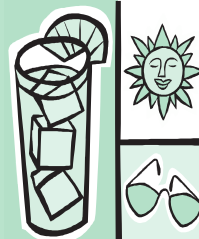




Norfolk Parent Partnership News

Summer 2013



NPPN
national parent
partnership network

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

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

New SEN Funding Booklet - Understanding SEN Funding



We have changed our **Funding booklet** to explain how money is now shared between schools and clusters.

The booklet includes:

- Who is responsible for ensuring children's special educational needs (SEN) are met?
- **How schools are funded**
- The three parts to SEN funding
- **Finding out what money your**

child's school receives for SEN funding

- Children in mainstream nursery
- **How do I know if my child is getting the right level of support?**
- What happens if my child's needs change?

To see our booklet go to:

www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

Or ring 01603 704070 and ask for a copy to be emailed or sent to you.

Are you expecting school transport for your child for the new school year starting September 2013 ?

If your child is entitled to school transport for the new term and you have not received a letter from the Transport Service by the end of August, you may like to check that everything is in place.

You should have received a letter by the **middle of August** confirming your child's transport. If you have not received a letter by the **end of August**, then ring the Local Authority's Customer Service Line and ask for the school Transport Service.

If your child has a statement of Special Educational Needs, your **Additional Needs Co-ordinator** completes a form and sends it to the Transport Service. The ANC can request that you would like a **meet and greet meeting**. This can be arranged by the Transport Service.

Tel: 0344 800 8020 or

Email: information@norfolk.gov.uk



Norfolk Parent Partnership, Woodside Road, Norwich, NR7 9QL

Tel: 01603 704070 Fax: 01603 704072 Email: parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk

Website: www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

Children's
Services
and Schools

Norfolk Parent Partnership has the following organisations on our Steering Group

shine
for children with additional
needs and their families

indigo
Dyslexia
Centre

family voice
together improving services

Health

Autism
Anglia
Norfolk Local Authority



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Have you been told by school that your child may be permanently excluded?

Permanent exclusion is a serious step for a head teacher to take. There are often things which can be put in place to help your child stay at school.

Many parents take their child out of school rather than have them excluded. This can lead to the child not having a school to go to for some time.



If you have concerns, please call:

**Norfolk Parent Partnership on
01603 704070**

or

**the Attendance Team on
0344 800 80 20**

or

**the Exclusions Service on
01603 303333**

You can also look on our website at our Exclusions Booklet for further information.

KIDS launches free eLearning for parents of disabled children and young people

KIDS launches a new eLearning package for parents and carers, aimed at explaining the key points about personalisation, personal budgets and how they may impact on their family life.

KIDS is the charity that works with disabled children, young people and their families. As part of the '**Making it Personal**' project, sponsored by the Department for Education, **KIDS** has created an eLearning suite aimed at parents and carers of disabled children and young people.

Anyone wishing to access the free eLearning can do so by creating an account at:
<http://elearning.kids.org.uk/login/index.php>

The eLearning is intended as a simple walk through some of the information presented in the '**Taking a Personal**

**Approach: A Parents Guide to
Personal Budgets'** handbook.

The handbook was produced earlier this year for parents and carers about personal budgets and how ongoing government changes may affect them



**KIDS eLearning
49 Mecklenburgh Square
London
WC1N 2NY**

Tel: 020 7520 0405

Email: eLearning@kids.org.uk

Web: www.kids.org.uk/eLearning

For parents of children aged 4-18 years who have special and additional needs and whose behaviours are physically challenging.

This course is **FREE** and designed to help parents, or other significant family members and carers who have a caring role, better understand and manage their child's behaviours.

The course is held over two half day sessions from 10am-1pm on consecutive Mondays, with a further informal follow-up session 4-6 weeks later on a Tuesday from 10am-12pm.

24th June 2013 & 1st July 2013
(Follow up 16th July 2013)

8th July 2013 & 15th July/2013
(Follow up 9th Sept 2013)

**All sessions take place at
The Base, Cecil Road, Norwich, NR1 2TJ
on site parking is available.**

To book a place please contact Karen/
Hannah at The base on '01603 463121 or
email: thebasenorwich@gmail.com

Website: www.thebasenorwich.org

Misunderstandings about Statements

Q: Can you still ask for a statement?

A: Yes—statements can still be asked for from the Local Authority. There will be changes from September 2014.

Q: If a parent asks for a statement (statutory assessment) will the child get one sooner?

A: No, it still takes up to 26 weeks whether it is the parent or school asking.

Q: Can a health professional ask for a statement?

A: No, they can tell the LA of their concerns but the LA may choose not to assess your child and may not contact you. You will not have the right to appeal.

Q: Are the hours in a statement 1-1 support?

A: No, not always. Check the wording in your child's statement. Most will say a mixture of 1-1, small group and in-class support.

Q: Will my child get free transport if they have a statement?

A: No, not always. It is best to check.

Q: Does a statement bring money to the school?

A: No, not automatically. Funding for SEN has changed. Schools and clusters now hold the money, not the LA. See our Funding booklet on our website or call us.

Q: Will my child change school if they have a statement?

A: Many children with statements stay at the same school. The parent can ask for a different school if they would like, but the LA may not agree.

Q: Will my child's statement finish when they leave school?

A: No, not always. A statement can stay in place if they stay on in 6th Form. If they move to college, the statement ends so a good transition plan should be in place. Also a **Learning Difficulty Assessment must be written to support them in the future.**

POINT 1

emotional wellbeing
for children and young people

Point-1 is a new service that is delivered by Ormiston Children & Families Trust, in partnership with the youth charity MAP and the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT).

The service provides assessment and support by skilled professionals for children and young people who are experiencing emerging mental health and emotional problems.

For all enquiries about accessing the service, please email the team at:
point1@ormiston.org

The Point-1 service covers the whole of Norfolk, with bases located in Great Yarmouth, Norwich, Thetford, Kings Lynn and North Walsham.



Shine are pleased to announce that we have moved into our new building and our groups and services are up and running.

Call us on **01493 661000**—Email us at info@shine-gy.org.uk or write to us at:
Shine, Alpha Centre, Alpha Road, Gorleston Great Yarmouth NR31 0LG

Support for families in the Great Yarmouth area.



Free IPS Volunteer Training Autumn 2013 in Acle

**Acle War Memorial Recreation Social Club,
Bridewell Lane, Acle NR13 3RA**

**Tuesday 1st, 15th & 22nd October,
5th, 12th & 19th November, 2013
(9.30am - 3.30pm)**

Exit interview on the 26th November

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

**Volunteer Open Morning at
Norfolk Parent Partnership
Woodside Road,
Norwich NR7 9QL on
Tuesday 23rd July 2013
between 10am—12 noon.**

**Come along and find out about joining
our free volunteer training course.
Just ring and let us know
you are coming.**

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