



Norfolk Parent Partnership News

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

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**We help/support families of children with special educational needs
If you have any concerns about your child's education contact us**

**Do you feel as though you are banging your head against a brick wall?
Give Parent Partnership a ring and we will try and help you.**

Our advisers will listen to your concerns about your child's special educational needs. They will explain to you what the school should do to support your child.



educational questions, we are here to help. A meeting planner is available to help you get the most out of meetings with school or other professionals.

If you have problems with understanding when your child may need a Statutory Assessment or other

We also have a wide range of booklets that are helpful to explain Annual Reviews, Individual Education Plans, Statutory Assessment & Statements. (see our website above or ring us).

Norfolk County Council Special Educational Needs (SEN) Website
New **www.norfolk.gov.uk/SEN**

This is where you can find information on what services and support the County Council provides for children with SEN.



If you cannot find the information you are looking for, please call the Customer Service Centre on:

0344 800 8020

There is also information about support in schools and other types of education provision and lots of links to other people such as the NHS, voluntary and community groups.

or for independent information go to the Norfolk Parent Partnership website:

www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk
or ring us on 01603 704070

Norfolk Parent Partnership has the following organisations on our Steering Group

shine
for children with additional
needs and their families

**Children's
Services
and Schools**

**Central Norfolk
Primary
Care Trust**

indigo
Dyslexia
Centre

**Parents of
children
with SEN**

**Autism
Anglia**

connexions
NORFOLK

family voice
norfolk
together improving services



Academies, Free Schools, UTC's and Studio Schools, what are they?

Academies, in law, are described as independent schools funded by the government. The Agreement is with the Secretary of State, currently Michael Gove. They are publicly funded independent schools; free from local authority control and have one sponsor or more. Other types of schools listed above are all types of academies and will be set up due to demand in the area. A Free School needs parents to back it and a business case. Studio or UTC schools take children of 14-19 years of age, are small and deliver qualifications through project based learning.

Local authorities will continue to be responsible for children with SEN in academies in some areas. This includes home to school transport, educational psychology for Statutory Assessment and monitoring SEN provision. Academies are not accountable locally but through a funding agreement. These are not all the same, so you need to read them to understand what each one actually says. Each agreement lasts 7 years and once a school becomes an academy they cannot change back. To find an agreement:

Put the name of the school, location, followed by funding agreement into a search engine such as Google, Yahoo, Bing etc. This will take you to the

education.gov.uk website (Related articles and Ofsted). **Click on the map for the school you are looking for** and click again on the name of the school. Under Associated Resources on the right hand side of the page is the Funding Agreement. The SEN details are usually in Annex C.

Academies that have been set up after the Academies Act 2010 have agreements which mean they work in very similar ways to maintained schools for children with SEN.

The Agreement will give details on what the sponsors and the Secretary of State have agreed including how the school deals with admissions, exclusions and many other areas of school life.

Currently the local authority may not be able to name an academy on a final statement unless the academy says they will take the child; this may change in the future.

The Education Funding Agency (EFA), will consider complaints about academies. This can be found on the Department for Education's website or email:

academyquestions@efa.education.gov.uk.

You need to follow the academies' own complaints procedures before going to EFA.

Indigo Dyslexia Centre Recommends

Now that summer is on its way, homework is the last thing on your child's mind. Here are some hot tips from our specialists:

- * **Ten minute blocks are best to keep motivation high**
- * **Why not try a board game**
- * **Books are always available so link in to popular trends**
- * **Try practising times tables through ball games and outdoor play**

For more tips, ideas and resources just give us a ring, pop in to our resource centre to have a chat with one of our advisers or check out our website.

INDIGO Dyslexia Centre

Helpline Number: 0845 347 9322

Email: indigo@4dyslexics.com

Website:

www.4dyslexics.com

Charity No: 1120759

Company No: 5378681



Funding Changes and Statements

Funding changes for September 2012 will not change the amount of money available to schools.

There will still be statements after 2012.

**EYE OPPORTUNITY GROUP,
26 CASTLETON WAY, EYE, SUFFOLK
IP23 7BH. TEL: 01379 870975
email: eyeopportunitygroup@btconnect.com
Established 1984**

Structured play sessions for 0-5yr olds on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.30am-11.45am and 12.30pm-2.45pm and Thursday Mornings children aged 2½ attend without their parents in preparation for moving on to nursery and school. There is support for parents and carers with:



- **Home visits**
- **Help filling in forms**
- **Finding out about respite**
- **Sourcing equipment**
- **Help for children with speech and communication difficulties including the use of Makaton and symbols**
- **Small groups of 6-8 children with high adult ratio**
- **Trained and experienced staff with volunteer helpers**
- **Large range of play equipment including multi-sensory soft room and outdoor play area**

We are based in a small cottage with a warm homely atmosphere situated in the grounds of the Hartismere Hospital.

For further information telephone Nicki Trevitt on 01379 870975



Having our say
as people first

Parents Advocacy Group

Supporting parents with
learning difficulties to be
everything they can be

Opening Doors

Formerly People First of Norfolk

Thursday 12.30 - 2.30pm

The Phoenix Centre

Mile Cross Road

Norwich NR3 2LD

01603 789889

www.openingdoors.org.uk

admin@openingdoors.org.uk



Norfolk County Council



In partnership with
Primary Care Trusts
across Norfolk



Free IPS Volunteer Training Autumn 2012

**Professional Development Centre,
Woodside Road, Norwich NR7 9QL**

**Wednesday 12th and
26th September, 3rd, 10th,
17th and 24th October, 2012
(9.30am - 3.30pm)**

A Post Course Meeting will be held at the
Norfolk Parent Partnership office, Woodside
Road, Norwich. NR7 9QL

For more information and an application form,
contact Elizabeth at

**Norfolk Parent Partnership on
01603 704070**

www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

Email: parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk

**Asperger East Anglia
Mindfulness Workshops
For young people
alongside parents/carers**

Maddermarket Theatre

St John's Alley (opp. Charing Cross Centre)

Norwich NR2 1DR

Every Thurs 4.30-6.00pm

31st May—5th July 2012

Contact Tim@asperger.org.uk

01603 621500



**Are you the parent of a disabled child?
Do you ever feel overwhelmed and stressed?**

If the answer to the above questions is yes,
then come along to a free workshop on
Tues 12 June 2012 10am - 2pm (lunch provided)
Sports Park UEA, Earlham Road, Norwich (free parking).
Please contact: Lindsay Goward for a booking
form on 01366 502233 or email
lindsay.goward@cafamilly.org.uk

contact a family
for families with disabled children

Registered Charity No. 284912

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**Please let us know if you would like
large print copies or if
translations would be useful.
Now available in Portuguese and Polish.**

Norfolk Parent Partnership is an 'arms length service' funded by Norfolk County Council, working
with the voluntary sector and other professionals to support parents and carers of children with
special educational needs.