

Inclusion: Useful Contacts for Parents of Children with SEND

Service	Contact Details	Information
CYPIT	https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/	CYPIT (Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies) support you and your children (up to the age of 19) with occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and specialist dietetic services to help you achieve the outcomes you want.
IPSEA	Telephone: 01799 582030 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)	Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (known as IPSEA) is a registered charity (number 327691) operating in England. IPSEA offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We also provide training on the SEND legal framework to parents and carers, professionals and other organisations. IPSEA provides model letters to support parents in requesting EHC assessment
CAMHS	Telephone: 0118 949 5060 / 5177	CAMHS is used as a term for all services that work with children and young people who have difficulties with their emotional or behavioural wellbeing. This is a multi-disciplinary approach, encompassing psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, support workers, occupational therapists... Parents, carers and young people can receive direct support through CAMHS.
IASS	Telephone: 01344 354011 Email: SEND.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	The Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) provides confidential and impartial advice and information to support parents or carers and children and young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bracknell Forest.
Autism Berkshire	Helpline: 01189 594 594	Provide information and advice through a helpline, events, workshops, outreach, publications and newsletters. Run accessible social and leisure activities for children and adults. Provide specific autism training and support. Work with education, health, emergency and employment services and the six main local authorities in Berkshire to deliver autism-appropriate services. Raising awareness in the wider community to promote greater understanding.
Max Card	Telephone: 01133 947 951 Email: hello@mymaxcard.co.uk	The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for foster families and families of children with additional needs. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission. Download an application form here

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CEA Card	<p>Telephone: 01244 526 016</p> <p>Textphone: 18001 01244 526 016</p> <p>Email: info@cea-card.co.uk</p>	<p>The CEA Card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA). The Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema. The Card is also one way for cinemas to make sure they look after their disabled guests. If you require an adjustment to visit a cinema because of your disability, cinema staff should make them for you whether you have a CEA Card or not.</p>
Sensory Toy Library	<p>Contact Name: Pip Catnach Contact Position: Founder</p> <p>Telephone: 07500668549</p> <p>E-mail: bracknellsensorytoylibrary@gmail.com</p>	<p>Bracknell Sensory Toy Library (B.S.T.L) is a not for profit community library of sensory toys. It is designed for families with children who are disabled or have special needs to borrow specialist equipment for free.</p> <p>Meet ups & pop-up lending events are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Foxes Den cafe in Binfield (9am-11am).</p>
Family Fund	<p>Telephone: 01904 550055</p>	<p>Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people. Last year, we provided 89,101 grants or services worth over £33 million to families across the UK.</p>
Home Start	<p>Telephone: 0116 464 5490</p> <p>Email: info@home-start.org.uk</p>	<p>Home-Start is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times. We are there for parents when they need us the most because childhood can't wait.</p> <p>Home-Starts across the UK also support families in groups, hold day trips and Christmas parties and help access local services, as well as lots of other support.</p>
Swings and Smiles	<p>Telephone: 01635 285170</p> <p>Email: office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk</p>	<p>Swings & Smiles is a place to play for children with special needs and their families. It offers a unique environment where the whole family feels supported and where they can spend quality time together. Our services include play sessions, sibling support and outreach.</p>
Our House – Building For the Future	<p>Telephone: 07393 407 169</p> <p>Email: admin@bfff.org.uk</p>	<p>Our House is a unique accessible play centre where families can meet and all children are celebrated. With a range of facilities, including soft play, a sensory room, teen chill-out zone, PCs, gaming and free play area, at Our House, disabled children can relax, have fun and be truly valued and accepted for who they are.</p> <p>Parents and carers can find support from one another, share the ups and downs, as well as finding valuable information about raising their disabled child. Siblings can make friends with other children in similar situations, carers and grandparents can chat over a cup of coffee.</p>

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Disability Living Allowance		<p>Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children may help with the extra costs of looking after a child who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is under 16 - has difficulties walking or needs much more looking after than a child of the same age who does not have a disability <p>They need to meet all eligibility requirements. DLA rate is between £23.20 and £148.85 a week and depends on the level of help the child needs.</p>
Carers Allowance	<p>Telephone: 0800 731 0297 Textphone: 0800 731 0317</p>	<p>You could get £66.15 a week if you care for someone at least 35 hours a week and they get certain benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Independence Payment - daily living component - Disability Living Allowance - the middle or highest care rate - Attendance Allowance - Constant Attendance Allowance at or above the normal maximum rate with an Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit - Constant Attendance Allowance at the basic (full day) rate with a War Disablement Pension - Armed Forces Independence Payment