

Useful Resources and support for parents/carers and their families

These activities and services can be found on the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website - <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>
 Details are subject to change so please ensure you check the BFIS Website for further information.

Resource	Description	Contact Details
Local Offer for SEND	Our special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) local offer sets out the support available in Buckinghamshire for children and young people aged 0 to 25 with SEND.	https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/send/about-local-offer/
Pinpoint (Disabled Children Register) & Max Card	Help us see the support we need to give people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Buckinghamshire by signing up for Pinpoint, also known as the Disabled Children Register (DCR).	https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/send/disabled-children-register-and-max-card/
FACT Bucks	A forum for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25.	Andrew Howard Email: admin@factbucks.org.uk
Local Offer Facebook Page	Advice, information, and guidance available via Social Media	https://www.facebook.com/BucksLocalOffer
Children with Disabilities Team	Working with sick and disabled children and families.	Tel: 01296 383762
Parent Support Groups:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPACE Support Group (Autism and ADHD) 	A support group for parents and carers for children with ADHD, ASD and Challenging Behaviour	Linda Carroll Email: spacechesham@aol.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YOU-Nique SD and ADHD and Special Needs Parent Support 	Coffee mornings for SEND parents and carers with guest speakers and social events.	Leonie Cowlard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult ADHD Support Group 	A support group for adults with adhd, parents of adhd children.	Sarah Templeton Tel: 01494 957503 or 07769 355003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRASPS 	A support group for families with autism	Tel: 01296 486995 or 07783 434623 Email: contactgrasp@gmail.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDA Support Group 	Aims to provide parents, carers, who either have a diagnosis or believe their child may have the autism profile of Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), with an opportunity to meet informally, share experiences and positively support each other. Professionals interested in learning more about this profile are also warmly welcomed.	Email: PDAGroup@harveys-home.me.uk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking With You 	A safe space where you can talk freely among people who are walking the same path as you.	Roxy Uritescu Tel: 07860 785234

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		Email: Roxana.uritescu@barnardos.org.uk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carers Bucks 	Carers Bucks exists entirely to support and promote the wellbeing of family carers. We support carers of all ages and in different caring roles, including young carers, parents of children with a physical or learning disability, older carers, carers from the black and minority ethnic community, and those looking after someone with a mental health condition.	Tel: 0300 777 2722 Email: mail@carersbucks.org
Autism Toolbox:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism Early Support Trust Parent Sessions 	The sessions are open to families who's child/ren either have a diagnosis of Autism , or show autistic traits in their behaviour with no diagnosis.	A referral for this group is needed and can be made through BFIS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism Teaching Company 	Have a range of skills developed from our teaching experiences in mainstream schools, special schools, and ASD units, from Reception through to Sixth Form. We can provide tailored support and bespoke training for children and young people in their own homes, at school, and in the workplace. We are now running all our 1:1 sessions, family support sessions, and workshops online using Zoom.	Joanna Poole 01296 712163 jpoole@autc.org.uk
Article 12 Youth Forum in CAMHS	Meets monthly, young people volunteer their time to contribute to the development of Buckinghamshire CAMHS.	Roxy Uritescu Tel: 07860 785234 Email: Roxana.uritescu@barnardos.org.uk
Young Deaf Activities	Young Deaf Activities aim to encourage children and young people with any level of hearing impairment or dual-sensory loss to become confident and independent in any environment. Youth Clubs are run in Stoke Mandeville and High Wycombe	https://yda.org.uk/
Shout Out for SEND	A fun monthly group for young people age 11 to 16 years with SEND.	Tel: 01296 382583 Email: shoutoutforSEND@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
SEN Support Plan	Education providers must try to meet the needs of all children and young people with learning difficulties.	

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	They do this using funds given to them by the council and Education and Skills Funding Agency to help children and young people with special educational needs (SEN). This is called SEN support .	
Early Bird	A programme to help parents and carers to help you understand autism, develop your child's communication skills and support your child's behaviour	National Autistic Society EarlyBird Programme Early Years (buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
Charities Local and National	Available on the BFIS website or via email	
Respite and Short Breaks	Available on the BFIS website or via email	

Anagrams/Jargon

There are so many anagrams and strange jargon associated with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. Here are a few explained:

Acronyms	Description
BCCN	Buckinghamshire Community Childminding Network
BFIS	Buckinghamshire Family Information Service
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
PSO	Pastoral Support Officer (In schools) All schools have a statutory duty to provide a PSO, this role could be shared with another role such as SENDCo or Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher.
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities
SENDIAS	Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities Independent Advisory Service
SENDCO	Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Coordinator All schools have a statutory duty to provide a PSO, this role could be shared with another role such as PSO or Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher.

Preparing for Adulthood

Transition support is also available for post 18 year olds, along with further advice and support from the Care Advice Bucks website <https://careadvice.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> as well as the Adult Social Care Service on 01296 383204.

If you would like support navigating the Local Offer contact the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service and we can send you a summary to help you explore the options available to you.