

## SEND SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS


As well as the Central Bedfordshire information shared above, there are many other local and regional organisations that offer services to parents and carers of children with SEND. We often work with parents to complete referrals together asking for support and advice. Parents and carers are also welcome to access these groups directly.

Please click on the following web addresses and images:




	<p><b>Autism Bedfordshire</b> We are an independent charity dedicated to improving the lives of autistic people and their families across Bedfordshire.</p> <p><a href="https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/">https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/</a> 01234 350704</p>
	<p><b>Carers in Bedfordshire</b> A support group for children who help to care for families members with a disability or illness.</p> <p><a href="https://www.carersinbeds.org.uk/">https://www.carersinbeds.org.uk/</a> 0300 111 1919</p>
	<p><b>Child Development Centre - Kempston</b> Your child may be referred to the CDC to access a variety of services including a Speech Therapist, Paediatrician, Dietician, Behaviour Led Nurse or other professional.</p> <p><a href="https://earlyhelp.bedford.gov.uk/details.aspx?record=77774802">https://earlyhelp.bedford.gov.uk/details.aspx?record=77774802</a> 01234 310278</p>
	<p><b>CHUMS</b> Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for children and young people</p> <p><a href="http://chums.uk.com/">http://chums.uk.com/</a> 01525 863924</p>
	<p><b>Families United Network</b> FUN are a dynamic and progressive charity based in Luton who support disabled &amp; additional needs children, young people and their families.</p> <p><a href="http://familiesunitednetwork.org.uk/">http://familiesunitednetwork.org.uk/</a> 01582 420800</p>
	<p><b>The Jigsaw Centre</b> The Jigsaw Centre is a Central Bedfordshire Service that sits within the School Improvement Team</p> <p><a href="https://www.jigsawcentre.co.uk/about">https://www.jigsawcentre.co.uk/about</a> 0300 300 5735</p>

	<p><b>Outside In</b> Support and training on ADHD and Autistic Spectrum Conditions</p> <p><a href="https://outsidein-solutions.com/">https://outsidein-solutions.com/</a> 07824 634762</p>
	<p><b>School Nurse – 0-19 team</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/bedfordshire/school-nursing">http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/bedfordshire/school-nursing</a> 01525 631199</p>
	<p><b>SNAP Parent Carer Forum</b> SNAP (Special Needs Action Panel) is a pro-active, independent forum of parent carers who all have children or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).</p> <p><a href="http://www.snappcf.org.uk/">http://www.snappcf.org.uk/</a> 07984 545044</p>
	<p><b>Speech and Language Therapy</b> NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service for Bedfordshire and Luton – accessed via school or GP</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/children/sen-disability/speech-language-therapy/overview.aspx">http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/children/sen-disability/speech-language-therapy/overview.aspx</a> 01234 317002</p>
	<p><b>The Avenue</b> The Avenue is a positive, friendly organisation that understands the highs and lows of people living with autism</p> <p><a href="https://theavenuesupport.co.uk/">https://theavenuesupport.co.uk/</a> 07425 551110</p>

There are also many national organisations who offer online support for families and host training and other events. Most provide resources for parents and carers to download for free or to purchase. These include:

	<p><b>ADHD Foundation</b> The ADHD Foundation works in partnership with individuals, families, doctors, teachers and other agencies to improving emotional well-being, educational attainment, behaviour and life chances through better understanding and self-management of ADHD, ASD and related learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, Irlen's Syndrome, dyscalculia and Tourette's Syndrome.</p> <p><a href="https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/">https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/</a> 0151 2372661</p>
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	<p><b>Asthma UK</b> Asthma UK works to stop asthma attacks and, ultimately, cure asthma by funding world leading research</p> <p><a href="https://www.asthma.org.uk/">https://www.asthma.org.uk/</a> 0300 222 5800</p>
	<p><b>British Dyslexia Association</b> Offering dyslexia information, advice and services</p> <p><a href="https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/">https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/</a> 0333 405 4567</p>
	<p><b>Child Mind Institute</b> Dedicated to transforming children's lives struggling with mental health and learning disorders</p> <p><a href="https://childmind.org/">https://childmind.org/</a> (contact via email)</p>
	<p><b>Contact for families with disabled children</b> For every shape and size of family, whatever they need and whatever their child's disability, we're here</p> <p><a href="https://contact.org.uk/">https://contact.org.uk/</a> 0808 808 3555</p>
	<p><b>Epilepsy Society</b> We set out to make a difference to every person affected by epilepsy whatever their background, however seriously it affects them, and whether they have the condition themselves or are close to someone with epilepsy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/">https://www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/</a> 01494 601411</p>
	<p><b>I CAN</b> I CAN's mission is that no child should be left out or left behind because of a difficulty speaking or understanding</p> <p><a href="https://www.ican.org.uk/">https://www.ican.org.uk/</a> 020 7843 2510</p>
	<p><b>National Autistic Society</b> We are the UK's largest provider of specialist autism services. Our trained staff and volunteers bring passion and expertise to the lives of 100,000 autistic people every year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.autism.org.uk/">https://www.autism.org.uk/</a> 0808 800 4104</p>

	<p><b>Special Needs Jungle</b> Parent-led information, resources and informed opinion about children and young people aged 0-25</p> <p><a href="https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/">https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/</a> (contact via email)</p>
	<p><b>Winston's Wish</b> We support children and young people after the death of a parent or sibling</p> <p><a href="https://www.winstonswish.org/">https://www.winstonswish.org/</a> 08088 020 021</p>
	<p><b>Young Minds</b> Fighting for young people's mental health</p> <p><a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/">https://youngminds.org.uk/</a> 0808 802 5544</p>

If you use, and would like to recommend, any other local organisations we would be happy to share their details for benefit of other parents. Please email [tcoles@silsoelower.co.uk](mailto:tcoles@silsoelower.co.uk).

Our SENDCo is hosting a series of parent and carer coffee mornings during 2019/2020. If you have questions or comments of a SEND nature, I would be very happy to meet with you. Please see forthcoming events/school calendar for dates and times.

Please feel free to message our SENDCo if you have any other comments or questions about SEND in our school.