

EarlyBird

EarlyBird is for parents whose child has received a diagnosis of autism and is of pre-school age (not yet of statutory school age).

The programme aims to support parents in the period between diagnosis and school placement, empowering and helping them facilitate their child's social communication and appropriate behaviour in their natural environment. It also helps parents to establish good practice in handling their child at an early age, so as to pre-empt the development of inappropriate behaviours.

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EarlyBird Plus

EarlyBird Plus is for parents whose child has received a later diagnosis of autism and is aged 4-8 and in Early Years or Key Stage One provision.

The programme addresses the needs of both home and school settings by training parents and carers together with a professional who is working regularly with their child, the aim being that a child will be given consistent support. We work to build both parents' and professionals' confidence and encourage them to problem solve together.

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Doncaster Parents' Voice

The forum represents the views of parents and carers in the local area of all children with special and additional needs and has been established to work in partnership with service providers with the purpose of parent participation to help parents get involved in service planning and decision making.

Parents and carers may join to gain information and be as active or non-active as they wish.

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Aspergers Youth Group

We are a small, communal non-profit organisation based in Intake, who provide a highly inviting social environment for young people with high functioning autism and Asperger syndrome. We are based in a small children's centre and offer a safe, non-discriminative opportunity for the young people in a social atmosphere that might not otherwise be accessible for them in stereotypical youth groups. As well as offering the young people the great opportunity, we also relate to and help the parents by providing them with the environment to speak amongst fellow parents to share any stories they may have and provide help to any problems they may come across.

We meet every Wednesday during term time at the Intake and Belle Vue Children's Centre on Ardeen Road, Intake, Doncaster, DN2 5EU, between 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

Website: www.ayc.btck.co.uk

Useful Websites

route2000.org.uk — Directory put together by the Route 2000 group. The group is made up of local parents of children with disabilities and professionals.

www.helpautismnow.com

www.autismweb.com

www.autism-society.org

www.autism.org.uk

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk

www.netbuddy.org.uk

www.dialdoncaster.co.uk

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www.doncasterccg.nhs.uk

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DMBC Educational Psychology Service

The Educational Psychology Service supports all schools within the Doncaster area. Its role is to help raise achievement and promote inclusion for all children, particularly those with additional needs such as autism. If you have concerns about your child's needs being met within the school environment please contact the school 'Special Educational Needs Coordinator' (SENCo).

The SENCo will then make a decision as to whether involvement from the educational psychologist is necessary but will organise this involvement if it is deemed appropriate. Parents can of course contact the Educational Psychology Service directly.

www.doncaster.gov.uk/sections/educationandlearning/teacherandschoolinformation/educationalpsychology/

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Autism Spectrum Information Centre

An appointment based advice centre where people with autism can get advice and information around housing, finances/benefits, employment and education. This service is free. The service will initially open for one session per week on a Wednesday and is based at the Stirling Centre. Further information is available by contacting the centre direct.

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Autism Plus Ltd

Autism Plus Ltd is a registered charity that supports adults and children with autism, learning disabilities and mental health conditions. They provide help and support, which is completely person centered, when, how and where you need it, so you can live independently and make choices about your life.

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Doncaster Portage Service & Pre School Inclusion Team

Portage is a home teaching service for children up to the age of two years. The portage home visitors support parents to promote early developmental skills with their child using a small steps approach to learning. Children are referred to the Portage Service by the consultant and community paediatricians.

The Pre-School Inclusion Team (PSIT) offer support to Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) day care settings (non-school nurseries and pre-school settings) to promote the inclusion of children with SEND. Referrals can be made to PSIT by PVI settings. Area SENCOs and development officers work with nursery staff to ensure the curriculum is adapted to meet the individual needs of the child, that the SEN code of practice is adhered to and that services are co-ordinated to meet the needs of the family and child.

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Seedlings Group

The Portage Service and Pre School Inclusion Team run a small group for pre-school children with social communication difficulties. This is open to children who are currently not accessing any funded provision. Children are referred by consultant and community paediatricians, speech and language therapists and by members of the multi-disciplinary autism assessment team.

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Cygnets Parent/Carers Support Programme—Barnardo's training consultancy

A parenting support programme for parents and carers of children and young people aged 7–18 with autism. The programme is designed to increase parents understanding of autism, to help parents develop their knowledge on how a child with autism experiences the world and what drives their behaviour, to guide parents through practical strategies they can use with children and to give parents the opportunity to meet with other parents who have had similar experiences and to gain support and learn from each other.

Website: www.barnardos.org.uk/cygnets

Doncaster Parent Partnership Service

Doncaster Parent Partnership Service provides independent information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children with any level of special educational needs. They have a voicemail system; if they are not available they will call back within three days. They also have a Facebook page which is updated with regular information about various support agencies and information.

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www.facebook.com/doncasterpps

Little Rainbows Autism Group

Little Rainbows is a voluntary group providing support to the families of young children affected by autism and Asperger Syndrome in the Doncaster area. We hold coffee mornings, after school clubs and family play sessions as well as organising days out in the school holidays. It can feel like you are the only one going through it some days but with all our lovely families to meet and talk to you will soon realise, with great relief, you're not!

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