

Local and National SEND Support Groups for Parents/Carers

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Action for Children	www.actionforchildren.org.uk	National charity that protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support
Ambitious About Autism	www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk	National charity which aims to improve opportunities for young people on the Autistic Spectrum, including those with autism or Asperger syndrome
Auditory Verbal Therapy UK	www.avuk.org - info@avuk.org (Tel: 01869 325000)	National charity that delivers auditory-verbal therapy to deaf babies and children aged 0-5
Autism Education Trust - Inclusion Development Programme	www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk	Helping to develop good autism practice through training and resources
Autism Links	www.autismlinks.co.uk	Provides helpful and vital links of who to talk to, where to go and offers helpful advice
Autism Speaks	www.autismspeaks.org	International - dedicated to promoting solutions for individuals with autism and their families
Autistic Society Greater Manchester Area (ASGMA)	https://i-am-autism.org.uk	Provides support for parents and carers in Greater Manchester
Barnardo's	www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/helping-families	National and Local charity helping to protect, support and nurture children, young people, parents and carers across the UK
Breaking Barriers NW	www.breakingbarriersnw.com	Local charity based in Bolton / supporting Inclusion
Bury Autistic Parents Society	www.baps-online.com	Local group supporting parents and children within the Autistic spectrum
Bury Special Educational Needs, Disability Information, Advice & Support Service (SENDiass)	Bernardos - Floor 2 Blue Pit Mill, Castleton, Greater Manchester, OL11 2YW (Tel: 01706 769634) - bury.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk	Offers information, advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND
Bury2gether	www.bury2gether.co.uk - Facebook 'Group CHAT' www.facebook.com/groups/Bury2Gether - BURY2GETHER@gmail.com	Contact: A forum for parents/carers of children/young people aged 0-25 with SEND
Children's Opportunity Group (COG)	www.boltoncog.com	National and Local (Bolton)
Contact a Family	www.contact.org.uk - 209-211 City Road, London (Tel: 0207 6088700)	National charity - supporting families, bringing families together and helping families take action for others
Do to Learn	www.do2learn.com	A resource for individuals with special needs
Down's Syndrome Association	www.downs-syndrome.org.uk	National charity focusing solely on all aspects of living successfully with Down's syndrome
First Point Family	www.firstpointsupport.org.uk - 19 Blackburn Street, Radcliffe, M26 1NN (Tel: 0161 641 4585)	Local family support service
Gina Davies Autism Centre	www.ginadavies.co.uk	Provides services to families, carers and professionals who are dealing with the challenges of autism among children
Greater Manchester Autism Consortium	www.autismgm.org.uk	Local service offering a contact for anyone in Greater Manchester needing information about autism and related issues
Henshaws	www.henshaws.org.uk - Contact: George Ferguson, Enablement Officer for CYP (Tel: 0161 786 3650)	Northern charity specialising in providing support, advice and training to anyone affected by sight loss and other disabilities
Home Start UK	www.home-start.org.uk	Local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through challenging times

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)	www.ipsea.org.uk (Tel: 0800 0184016)	Offers independent legally based advice, support and training to help get the right education for children and young people with SEND
Kidz2gether	www.kidz2gether.org.uk	Local charity based at Horwich Community Centre (Bolton), specialising in support for Autism and ASD
Look UK	Contact: Ruth Storey - ruth@look-uk.org	A small, national charity providing help, support and information for visually impaired young people, their carers and families
National Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health (North) Service (Deaf CAMHS)	Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9WL NDCAMHSNorth.lypft@nhs.net	Referral is only accepted from professionals, self-referral is not an option
Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)	www.rnib.org.uk	National charity offering information, support and advice to people in the UK with sight loss
Royal Society for Blind Children	www.rsbc.org.uk	National charity offering emotional support and practical advice for families, opportunities for children and young people to build confidence and skills through activities and a specialist further education college
School information, advice and support	www.salford.gov.uk/sen	
Scope	www.scope.org.uk	National disability equality charity providing practical information and emotional support
SENSE	www.sense.org.uk / info@sense.org.uk	National charity helping everyone living with complex disabilities, for everyone who is deafblind.
Special Needs Jungle	www.specialneedsjungle.com	Provides parent-centred information, news, special needs resources and informed opinion about SEND
Symbols Inclusion Project	www.symbolsinclusionproject.org	Resources and strategies for supporting inclusion and curriculum access for children and young people.
Take 5 and Chat	www.take5andchat.org.uk	National Group / can also be found on Facebook and Twitter
The Bury Directory	www.theburydirectory.co.uk	Provides information re activities, services, advice and events across Bury including disability services
The Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group (CICS)	www.cicsgroup.org.uk	An independent, voluntary group run by parents whose children have cochlear implants to help others whose children already have implants and those who are considering cochlear implantation for their child
The National Autistic Society	www.autism.org.uk	National charity providing life-changing information and advice to autistic people
The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)	www.ndcs.org.uk	National charity providing support, information and advice for deaf children and young people, their families and professionals working with them
The Rochdale, Bury and Oldham Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)	Contact: Jacqueline Parker-Fu - parkerfu04@yahoo.co.uk	Responsible for improving services and supporting families of deaf and hearing impaired children
Visually Impaired Children and Teenagers in Action (VICTA)	www.victa.org.uk	Supporting parents of children who are blind or partially sighted, offering activities, services and grant programmes