




Special equipment and tools such as technology




Quiet space to learn and work



Changes to curriculum




Additional support in the classroom



Small group work

How can I find out what support my child is getting?

- Speak to your child's teacher and SENCO
- You can ask for a copy of any support plan in place i.e. IEP (Individual learning plan), IEP (Individual Education Plan), Pupil Passport or a provision map.



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BURY SEND HUB



Westminster Ave,
Radcliffe,
M26 3WD



WHAT'S ON AT THE BURY SEND HUB

WED 3 APR

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA: HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM

WED 10 APR

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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SUN 14 APR

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HAIRCUTS AT THE SEND HUB. BOOK A SLOT AT:
WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE

WED 17 APR

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SEND EARLY YEARS (0-5 YEARS) STAY & PLAY/CARE & CONVO WITH SEND HEALTH VISITOR AND SENIOR PORTAGE WORKER. BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE

WED 17 APR

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA: HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM

TUE 23 APR

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BURY2GETHER CARE AND CONVO. OPEN TO ALL PARENT/CARERS. MENTAL HEALTH/Wellness theme. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. BOOKING ESSENTIAL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM

WED 24 APR

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL SEND MUSIC AND MOVEMENT SESSION FOR EARLY YEARS. TO BOOK VISIT: WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE

WED 24 APR

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA: HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM

TUE 30 APR

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CEREBRA WORKSHOP: ACCESSING PUBLIC SERVICES. TO BOOK, EMAIL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM

BEE INCLUSIVE PARTIES

EXCLUSIVE USE OF OUR VENUE FOR TWO HOURS FOR 15-20 CHILDREN INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE COURTYARD, PLAYGROUND AND SENSORY ROOM. FULL ACCESS TO OUR KITCHEN. PARTY INVITES AND ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE TOO.

VISIT WWW.BEEINCLUSIVE.CO.UK FOR FURTHER DETAILS. OR TO

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AVAILABLE FOR HIRE TO BURY SEND FAMILIES AND ORGANISATIONS. TO BOOK A SESSION, VISIT WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE OR VISIT WWW.BEEINCLUSIVE.CO.UK/SENSORY-ROOM FOR FURTHER DETAILS



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WWW.BEEINCLUSIVE.CO.UK



WHAT'S ON...



BURY2GETHER'S TRAINING HUB



Accessing Public Services Toolkit Workshop

Cerebra will be holding a free workshop on using their Accessing Public Services Toolkit.

Date: Tuesday 30th April 2024

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: SEND Hub, Westminster Avenue Radcliffe Manchester M26 3WD

The aim of the workshop is to support families who are encountering difficulties in relation to the provision of health, social care and education support services. The workshop isn't about giving legal advice or solving individual issues, but about general strategies that parents can use to get the services that they need for their child and family. By the end of the workshop, you will be able to:

- Identify commonly occurring problems facing families accessing services and recognise different types of dispute
- Come up with problem-solving approaches to these problems
- Use a number of template letters when corresponding with public bodies


The workshop includes working on case studies relating to direct payments, respite care, Disabled Facilities Grants, residential placements and school transport.

If you are interested in attending this event, then please book via:
BURY2GETHER bury2gether@gmail.com


Cerebra is the charity dedicated to helping families with children with brain conditions discover a better life together.

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SEND FAMILY Swimming



Venues, dates and times

Sundays 12.15pm - 1.15pm at Ramsbottom Pool, Stubbins Ln, Ramsbottom, Bury BLO 0PT

Saturdays (from Saturday 9th March)
5.00pm - 6.00pm at Castle Leisure Centre, Bolton St, Bury BL9 0EZ





How to book

Places can be booked five days in advance on the website buryleisure.bury.gov.uk or scan the QR Code above. On the bookings page, select the venue - swimming timetable - select the date of the session you wish to book (ensure the *starting from* box is displaying an earlier time than the session start time)

Floats and swimming aids will be available to use!

Cost

Places can be booked online for the SEND child/young person (full costs are on the website). A parent/carer can attend the session free of charge for each SEND child/young person. The free parent/carer space does not need to be booked. Other parent/carers or siblings should be booked online and places paid for.



CARE & CONVO

Supporting Parents/Carers who have a Child/Young Person with a Special Educational Need and/or a Disability (SEND), aged 0-25, who access Bury services.

Are you a Parent/Carer?

Fancy a brew and an offload to other parent/carers? We are here to listen. (Children/Young People welcome). Bury SENDiass will not be attending this session.
Next date: **Tues 23rd April @ 11.00am - 12.00pm**

During this session, our parent/carer wellbeing library will be open! This is the opportunity for our members to borrow wellbeing resources and equipment to use at home.

Our printing station will be set up. The sensory room will be open and parent/carers can help themselves to 'invisible disability' lanyards.

Please let us know you are coming by booking your place at the email address below:
BURY2GETHER@gmail.com
www.bury2gether.co.uk

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(Home of BURY2GETHER)
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• NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
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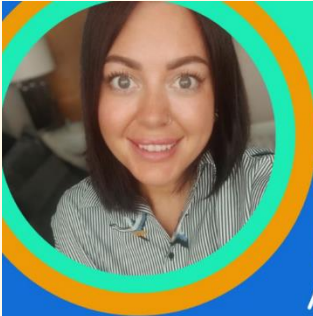
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THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 7.30-9PM
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THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30-9PM

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Sunday 14th April


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YOUR APPOINTMENT

 **CHECK-IN**
Feel free to use the Bee Inclusive 'Now and Next' board with your child, which has been designed to help them understand the sequence of their appointment.

 **PLAY & PREPARE**
You and your child will wait in our main function room, where there will be toys to play with whilst your child waits for their slot, along with head massagers to help your child relax and desensitize their head.

 **HAIRCUT**
You and your child will go into a private room for your appointment. You can let a staff member know what will help you and your child feel comfortable, and we will adjust the surroundings accordingly. For example, we could put on their favourite music or make the room darker and keep it quiet.



 **RELAX & REWARD**
Your child will get 15 minutes of play in our private sensory room to reward and help regulate their emotions and senses before leaving the building. They will also receive a special 'I had my hair cut at Bee Inclusive' sticker.

WHO IS THIS SERVICE FOR?
Appointments are available for children and young people who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and live in Bury.

WHY CHOOSE BEE INCLUSIVE?
We only cut one child/young person's hair at a time, and the haircut also takes place in a private room. The Bury SEND Hub is designed with SEND children in mind, from the neutral décor so as not to overstimulate to the fully accessible toilet/changing facilities. For more information about our building visit our website www.beeinclusive.co.uk

WHO WILL BE CUTTING MY CHILDS HAIR?
We have enlisted the help of an excellent professional hairdresser called Chloe. Who is not only a proud parent of a child with SEND but also an experienced PA for a child with SEND. We are very excited to have her on board as she will bring all of her experience, warmth and patience to your child's appointment.

WHAT CAN WE BOOK IN FOR?
Our standard appointment is for a dry cut, but if there is time left in your appointment slot, our hairdresser would happily offer your child some extras to fill that time, perhaps braids or curls.

 bookbeeinclusive@gmail.com  www.beeinclusive.co.uk/haircuts




 **SEND Early Years (age 0-5) Sessions** 
2 hour Stay & Play

 **UPCOMING SESSIONS:**
Wednesday 13th March
Wednesday 27th March
Wednesday 17th April
Wednesday 1st May
Wednesday 15th May
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm 

Bee Inclusive is hosting the above Early Years sessions for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) aged 0-5 years and their parent/carers. The sessions will be filled with lots of fun and educational activities.

These sessions are facilitated by Kelly Judd (Senior Portage Worker) and Laura Trevor (SEND Health Visitor) with support from other professionals and volunteers who will be available for advice and support. Refreshments will be available, and the Sensory Room and sensory courtyard will be open for use. A parent/carer must stay and supervise their child at all times.

To be considered for a place, you must meet the following criteria:

- Is your child 0-5 years old?
- Does your child live in (or access) services in Bury?
- Do any of the following apply? 1) Does your child have a diagnosis of SEND? 2) Do you or professionals suspect that your child has SEND? 3) Is your child on the pathway for a SEND diagnosis?

Please note: In order to allocate places on these sessions, professionals will prioritise children who are not in an early years setting, who are not currently accessing early years services, children who cannot access generic early help sessions, and those who haven't attended our sessions before.

Visit <https://bookwhen.com/beeinclusive> to request a place at these sessions. You will be contacted by Bee Inclusive if your family have been allocated a place. Please note: bookings will open 20 days before each session.



 **BURY SEND HUB** 
Westminster Avenue
Radcliffe M26 3WD

 [bee_inclusive](https://www.instagram.com/bee_inclusive)  [@beeinclusiveuk](https://www.facebook.com/beeinclusiveuk)

Bee Inclusive CIC is a 'not-for-profit' Community Interest Company - 12164262. We provide social opportunities for children and young people with SEND, (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

SHAKE RATTLE & ROLL
For Babies & Children! 

SEND EARLY YEARS MUSIC AND MOVEMENT SESSIONS

Shake, Rattle & Roll provides, fun, inclusive, and interactive music sessions for children age 0-5 and their carers. The session includes: music and singing with the use of interesting props and puppets, musical instruments and exciting circle games!

With funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Bee Inclusive are excited to announce that we have organised the following sessions for children aged 0-5 years with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These will take place at the Bury SEND Hub.

BOOK HERE:  

Dates:
Wednesday 24th April
Wednesday 8th May
Wednesday 22nd May
Wednesday 10th July
Time: 11am - 12pm



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Celebrate National Siblings Day on 10th April 2024



National Siblings Day is celebrated on April 10th and Sibs are looking forward to leading the day in the UK again this year. Let them know if you are planning any special events in your community, school or workplace. [Find out more about Sibs](#), a national charity that supports people who grow up with or have grown up with a disabled brother or sister.



Manchester British Sign Language Fest 2024 takes place on Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th April. There's lots happening across Central Manchester in a mix of free and paid events.

Click here to see the [full programme](#).



Are you a parent carer? There is a new set of standards in Greater Manchester, acting as a guide for organisations and letting you know how your needs should be met.

You can click here to [download the standards](#) and [get more information](#) from the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership.



BURY VCFA

Discover what is happening across the Borough of Bury. Check out the community padlet page for a variety of local events and activities, from workshops and classes tot community events. There is something for everyone.

[Local Events – Bury VCFA](#)

SEND PRACTITIONER OFFER



The Graduated Approach Toolkit (GAT) is an online resource to support Bury schools, services and families with understanding and using the Graduated Approach as outlined in the SEND Code of Practice. The Toolkit can be found here:

[Bury SEND Graduated Approach Toolkit | The Bury Directory](#)

Although some areas of the Toolkit are still under development, we are hoping for the Early Years section to be populated early in the summer term. Further co-production events are also scheduled for the summer term to seek stakeholder views about the content and structure of the post-16 section. If any service, organisation or individual would like to join the sessions to contribute their ideas about the content or structure of the post-16 section, you will be welcomed at any of the events.

Virtual events:

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| Tuesday 18 th June 2024 7-8pm | Join the meeting now |
| Monday 8 th July 2024 7-8pm | Join the meeting now |

There is no need to book on either meeting; simply click the link to join.

Face-to-face events:

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| Monday 24 th June 2.30-4pm | The Learning Hub, Bury Town Hall |
| Thursday 11 th July 2024 9.30-11am | The Learning Hub, Bury Town Hall |

There is no need to book onto these events; simply turn up on the day.

The Continuing Professional Development programme supporting the implementation of the Graduated Approach Toolkit is continuing throughout this academic year and sessions for the remainder of the spring term, and the full summer term are shown below. Attendance at the events is open to anyone. Some of the new sessions are specifically offered with SENCOs in mind but this doesn't preclude others from attending if they would be of interest.

GAT familiarisation sessions

These 30-minute sessions offer a virtual walkthrough of the Toolkit. They are repeats of the autumn term and spring 1 sessions and are for **any practitioner** wishing to understand how to navigate the Toolkit and explore its contents. Practitioners only need to attend one session.

Dates are as follows:

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| 8am Wednesday 6 th March | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Tuesday 19 th March | Click here to join the meeting |
| 8am Tuesday 23 rd April | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Wednesday 8 th May | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Thursday 13 th June | Click here to join the meeting |
| 8am Monday 24 th June | Click here to join the meeting |

GAT Drop-in sessions

These 30-minute phase specific sessions will provide an opportunity for **any practitioner** to bring a question or an anonymous pupil case for advice and support in using the GAT. SENCOs and practitioners can attend any sessions; content of the sessions will be in response to the questions raised.

Primary

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| 8am Thursday 29 th February | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Monday 4 th March | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Wednesday 13 th March | Click here to join the meeting |

Secondary

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| 8am Thursday 7 th March | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Tuesday 12 th March | Click here to join the meeting |

Sharing GAT Practice for SENCOs

These 30-minute sessions are for SENCOs to share practice in embedding use of the GAT. These sessions will be led by Bury SENCOs from a range of schools who will talk about how they have used the GAT in their own schools. SENCOs can attend as many of the sessions as they would like to gather a range of ideas and inspiration from colleagues.

Primary

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| 8am Tuesday 19 th March; Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Wednesday 20 th March; Radcliffe Hall CE/Methodist Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 8am Wednesday 24 th April; St Thomas's CE Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Monday 29 th April; Woodbank Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Wednesday 8 th May; Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 8am Tuesday 11 th June; Radcliffe Hall CE/Methodist Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Thursday 20 th June; Woodbank Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Monday 24 th June; St Thomas's CE Primary School | Click here to join the meeting |

Secondary

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| 8am Thursday 14 th March; The Elton High School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 8am Tuesday 30 th April; The Derby High School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Monday 13 th May; The Elton High School | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Thursday 20 th June; The Derby High School | Click here to join the meeting |


Strengthening approaches to SEND for SENCOs

These 30-minute sessions are for SENCOs to revisit pre-Graduated Approach systems and to discuss how decisions are made to put children and young people on the Graduated Approach at SEN Support. The sessions will help SENCOs to better understand expectations in relation to successful applications for top-up funding and service support. All sessions have the same content.

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| 8am Monday 11 th March | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Wednesday 27 th March | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Tuesday 23 rd April | Click here to join the meeting |
| 4pm Thursday 23 rd May | Click here to join the meeting |
| 12pm Tuesday 11 th June | Click here to join the meeting |
| 8am Wednesday 3 rd July | Click here to join the meeting |


There is no requirement to book on any of the sessions – just turn up to the ones that suit you best.

Any questions or comments about the Toolkit or the CPD events can be directed to Cath Atherden, Service Lead, SEND Support: c.atherden@bury.gov.uk



Newsletter

Summer Term 2024 – 'One For All'



SENCO Support – Coffee and a Catch Up

Focus – No question is a silly question. Peer to peer support.

Venue – Elms Bank School, Whitefield

Support from OakLP Outreach, Nicola Pemberton and LA representatives, Cath Atherden and Sian O Brian

2nd July 2024, 3:30-4:30pm, Elms Bank School

SENCO Solution Meeting

9:30-13:00

Thursday 16th May 2024
Venue – Elms Bank College Hub, Prestwich

Agenda
Early Identification

Speakers including:

Cath Atherden – before SEND support; when does a concern or a need become a special educational need?

Claire Jackson – Lead Educational Psychologist – Person Centred Planning


Fran Cooper – SENCO, Philips High School. What does the GAT look like in practice?

Followed by: Speed2Send – more details to follow!

Support Surgery

Venue – Elms Bank School, Whitefield
9:15-12:15

Support from
OakLP Outreach, Elms Bank School, Virtual School, Educational Psychology Service, LA Outreach, Speech and Language and CAMHS



Early Years – 18th April and 13th June
Primary – 25th April and 20th June
Secondary – 2nd May and 27th June

TA Developmental Drop In

Venue – Elms Bank School/College/Unsworth Primary RP* *Please specify when you book*

8:30am – 12:15pm

19th April, 26th April, 14th June and 21st June

Inclusion is at the heart of our trust



A message from the Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion Services

Dear parents, carers, young people, and children,

I just want to take this opportunity to say my goodbyes. I have had an amazing opportunity over the last couple of years working with the SEND community in Bury and getting to know so many parents and carers.

It has been such an honour to have been allowed to work for you all. I have learnt so much from so many of you. I have always tried hard to use that knowledge to help improve the services here in Bury. I recognise that there is still a lot of work we need to do but I do genuinely believe that we are starting to see some real progress being made. While at times things are still wobbly and not as we would want them to be, but we are getting to that stage. New assessments are now being completed on time; we have systems in place around weekly panels; growing the number of staff, so this year we have made real improvements in the quality of work around annual reviews; the updated local offer is about to be formally launched and I want to thank all the work that parents have inputted into this and we are currently rolling out the graduated approach toolkit and training.

Alongside all of this, we have the new special school Brookhaven which is now open and a new resource provision opening. All these things are great to see happening in Bury. Having said all that, I am not ignoring the work still to be done around access to support/therapies and growing our early help offer.

What I would like to share as I take my leave is that I have had the privilege of hearing about some amazing accounts of children and young people making individually for themselves some amazing progress and are really reaching for the stars. I would love to be able to name them all, but you'll appreciate why I can't. Personally, it is this, that has made my time in Bury so special and has been a real motivator, so thank you.

Lastly, before I sign off, I do want to acknowledge all the parent groups across the Borough who have supported the change agenda. I would like to give a special thanks to BURY2GETHER for their strategic role, their support and for the work they have put into, enabling me to have in person contact with so many of you all.

Please take care and thank you,

Michael