



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**

Concerned about your child's progress at school?



**Do you have lots of
questions about what is
happening at school to help
your child?**

Have you been told or do you think that
your child needs extra help?

Do you know what a Special Educational
Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) does?

Do you know about School Action, or
School Action Plus? Do you know what
an IEP is?

Do you know what a Statutory
Assessment is and how to find out if
your child needs one?

**Ring us and speak to one of our
helpful advisers for the answers.**

Can I appeal for a place at an Academy?

Parents may appeal to a
SENDIST Tribunal for a place in
an Academy for their child.



said he found it very difficult to see
why he would disagree with the
tribunal's decision.

If the tribunal agree with the parent
the academy can appeal to the
Secretary of State for Education. In a
recent appeal the Secretary of State

This means that it is very unlikely that
the academy would win their appeal if
the tribunal has said they must take the
child.

Family Information Service—free family advice and guidance

Norfolk Family Information Service
(FIS) an online, telephone and face-to-
face service providing support to
families with children aged 0-19, and
0-25 for those with additional needs.

Information on offer includes:

- **Advice on choosing and paying for childcare**
- Details of out-of-school clubs and

holiday play schemes

- **Help for families of children with additional needs**
- Activities and advice for young people
- **Support for mums, dads, lone parents and parents-to-be**

For more information go to:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/fsd or ring
0344 800 8020

Norfolk Parent Partnership has the following organisations on our Steering Group



**Children's
Services
and Schools**

**Central Norfolk
Primary
Care Trust**



**Parents of
children
with SEN**



Next Steps from the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Green Paper

The Government has issued the draft reform of legislation for the provision of children with SEN.

After the Green Paper on SEN last year the government has now put together its new draft which will be considered for the government by an Education Select Committee. This means some changes may still be made before it becomes Law.

Some of the points are:

- Statements of SEN will be replaced with Education, Health and Care plans (EHC Plans)

- Health and social care needs must be in the plan
- Education, health and social care must cooperate with each other. This means they must work together, but unlike education, **health and social care do not have to deliver what is in the plan**
- Parents still have the **same rights to mainstream education** if they want it for their child
- The **right to tribunal** remains the same, but parents or young people **must use mediation** before appealing to the tribunal
- The Local Authority will also be responsible for young people with

SEN from 16 - 25 who are still in education

- If an academy or free school is named in a EHC plan they **must accept the child into their school**
- Academies and free schools will be covered by the new legislation
- There will still be a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) in schools
- Local Authorities must say what education, health and social care

services it expects to be available locally, this should mean you will know what support to expect for your child with SEN

- Parents may have, from the local authority, a personal budget for their child with an EHC plan
- The Local Authority will have to record all the children in Norfolk with SEN but not those with disabilities or health conditions unless they have SEN

To read the document in full go to:

www.education.gov.uk/

or for a brief description go to the
IPSEA website:

www.ipsea.org.uk



Working together to improve the well-being of parents/carers with visually impaired children

Virtual School Sensory Support and Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind recently ran a Well-being event for parents and carers over three evenings. Designed by Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the National Sensory Impairment Partnership, the programme was aimed at supporting parents/carers to raise the resilience and self-esteem of visually impaired children and young people.



impairment can have on the whole family.

Dorothy Bowen (NNAB Equipment Centres' Manager and Governor of the Virtual School) said, *"this event showed how the Local Authority and Voluntary Sector can work together to make a real difference to peoples lives."*

Liz Ashby (Teacher from the Virtual School) stated, *"the opportunity to bring this group together was too good to miss and the feedback from all was very positive."*

For more information look at the following websites:

www.nnab.org.uk
www.norfolk.gov.uk/sensory

On Line Survey for Parents of Children with ASD

We are a team of researchers based at Goldsmiths, University of London. An exciting new research project being conducted in together with Goldsmiths, University of London, and London South Bank University, which is funded by the British Academy. The project is entitled:

Experiences of receiving and Communicating a diagnosis of autism: Perspectives of adults, parents and practitioners.

The aim of the research is to conduct the most comprehensive review of diagnostic practice ever conducted in the UK, gathering information on the experiences and perspectives of individuals affected by/involved in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis. The research aims to deliver meaningful feedback and

recommendations, in order to inform future national guidelines and models of practice; thereby improving ASD diagnosis across the UK.

We are looking to hear about the perspectives and experiences of:

- 1) Adults who have been diagnosed with ASD
- 2) Parents who have children who have been diagnosed with ASD
- 3) Practitioners/ Clinicians directly involved in diagnosing ASD

The research takes the form of an online survey that is completed anonymously and takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

Surveys are available on our website:
<http://www.gold.ac.uk/psychology/research/asd-diagnosis/>





Free Wheelchair Skills Workshop

Saturday 3rd November

9.30am – 3pm

Kings Lynn Academy,

Queen Mary Road,

Kings Lynn PE30 4QG

Please bring a packed lunch

Tel 01482 887163 to reserve a place

Or email roy@go-kids-go.org.uk

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www.go-kids-go.org.uk



Free IPS Volunteer Training Spring 2013 in King's Lynn

Professional Development Centre,
Kilham Way, King's Lynn PE30 2HU

Tuesday 26th March,

16th, 23rd and 30th April,

7th, 14th and 21st May, 2013

(9.30am – 3.30pm)

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

The Norfolk and Norwich Dyslexia Association

The Norfolk and Norwich Dyslexia Association is a charity run by volunteers which exists to help dyslexic children, their parents and dyslexic adults.

For education issues we work closely with
Norfolk Parent Partnership.

For further information and advice email:
norfolkdyslexia@aol.com



Do you have a child
of any age with

speech/language problems? Would you like
to meet other families in similar situations?

Then come along to our next support group on:

Wednesday 31st October 2012 and

Friday 4th January 2013 10–11am

Spixworth and Sprowston

Sure Start Centre

Sprowston Infant School, Recreation Road,

Sprowston Norwich NR7 8EW

Ring Amy on 07429632414 or

Tracy on 07941137380

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