

# Bury SEND



# LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER

November 2022



# Hello to all families from Michael Kemp- Strategic Lead for Inclusion and SEND

I am very aware that over the last 5 months a range of things have been happening in Bury as part of our SEND improvement journey. Some of those changes I am hoping you are starting to notice while others will take a little longer for us to feel the full impact.

**Education Health Care Assessment and Review Team** is now fully staffed which is a very positive step forward in reducing the level of churn in personnel and allows us to really move forward on staff training, embedding our core values. This also means that we have allocated to all schools their own linked case worker which is a real step forward in terms of supporting strong working relationship. We still do have some additional agency staff, but they are all willing to help us manage to resolve the back log in updating EHCP following annual reviews.

All the staff have taken part in a series of training events lead by The Council for Disabled Children and the EHCP processes and requirement as well as training from our DfE advisor on what good looks like. This means the quality of the work has improved and you should be seeing better quality plans.

**We have revised and improved the EHCP panel process.** We are now inviting SENCOs and Head Teachers to sit on panel to observe it as a joint learning opportunity

We are currently revising all the paperwork within the EHCP process within the team and for the paperwork that stakeholders use.

We are also reviewing all our letters to make sure that they are accessible to all. This work is being supported by BURY2GETHER.

**Local Offer.** We have started work on a 6-month project plan to update our Local Offer. We are looking for parents, carers , young people and partners to be part of this project work so if you're interested please contact the SEND Parent/Carer Communications and Engagement Officer at [Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk](mailto:Kasia.Taylor@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 Newsletter](#) | [The Bury Directory](#)

## SEND Communications and Engagement:

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

Email: [Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.bury2gether.co.uk/membership)



## Work Opportunities- Personal Assistants- £9.90ph

Bury Children With Disabilities team are looking for Personal Assistants (P.As) to work with children and young people with disabilities and their families. In this role will be directly employed by parents to support their child or young person to go out and spend time doing something they love.



### What parents say

*'Ze has been our child's personal assistant for several years and he has formed a close bond with her. She is wonderful with him and he trusts and likes her.'*

*'We could not do without our PA, we call her a guardian angel. She is much appreciated and cherished. She takes our child for walks and drives and McDonalds and she used to take him to wheels for all and swimming although she can no longer manage him alone for activities like this.'*

*'Our child loves the routine of seeing our PA and we love the respite she provides us as a family for those hours which allow us to either sleep/ relax/ visit friends/ etc.'*

To find out more please send an expression of interest or C.V to [PAjobs@bury.gov.uk](mailto:PAjobs@bury.gov.uk).





## FRIENDS OF THE SEND LOCAL OFFER BURY

Unfortunately we have had to cancel this month's meeting.

Our next meeting will be on

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December,**

10.30-12.00 noon at the SEND Hub in Radcliffe. The topic for discussion is

**The Neurodevelopmental Pathway.**

Please contact the Parent Communications and Engagement Officer if you are interested in joining the group.

[Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk](mailto:Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk)



Jigsaw's Autumn 2022 Partner Newsletter filled with the latest Jigsaw news, updates and fundraising is now available to read.

Click on the link to find out more about what Jigsaw do.

[Jigsaw Bury | Sports & Social Group | Befriending Service](#)



### SEND Parent/Carer Engagement Evening

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 7.00-8.00pm**

An online virtual meeting with Michael Kemp – Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion Services and Jane Case - Programmes Manager for Children's Health. Michael and Jane will be available online to inform and answer your questions.

Please email [BURY2GETHER](mailto:BURY2GETHER@gmail.com) for the link to join the meeting at [Bury2Gether@gmail.com](mailto:Bury2Gether@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 7.00-8.00pm**

A face to face Parent Engagement Evening with Michael Kemp and Jane Case at the SEND Hub in Radcliffe. Please email [Bury2Gether@gmail.com](mailto:Bury2Gether@gmail.com) if you would like to attend the evening.

**BURY HOLIDAY  
Activities & Food Programme**

**Christmas 2022**

Free and exciting holiday activities and food for children and young people who get free school meals.

**Fun for all ages!**

Holiday clubs, sports, den building, football, arts and crafts, cooking, trips to the pantomime and much more...

Scan the QR code for the list of activities and how to book

#HAF2022



Up to date Social Opportunities for SEND children and young people.

Link: [SEND Social Opportunities](#)

Parents can add suggestions directly to the document or by emailing [Michelle.bury2gether@gmail.com](mailto:Michelle.bury2gether@gmail.com)



## CARE & CONVO

Supporting Parent/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).  
Next date: Wed 7th December 11-12pm.

Please let us know you are coming by booking your place at the email address below:



[f](#) [@](#) [@BURY2GETHER](#)  
BURY2GETHER@gmail.com  
[www.bury2gether.co.uk](http://www.bury2gether.co.uk)

The Bury SEND Hub  
(Home of BURY2GETHER)  
Westminster Avenue  
Radcliffe  
Greater Manchester  
M26 3WD

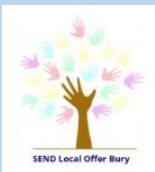


## WHAT'S ON AT BURY SEND HUB

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| <b>15 NOV</b><br>11 AM - 12 PM       | BURY2GETHER: CARE AND CONVO. PARENT/CARER DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING WITH ACCESS TO THE WELLBEING LIBRARY. NO NEED TO BOOK.  |
| <b>15 NOV</b><br>12.30 - 1.15 PM     | BEE INCLUSIVE: EARLY YEARS (0-5) SEND SENSORY SESSION WITH SENSORY BEARS, SENIOR PORTAGE WORKER AND SEND HEALTH VISITOR. BOOKING ESSENTIAL: <a href="http://WWW.BEEINCLUSIVE.CO.UK/EVENTS-1">WWW.BEEINCLUSIVE.CO.UK/EVENTS-1</a> . |
| <b>16 NOV</b><br>4.30 - 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: <a href="mailto:HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM">HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM</a>                     |
| <b>23 NOV</b><br>4.30PM - 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: <a href="mailto:HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM">HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM</a>                     |
| <b>30 NOV</b><br>4.30PM - 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: <a href="mailto:HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM">HAPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM</a>                     |
| <b>7 DEC</b><br>11 AM - 12 PM        | BURY2GETHER: CARE AND CONVO. PARENT/CARER DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING WITH ACCESS TO THE WELLBEING LIBRARY. NO NEED TO BOOK.  |
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| <b>13 DEC</b><br>7.00 - 8.00 PM      | BURY2GETHER: MICHAEL KEMP AND JANE CASE SEND PARENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING. OPEN TO ALL PARENT/CARERS. TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL: <a href="mailto:BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM">BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM</a>  |
| <b>14 DEC</b><br>10.30 AM - 12.00 PM | BURY2GETHER: FRIENDS OF THE LOCAL OFFER GROUP. OPEN TO ALL PARENT/CARERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT <a href="mailto:KASIA.TAYLOR@BURY.GOV.UK">KASIA.TAYLOR@BURY.GOV.UK</a> .   |
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[www.beeinclusive.co.uk](http://www.beeinclusive.co.uk)



## Bury's SEND Local Offer Website

The Local Offer website is currently under review. In partnership with BURY2GETHER, Bury Council are looking at ways to improve the Local Offer website to be more user-friendly and informative of services and organisations. We would like to hear from all users of the Local Offer website to share their thoughts and suggestions for improvements.

If you would like to give feedback, please email the SEND Parent/Carer Communications and Engagement Officer at [kasia.taylor@bury.gov.uk](mailto:kasia.taylor@bury.gov.uk)

SEND Local Offer Bury's website:  
<https://theburydirectory.co.uk/send-local-offer>



SEND activities for children aged 3-17 years. Please see website for more information about what is on offer [www.beeinclusive.co.uk](http://www.beeinclusive.co.uk) or alternatively email them at [hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com](mailto:hellobeeinclusive@gmail.com)


Bee Inclusive hosted a number of social opportunities for children with SEND over the October half-term. Rock Steady Music visited the Bury SEND hub and ran 2 fantastic group sessions where children got the chance to try out a variety of instruments (keyboards, drums, guitar) and then perform a song together at the end.

Bee Inclusive volunteers also hosted two very popular drop-in sessions where children were free to explore the sensory room, new outside play frame and sensory courtyard. There were also a variety of computer games consoles and table top activities. It was lovely to meet new parent/carers who enjoyed socialising with other SEND families.

Our last activity was two sessions of tubing at Ski Rossendale. The rain held off (just about) and children had fun whizzing down the slopes. The staff there are great and always make sure the children have a great time by organising races and spinning the tubes (for thrill seekers).





**HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR!**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY  
 4.30-5.30PM  
 ONLY £2 A SESSION!  
 A Singing and signing choir for all people with SEND and their families.



At Bee Inclusive SEN Hub  
 Westminster Avenue  
 Radcliffe M26 3WD

For more info contact Emma at [happysignscic@yahoo.com](mailto:happysignscic@yahoo.com)


**SEND FAMILY SWIMMING SESSION**  
 Organised in partnership with BURY2GETHER for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities aged 0-17.

Venue/date: Ramsbottom pool every Sunday  
 Time: 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm - Please do not arrive before 12.10 pm  
 Limited places, booking essential. 0161 253 7000 (ask for SEND swim)  
 £9 per family. Discounts available for Bury Leisure members  
 Ladies changing room is unisex.  
 Please arrive pool ready where possible to reduce changing room time  
 Floats and pool toys will be available.

**Winter HAF Activities**

Bee Inclusive is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, based in Bury, that supports social opportunities for children/young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

Bee Inclusive are working with Bury Council to deliver part of the Winter HAF, (Holiday Activity and Food) programme, to children/young people with SEND. Please see details below for activities, eligibility and booking.

Boomerang  
Multisensory  
Play Centre

Pizza Making  
and  
Paint a Pot

Gymnastics  
and  
Soft Play

An option for a hot healthy meal will be provided on each activity. These activities are designed so that parent/carers can enjoy the activities with their child. This is not a childcare provision, therefore a parent/carer is required to stay and supervise their child on all activities.

HAF is a government initiative designed to support children who are receiving 'means tested' free school meals, who are primary or high school age. Additionally, there are places for children who are classed as 'vulnerable'. The following categories may be classed as being vulnerable: SEND, LAC, young carers and refugees.

This year HAF activities will need to be booked via a government website. To book an activity, you will need a HAF voucher code. For those on 'means tested' free school meals and/or those children who have SEND and attend a Bury school, voucher code will be automatically generated directly from school via an email or text. Please check with your school if you haven't received your voucher.

Voucher codes for Bury children with SEND who attend an out-of-area school, or are home educated, may not be automatically generated. If you think you are entitled to a voucher code, you must email a professional (such as a SENCO), so that they can apply for a voucher code on your behalf. Alternatively, if your child has SEND, you are welcome to fill out the form below, allowing Bee Inclusive to cross reference your details and eligibility with BURY2GETHER membership: <http://shorturl.at/efg4>

The online booking system opens on 14/11/22. Instructions will follow, via email, along with your voucher code for how to book on an activity. If your child is allocated a space, you will be contacted via email.

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Explore your senses with 

**Early Years Sensory Play Sessions**

Bee Inclusive, with funding from the 'Let's Do It' Community Health Grant, are hosting monthly sensory play sessions for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), aged 0-5 years and their parent/carers.

**Date: Wed 14th Dec**  
**Time: 12.30 pm - 1.15 pm**

**Venue: Bury SEND Hub (home of Bee Inclusive)**  
**Westminster Ave, Radcliffe, M26 3WD**

There will be different sensory activities available at each session. A parent/carer must stay and supervise their child at all times. Kelly Judd (Senior Portage Worker) and Laura Trevor (SEND Health Visitor) will be attending the sessions.

**Booking is essential.**

To be considered for a place, you must meet the following criteria :  
 Child attending is 0-5 years, has SEND and lives in (or accesses) services in Bury.  
 If you meet these requirements, please visit:  
[www.beeinclusive.co.uk/events-1](http://www.beeinclusive.co.uk/events-1) to secure a place.

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