



Norfolk Parent Partnership News

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partnership network

For parents and carers of a child with an Individual Education Plan

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We help families of children with special educational needs

Reading and Understanding your Child's Statement

When your child first gets a statement of special educational needs from the Local Authority (LA) it can be a very stressful time. Your child may have struggled at school for a while.

Parent Partnership is here to support you. We are here to help you understand the

paperwork and processes, to support you to have your views heard. We can do this together.

We have produced a new booklet "Reading and understanding your child's statement."



Contact us for a copy or download one from our website:

www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

The Green Paper - How does it affect you?

We are sending in our views on the Government Green Paper consultation which should become a White Paper in the summer of 2011.

This may affect you and your child and the services that are provided for their support and education.

To see a copy of our reply go to our website .

For more information about the proposals or if you would like to reply yourself, go to:
www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/CM%208027

Replies have to be received by the Department of Education by the 30th June 2011.



Michael Gove
Secretary of State
for Education

ASPERGER
EAST ANGLIA
Assisting the able autistic
Registered Charity No. 1074699

shine
for children with additional
needs and their families

Children's Services
and Schools

Central Norfolk
Primary
Care Trust

indigo
Dyslexia
centre

Autism
Anglia
Incorporating Norfolk Autism Society

connexions
NORFOLK

family voice
together improving services

Norfolk Parent Partnership has the following organisations on our Steering Group

Exclusions and what to do

Exclusion is a serious step for a Head Teacher to take and can be very worrying for both child and parents.

Your child should only be excluded if:

- ♦ they have seriously broken the school's Discipline Policy
- ♦ if it would seriously harm their education or welfare or that of others if they were to remain at school.



Your child should not be excluded for:

- ♦ small things such as failing to do homework or not bringing dinner money
- ♦ not doing well with school work; lateness or truancy
- ♦ becoming pregnant
- ♦ parent's behaviour.

Talk to your child's school

Make sure that you understand exactly why your child has been excluded: talk to your child's teacher, a governor, or the head again if you need to.

Contact Norfolk Parent Partnership

We will try to give you all the information that you need and will be glad to:

- ♦ listen to your worries
- ♦ explain things to you that are not clear
- ♦ give you detailed information about the role of the Head Teacher and the Local Authority in the exclusion process
- ♦ advise you about what to do next.

Have you looked at our Website?

Our website has lots of useful information that can help you find out what support is available for your child at school.

All our booklets are available to download or you can contact us and we will send you a copy.

There is also a list of support groups and a useful contacts booklet. Our

Jargon Buster is great for explaining those abbreviations such as:

IEPs	PSA	LSA/TA
SENCo	PRU	IPS

and explains what **school action** and **school action plus** is.

Have a look at our website and tell us how useful you found it on the feedback form.

www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

Our Volunteers

Norfolk Parent Partnership has a team of Independent Parental Supporters (IPS)

They are skilled volunteers who have completed our dedicated training course, which is accredited by the Open College Network.

They also receive ongoing training and support from the Norfolk Parent Partnership team.

This is the support they can offer you:

- ◆ help with issues related to your child's education
- ◆ help you to be fully involved as a partner in your child's education

- ◆ listen to your concerns and help you to express your views
- ◆ help you to access relevant and up-to-date information
- ◆ explain about assessment and statementing
- ◆ explain procedures and choices
- ◆ help you to fill in forms, write letters and reports
- ◆ go with you to meetings.

If you would like to know more please contact us for a confidential chat, to see how we can help you and your child.



Role of the Special Educational Needs Caseworker

SEN Caseworkers work for the Local Authority, they:

- ◆ oversee the Statutory Assessment process
- ◆ attend and process Annual Reviews
- ◆ process funding requests
- ◆ request specialist placements
- ◆ make transport requests
- ◆ amend statements.

Caseworkers check and discuss what goes into a statement and make referrals and recommendations for placements. They advise, support, inform, mediate and liaise. Most decisions are made by a Local Authority Panel.

If you have a concern about your statement speak to your caseworker and/or contact Parent Partnership.

Applying for Statutory Assessment?

If you wish to request a Statutory Assessment, write to the local SEN Area Office. Ring Parent Partnership on **01603 704070** to get the address.

Autism Sharing Day



Autism
Anglia
Registered Charity No. 1053717

21st September 2011
The Sportspark,
University of East Anglia, Norwich
A day for showing, finding out
and sharing

What's available for people who have an
Autistic Spectrum Disorder
What's available for everyone involved with
children and adults with autism.

Contact Autism Anglia on
01206 577678 or
email: info@autism-anglia.org.uk



Free Volunteer Training Autumn 2011

At the
Professional Development Centre,
Woodside Road, Norwich, NR7 9QL

On Wednesdays,
7th, 21st, and 28th September
5th, 12th and 19th October

If you are interested in special
educational needs and would like to
support parents, please ring Norfolk
Parent Partnership for more information.

01603 704070
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As a charity we support groups working with children and young people in
Norfolk. We can help member groups with advice and guidance around
safeguarding, training, inclusion, early years, CRB's, signposting and more.

Get in touch if you are:

- a youth or leisure group** who would like support to make your group more accessible
to children with disabilities
- a young person with disabilities** or
- a parent or carer of a young person with disabilities** who would like to get involved
with accessible leisure activities

Call the Momentum office on 01603 263209 or
email Liz directly at liz@momentumnorfolk.org.uk

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with the voluntary sector and other professionals to support parents and carers of children with
special educational needs.