

Bury SEND

LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER

February 2023



Local Offer website



Review of Bury's Local Offer

The review of Bury's Local Offer is underway, and a working group of Local Authority, Health and Third Sector partners is meeting regularly to steer the direction of the review. A principle of genuine co-production will underpin the review and to that end, a mailbox dedicated to open communication and the sharing of ideas between all partners is due to be available soon.

The review will ensure that our Local Offer fulfils the statutory guidelines as set out in the SEND Code of Practice (Section 4). It will also accommodate parent/carer feedback in terms of bringing structure and coherence to the information available so that parents, carers, young people and professionals can easily access the information needed.

Until the mailbox is live, to register interest or share your thoughts, please contact Cath Atherden: c.atherden@bury.gov.uk



Bury Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Update

Please click on the link to view the latest news update from the team:

[CAMHS-January-23-Newsletter.pdf](#)
(theburydirectory.co.uk)

SEND Communications and Engagement:

Please **subscribe** to the Local Offer mailing list by:

Email: Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk

Tel: 07581020879 or 0161 253 6087

Follow us on Twitter @BuryLocalOffer

Facebook: Bury SEND Local Offer

Bury2Gether Parent/Carer Forum:

www.bury2gether.co.uk/membership

The Bury SENDiass logo features the word 'Bury' in a green, sans-serif font above 'SENDiass' in a large, bold, multi-colored font (S: blue, E: orange, N: green, D: red, i: purple, a: blue, s: green, s: red). To the right of the logo, the text 'Special Educational Needs, Disability Information, Advice & Support Service.' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below the logo, there is a decorative graphic of colorful squares in shades of orange, green, blue, and purple. The main text of the advertisement reads: 'We provide a confidential and impartial support and advice service for parents, carers, children and young people (up to 25 years) on issues related to Special Educational Needs and Disability.' Below this, it says: 'For more information on how we can support you please get in touch, look on our webpage or join our Facebook group.' At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Barnardos, Blue Pit Mill, Castleton, Rochdale, OL11 2YW', 'Tel: 01706 769 634', 'Email: bury.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk', 'Web: www.barnardos.org.uk/burysendiass', and 'Search: "Bury Sendiass"'. A small logo for 'Believe in children Barnardos North West' is in the bottom right corner.

Early Years



If you have received Portage Home Teaching for your child in the past 12 months (Jan 22-Jan 23), please assist the National Portage Association by completing the google survey so that they can produce an impact report to demonstrate the difference that Portage makes in the early years to their children's learning and development as well as the impact on their family.

The NPA is keen to raise the profile of Portage and the wonderful work that is taking place across the UK and in order to do this we need to do this on a national scale. Once we have collated the data we will produce a celebratory report to show the impact and will share with services and families.

<https://forms.gle/s4SwXLwmrixB3TFk9>

We appreciate that family life is busy so this survey shouldn't take parents and carers more than 10 minutes. If you need support with form filling, please contact the Portage Home Teaching Team 0161 253 7609 portageservice@bury.gov.uk

Please note that the survey results will be completely anonymised and by a family agreeing to complete this survey they are agreeing to GDPR guidance for storage of their replies.

We hope to receive as many responses as possible by 28th February.

Thankyou for your support

Bury Portage Team

SEND Health Visitor & Portage Stay and Play Support Sessions

Joint stay and play sessions for parents and carers are run once a month with a focus on sensory play, social opportunities and experiences in a safe and inclusive environment, while also giving parents and carers the opportunity to have face to face support from the SEND Health Visiting and Portage service.

Parent Feedback

I just wanted to send an email to say how much Molly and I have been enjoying the SEND sessions. Previously, we have been to so many classes and it has always resulted in Molly being overwhelmed and having a meltdown, or being asked not to come back as she is "too disruptive" as she struggles to follow the structure of the sessions.

I love seeing Molly happy in a safe environment having a great time, and I feel like as I am a single parent, I am meeting new parents in a similar position rather than being judged.

It really has made a massive difference to us both and we look forward to what is coming up next

Thanks again,

Becky (and Molly!)



Young People Activities

SEND FOOTBALL GROUP

WHERE?
CASTLE LEISURE CENTRE



WHEN?
EVERY MONDAY
5.15-6

AGES 13-25
£12 PER TERM

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL:
S.STIRLING@BURY.GOV.UK

SEND MUSIC GROUP

WHERE?
THE NEW KERSHAW CENTRE

SAMBA SOUNDS

WHEN?

EVERY WEDNESDAY

AGES 13-25



5-6PM

£5 PER SESSION

OR
£25 FOR 6 WEEKS

FOR MORE INFO
EMAIL:

S.STIRLING@BURY.GOV.UK

SEND YOUTH CLUB

WHERE?
THE NEW KERSHAW CENTRE

WHEN?
EVERY WEDS
6-8PM

£2

AGES 13-25

WICKED WEDNESDAYS

FOR MORE INFO,
EMAIL:

S.STIRLING@BURY.GOV.UK

SEND ART CLUB

WHEN?

WEDNESDAYS
3-4.30

WHERE?

BURY ART MUSEUM

FREE 12 WEEK ARTS AWARD PROGRAMME

ARTY PANTS

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL:
S.STIRLING@BURY.GOV.UK

FOR THOSE AGED 13-19
WHO ARE HOME EDUCATED,
ATTENDING AN ALTERNATIVE
PROVISION, OR NOT IN
FORMAL EDUCATION.

February Half Term Activities

Social opportunities for children in Bury with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

A parent/carer must stay and supervise their child for all activities.

Mon 20th Feb
3pm - 4pm



Soft play
Suitable for ages 4-14

Venue: Curly Whirleez Play Centre,
Boundary Industrial Estate,
Radcliffe, BL2 6QY

Mon 20th Feb
4pm - 5pm



Gymnastics
Suitable for ages 4-11

Venue: Curly Whirleez Play Centre,
Boundary Industrial Estate,
Radcliffe, BL2 6QY

Wed 22nd Feb
10am - 10.45am



Kids Rock Music
Suitable for ages 3-17.

Venue: Bury SEND Hub,
Westminster Ave, Radcliffe,
M25 3WD

Fri 25th Feb
10 am - 11 am



Z-Arts dance
Suitable for ages 4-11.

Venue: Bury SEND Hub,
Westminster Ave, Radcliffe,
M25 3WD



For more information and to book a place please fill in the online application form at www.beeinclusive.co.uk/events-1



As part of its Inspire a Generation campaign, **British Wheelchair Basketball** is offering **free online Community Activator training** designed for those age 18+ who share BWB passion, drive and believe that activity, sport and wheelchair basketball has the potential to positively change lives in both the short and

long term. The course is designed for those with no experience of basketball as well as those who want to take their skills further. Find out more here: [BWB Community Activator training](#) and [BWB Inspire a Generation](#)



EXPLORE . LEARN . GROW

The Sunnywood Project, in partnership with Collaborate Out Loud are running **free Family Hike Adventures** to discover and explore the lesser known green spaces Radcliffe has to offer. Each Family Hike Adventure will explore a different route along with a creative activity to help families connect with the nature around them. The hikes are not no more than 3 miles, exploring the beautiful green spaces surrounding Radcliffe. Suitable for age 4+ and their

grown ups, from 1-2.30pm on 5th February (meeting at Bolton Road Community Centre), 12th February (meeting at Spring Water Park) and 5th March (meeting point to be confirmed). You can find out more and book onto the Family Hikes here: [Family Hike Adventure](#)

Find more activities and information on the Sunnywood Project website here: [Outdoor Events & Education | The Sunnywood Project |](#)

Parent Support



Got concerns and need to speak to someone about your child's EHCP?

SEND Parent Carer Case Surgery

Ground floor meeting room, 3 Knowsley Place, Duke Street, Bury, BL9 0EJ

Do you have concerns about your child's EHCP or having problems applying for an EHCP for your child? This is an opportunity for you to have a private appointment with Michael Kemp- Strategic Lead for Inclusion and SEND - to talk through your child's plan and discuss any problems you have come across within the SEND system. The one to one appointments will be half hourly, based on a first come first served basis

**The next surgery will be held on:
Friday 31st March 2023 12.00-2.00pm.**

To book an appointment, please contact the Parent Carer Communications and Engagement Officer for an appointment at Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk.



BURY SENDIASS WORKSHOPS 2023

Bury SENDiass are running a number of face-to-face and virtual workshops for parents of children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Face-to-face sessions will take place at the Bury SEND Hub. Booking is essential for all workshops via eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bury-sendiass-32003314943>

Workshops at Bury SEND Hub, Westminster Ave, Radcliffe, M26 3WD:

THU 26 JAN Annual Reviews
10.30AM - 12 PM

WED 1 MAR Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs)
1 PM - 2.30 PM

THU 27 APR SEN Support
10.30 AM - 12 PM

THU 29 JUN Transport
10.30 AM - 12 PM

Virtual Workshops (Via Teams - links will be sent when tickets close):

WED 1 FEB Annual Reviews
6 PM - 7.30 PM

WED 8 MAR Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs)
6 PM - 7.30 PM

WED 28 JUN Transport
6 PM - 7.30 PM

Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) drop-in sessions at Bury SEND Hub.

Bury SENDiass will be attending to offer advice for parent/carers around EHCP's. Booking essential at: BURY2GETHER@gmail.com.

WED 19 APR
11 AM - 1 PM

WED 7 JUN
11 AM - 1 PM

Information for schools



During this half term we have launched the SENCO Solution Meeting at Elms Bank College Hub. The meeting ran over a morning and an afternoon session and worked to give all SENCOs within the authority local and national updates as well as key information in order to support access to key services within the authority. Feedback evidenced that SENCOs that attended were appreciative of the updates and felt 'supported and listened to with the SENCO Network responding to feedback'. The meeting welcomed updates from the Educational Psychology Service that presented work on the Graduated Approach in Bury LA, as well as key information from the Virtual School who also serve to offer a range of training packages to inform practice around trauma and attachment. The afternoon session brought together the workings of the Inclusion Team, the EHC team, school nursing and representation from CAMHS. Full minutes from the meeting have been sent to all SENCOs, as well as the relevant documentation that accompanies. If you or your school didn't receive this please email outreach@oaklp.co.uk.

In anticipation of summer term, please make note of these key dates:

- 27th April SENCO Solution Meeting at Elms Bank College Hub. Session 1 is 9:30-12:00 and session two is 12:30 -3 agenda will be shared prior to the meeting. Sencos are welcome to stay all day or am/pm as there will be different speakers
- SENCO Support Surgeries 9:30-12:15 – ASC. Case study to be brought to session one, strategies to support from SEN professionals at OAKLP Outreach as well as the Inclusion Team. Session 2 to include further support from the Educational Psychology Team

11th May and 29th June

25th May and 6th July

8th June and 13th July

- TA Training Drop In 8:30 -12:15 Elms Bank School/College AND Unsworth Primary School 12th and 26th May and 9th June. SENCOs to inform OAKLP focus of observation/support and OAKLP Outreach will ensure that the TA gains experience of this through the morning at Elms Bank School/College