

Sept 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

I hope you are all well and had a good summer.

1) Transport and Travel

I know that there has been disruption to the transport service for some families, and I am so sorry that there has been such a difficult start to the term for some of you as a result.

We are doing all we can to resolve the current challenges – if any families are still having difficulties please can you email sen@haringey.gov.uk and we will make sure your concerns are dealt with promptly.

We are working to make sure that disruption doesn't happen again – it would be really helpful to get your input, so can you also please let us know if you would like to be part of a transport steering group to look at how we can run the service more smoothly by emailing sen@haringey.gov.uk and state 'transport'.

2) Co-production and Participation

The Local Authority and Contact, the national charity that supports Parents' Forums, are working together with parents from different groups to review our approach to co-production. We are planning a workshop to hear your views on co-production and helps us write our co-production strategy. I will update you in the newsletter in November about a date for this event.

In the last newsletter I listed some of the parent/carers groups in Haringey and you can find these all on the Local Offer at:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/about-local-offer/get-involved>

You can also find on the website a letter from Haringey councillors in support of co-production.

3) New policies and changes in legislation

You can find the new policy on Radio Aids here:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/about-local-offer/send-policies>

4) Respite and Short Breaks

We have added more organisations to the Local Offer who have been registered and quality assured for you to use with your children.

The providers can be found at:

Setting	Description
Centre 404 https://centre404.org.uk/	Learning and Leisure groups and activities for children, young people, and adults with a learning disability or autism that build social networks, reduce isolation and promote independence
Ezer Leyoldos https://ezerleyoldos.co.uk/	Services include postnatal support, counselling and play therapy, parenting support and skills training, emotional support and short breaks for children with disabilities. Ezer Leyoldos offers an extensive range of culturally appropriate family support services for the Orthodox Jewish Community.
Haringey Shed https://www.haringeyshed.org/	Haringey Shed is an inclusive theatre and performing arts company for children and young people.
KIDS https://www.kids.org.uk/	KIDS workers take the child or young person out into a community setting, such as to the cinema, bowling or to the local swimming pool. A KIDS worker can also care for the child or young person in their own home
Resources For Autism https://resourcesforautism.org.uk/	Resources for Autism provide practical services for children and adults with a diagnosis of autism and their families.
Step by Step https://www.stepbystepkids.org.uk/	Activities include animal workshops, creative arts, sensory storytelling, science activities, soap workshop, balloon race, carnival, sand art and lots more. Other activities include off-site trips to farms, indoor play areas, theme parks, trampoline parks and bowling, and a variety of performances
Team Spirit https://www.riverside.haringey.sch.uk/	After school holiday clubs and family respite run by Riverside Special School and known as 'Team Spirit'. Please contact the school for more details.
The Markfield Project https://markfield.org.uk/	Children at Markfield get to make decisions about what to do on clubs by choosing and planning activities. Markfield run clubs, holiday activities and after school activities

We are still looking at how Haringey families can get access to overnight short breaks if they need it. We will also be opening up our short breaks list again to try and register more providers in October 2019.

5) Transition Event

Post 16 options for young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

To follow on from our event held in Tottenham on 30 January 2019, we have a new event booked!

Our previous event was attended by more than 60 families - we hope even more families are able to come to our new event:

- **When: Wednesday 30 October 2019, 10am to 1pm**
- **Where: Tottenham Green Pools and Fitness (Leisure Centre), 1 Philip Lane, Tottenham, N15 4JA**

There will be guest speakers, information stalls with information and advice on health and wellbeing, community activities, post 16 options, education, social care and work. Families will have the opportunity to network and speak with professionals on the things that matter to them.

You will hear about **Supported Internships** at the event. Whittington Health and North Middlesex Hospital working with Haringey Colleges to deliver Project Search supported internships. There are still places on these courses, please contact sen@haringey.gov.uk and ask for Martine Eni if you would like to find out more.

6) Direct Payments Events

Thank you to all the families who attended events about 'Direct Payments' and gave us your valuable feedback. There will be an event to start the consultation on the new Direct Payments policy:

14th Nov 2019 10-12am and a re-run of the same session 6-8pm Cypriot Centre Earlham Grove London N22 5HJ

The event will cover; How your short breaks budget is assessed for and reviewed, what you can use your money for, how to find good respite providers and who can help you to find them. There will be two more sessions to feedback your views on the new policy, run in the local Special Schools. All these events are listed at the end of the page

You can learn more about what families said they wanted to see changed in the direct payments policy on:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/about-local-offer/local-offer-news>

you can find the direct payments presentation under 'other updates'

7) Is your child's education health and care plan making a difference to them?

Staff in the SEND service are keen to know if you think your child's education health and care plan is making a difference to your child's confidence, learning in class and ability to make friends. Please spend one or two minutes clicking onto the link below, and complete the questionnaire. I will let you know the outcomes in the next newsletter. If you have a paper copy of this letter, please ask your child's SENCo to email you the link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YTL7HVF>

8) Information on the Local Offer

There are new pages on the Local Offer on Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and Hearing and Visual Impairment. You can find the pages on:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/health-services/health-conditions>

Please let us know what you think by giving your feedback at the bottom of the page online

9) Events this year

A quick summary of all the events planned this year:

Event	Date time and place
Family Fund Charity Events	8th October 2019 10.30 – 2pm The Kemble Hall, Kemble Road, Tottenham N17 9UJ and will run from 10:30am until 2pm.
Transition Event	Wednesday 30 October 2019, 10am to 1pm Tottenham Green Pools and Fitness (Leisure Centre), 1 Philip Lane, Tottenham, N15 4JA
Direct Payments Policy Consultation Launch	14th Nov 2019 10-12am and a re-run of the same session 6-8pm Cypriot Centre Earlham Grove London N22 5HJ
Direct Payments Policy Consultation	19th Nov 10-11.30 The Vale Special School Secondary Trulock Road,N17 OPG Email:office@vale.haringey.sch.uk to book a place
Direct Payments Policy Consultation	21st Nov 10-11.30 Riverside Special School Wood Green ILC White Hart Lane, London UK N22 5QJ email admin@riverside.haringey.sch.uk to book a space
Haringey CCG NHS Public meeting	Working together to improve local health and care services. Haringey CCG is inviting Haringey residents to a public meeting on Thursday 10 October 2019 at Tottenham Green Leisure Centre, 1 Philip Lane, London N15 4JA. The meeting will focus on how we can all work together – You'll have a chance to share your ideas and experiences, meet local GPs and representatives from the Council and voluntary sector, plus ask us questions about the work we do. There will be an afternoon session from 2:00pm - 4:00pm (refreshments from 1:30pm) and a repeat session in the evening from 6:00pm - 8:00pm (refreshments from 5:30pm).
Transport review	TBC Jan – Feb 2020

Local Offer Event – communication and consultation, how you want services to communicate with families	TBC March 2020
Therapies review	TBC June – July 2020

Best Wishes

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