

Rainbow Round-Up

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Hello Rainbow Resource scheme members

A very warm welcome to you all, including our many new members. We'd love to know what you think of the newsletter and whether there is anything you'd like us to include in a future issue. You can email the Live Well B&NES team at any time:
Livewell@bathnes.gov.uk



School Holiday Playschemes and Activities

Did you know you can find out about the Holiday clubs running in your local area over on Live Well B&NES?

Bath Area Play Project (BAPP) lead the **Holiday Playschemes** for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, running sessions across Bath and North East Somerset for different age groups. They open up booking for these sessions around 4 weeks before a school holiday, you will need to complete a registration form and submit the days you are **interested** in your child attending. Once the deadline has passed BAPP will contact you to let you know which days your child has been offered a place. Keep an eye on our [Holiday Playscheme page](#) to find out when applications open – we will also share details on our [Live Well BathNES Facebook](#) page.



Alongside this, the **Holiday, Activities and Food (HAF) programme** provides opportunities for young people from eligible families to enjoy free holiday clubs including a free meal, fun activities and sports across the area. These sessions are organised by Activate and will take place at various venues across B&NES. Sessions are

hosted by popular organisations including Bath Rugby Foundation, Youth Connect South West, BAPP, Creative Roots Outdoor Learning, Progressive Sports, Swainswick Explorers, Play Wooden and Activate themselves. Find out more about the HAF programme and eligibility on our [Activate: Holiday Activities and Food page](#).

You will be able to find a full list of [Holiday Club](#) providers over on Live Well B&NES. Simply visit the 'Childcare in B&NES' section, select Holiday Clubs and you will find a list of providers offering your child/young person the opportunity to try new activities, make new friends and enjoy their school holidays with peers.

Your SEND Local Offer –what do you think?



We launched the 'new-look' **SEND Local Offer** last August. We'd love to know what you think of it. Are you able to find the information you need? Is there anything missing?

Bath & North East Somerset's **SEND Local Offer (Rainbow Resource)** is part of a web-based resource providing information and signposting for SEND families, as well as Universal family and childcare information, plus information and signposting for adults needing care or support to live independently.

Find out more:

Live Well B&NES main site:

[Livewell Bath and North East Somerset main site](#)

SEND Local Offer (Rainbow Resource):

[Special Educational Need or Disability \(SEND\) Rainbow Resource](#)

New services and organisations are regularly added to Live Well B&NES. To give us feedback you can email Livewell@bathnes.gov.uk or use the online form: [Contact Us](#)

SEND Local Offer 'roadshow'

We are looking to hold a SEND LO 'roadshow' later this year and are keen to find out what you, as parent carers, would like from it. Would you prefer an event to be held at an accessible venue in Bath & North East Somerset you can come along to, or would you prefer a virtual roadshow; this might be a series of Zoom workshops about different topics.

Let us know by emailing the team @ Livewell@bathnes.gov.uk and use the word 'Roadshow' in the subject. We look forward to hearing from you!

Local Offer video

Have you seen our short video, introducing families to the B&NES SEND Local Offer? We are delighted that our video features a B&NES child and young person with additional needs and part of the video is filmed on location at one of our Rainbow Resource scheme participants, [Avon Valley Adventure and Wildlife Park](#), near Keynsham. Find the video here [Special Educational Need or Disability \(SEND\) Rainbow Resource](#)

SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time*

The government has published a green paper on the future of the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP) system and is undertaking a public consultation on the green paper's proposals.

It wants to work with children, young people, parents, carers and those who advocate and work with them, as well as local and national system leaders, to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

Have your say:

Link to consultation and related documents: [SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time](#)

B&NES Parent Carer Forum



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The B&NES Parent Carer Forum is a voluntary group of Parent Carers of children and young people from birth to 25 yrs. living in Bath & North East Somerset. Through feedback and consultations with parent carers, we work in partnership with service commissioners and providers to help advocate for and raise the voice of parents and carers.

Sharing the knowledge and experience of Parent carers, we help shape and develop the quality, range, and accessibility of provision and services for families of SEN children and young people. We attend meetings, forums and events to make sure parent carers' voices and children's needs are being heard at all levels within health, education and social care so that positive outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their families are achieved.

Find out more: www.banespcf.co.uk

Follow BPCF on [Facebook](#)

What does the Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) offer?

The Specialist Autism Support Service is based at Fosse Way School and is commissioned by Bath and North East Somerset Local Authority to provide support and advice to autistic children and young people, their families and professionals supporting them. To access support from the SASS team, children and young people must be living in B&NES with a confirmed diagnosis of autism and be between the ages of 0-25 years.

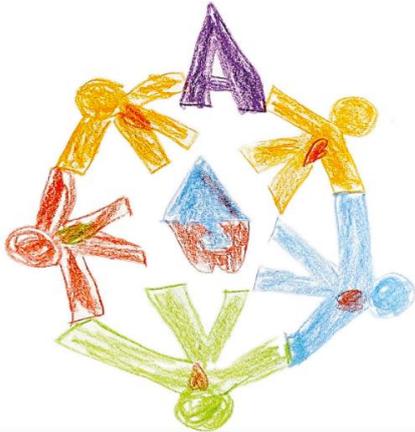
We offer a range of school-based support, alongside support for parents and carers through access to our helpline, regular coffee mornings and training events.

Find out more:

Visit: [Fosse Way School, Specialist Autism Support Service](#)

More info. is also provided in this leaflet:


SASS_Diagnosis_Support_Leaflet (1).pdf



**Specialist
Autism
Support
Service**

for more information:
www.fossewayschool.co.uk

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Improving People's Lives

- ✓ Member of the team always available
- ✓ Advice and Support
- ✓ for Professionals
- ✓ for Families
- ✓ Child or Young Person must be living in B&NES, with a confirmed diagnosis of Autism, between the ages of 0-18, or 0-25 for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

**WEDNESDAY
TELEPHONE HELPLINE**
01761 412198 Extension 2
9am-12 noon throughout the year

Specialist Autism Support Service, telephone helpline, open on Wednesdays, 9am to 12 noon throughout the year. Telephone number 01761 412198 extension 2.

For more information: [Fosse Way School](#)

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SEND Partnership Service news

Can you help choose a new name for the SEND Partnership Service?

The SEND Partnership Service (SPS) is the free, confidential, impartial SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) for children and young people with SEND and their parent carers who live in Bath and North East Somerset.

The recently published SEND Green Paper* proposes the creation of local SEND Partnership Boards. To avoid confusion with these new boards, the SEND Partnership Service needs your help in choosing a new name.

The service would like to include either IAS or SENDIAS in the new title like many other services across the country, so it might be SENDIAS Bath & North East Somerset, SENDIAS Bathnes. What would you suggest?

All suggestions will be shortlisted, and parents and young people consulted before deciding on the final name.

Please send your suggestions to send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk by Monday 13th June.

New website



The service is also developing a new website over the coming months; if you would like to be involved with this, please either use the contact form on the website, www.spsbathnes.org.uk or email send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk

Parent carer sessions

The SEND Partnership Service Information and Advice Officers will be holding some sessions for parent carers over the next few months. The first session will be about **Transition**, on Thursday 9th June from 9.30am to 11am at The Community Space, Keynsham Library

Visit the SPS website www.spsbathnes.org.uk for full details including how to book onto the session.

Find your supportive community at The Carers' Centre



The Carers' Centre is a local charity and supportive community of people who are helping their loved ones get the best out of life.

When you care for a child with additional needs, it can be hard to know where you can turn to feel supported. You are not alone.

By joining The Carers' Centre, you become part of a supportive network that understand the joys and challenges you experience as a parent or guardian.

The Carers' Centre offer a range of services to help you focus on your own health and wellbeing, connect you to others in a similar situation and help you navigate the challenges of caring, wherever you are in your journey.

Find out more:

Freephone Support Line 0800 0388 885 (Mon – Fri, 9am – 1pm)

Email support@banescarerscentre.org.uk

Sign up online



Step by Step



Step by Step is an 8-week programme, designed to support parents/carers of a child, aged 2 – 5 years, with additional needs. It is delivered virtually for 1 hour per week – with additional time for individual questions/support.

Each week a professional attends to introduce their service, answer your questions and help you access the services you and your child may need, to support them with their learning:

- SEND Partnership Services
- Sleep advice
- Speech and language
- Sensory awareness
- Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS)
- Managing stress and relaxation
- Bath Opportunity Playgroup (BOP)
- Carers' Centre

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(Parent, 2022)

Step into School

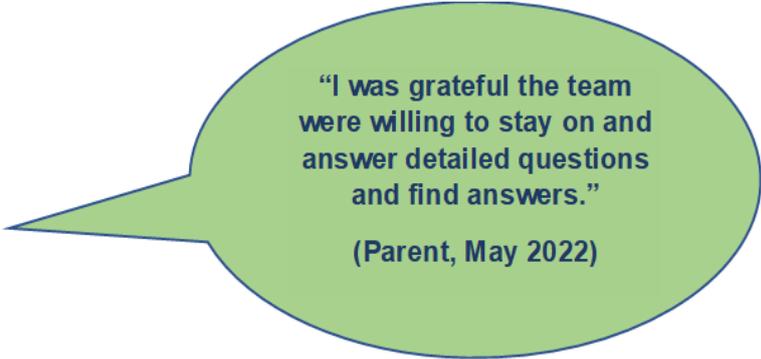
A four-week course, for parents and carers whose child has additional needs and is due to start school in 2022.

Due to popular demand and positive feedback from parents we are delivering an additional course in June 2022.

This is delivered virtually for 1 hour per week – with additional time for individual questions/support. We cover the following:

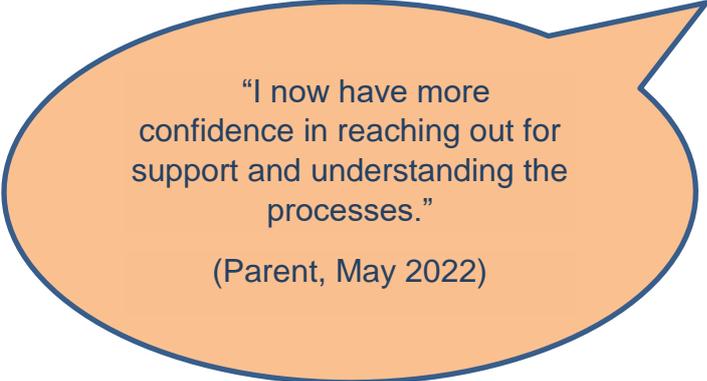
- School readiness - what does this mean and what does it look like?
- How to prepare your child for school
- Available services and support

Both these programmes are available through referral. Please contact your local Children's Centre to request a self-referral or speak to your Health Visitor, Early Years setting or any other professional that you are working with who can support you to complete the referral form.



"I was grateful the team were willing to stay on and answer detailed questions and find answers."

(Parent, May 2022)



"I now have more confidence in reaching out for support and understanding the processes."

(Parent, May 2022)

To find more information about this group and Bright Start Children's Centre Services, including contact details, see: [Children's Centre services](#)

This newsletter is for you and your family, so we'd love to hear your thoughts. If you need this newsletter in another format or language, let us know.

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