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## SEN NEWSLETTER

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Half term 1

### Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to welcome all of the children back into school and see them all settling into their new classes. Now that staff and pupils have got to know one another a little better, all of the children on our SEN register have been given a new **learning support plan** which includes their current class targets. You should receive a copy of this by half term. If you have not, please speak with your child's class teacher.

We are always thinking carefully about how we can best meet your child's needs in school and aim to give each child the opportunity to share their views and opinions. With this in mind, our learning plans include a number scale alongside each target. This scale allows your child and their teacher to mark a starting point for each target. These will be reviewed at the end of the term so that all small steps of progress can be measured and celebrated.

### Short Breaks

Short breaks give children the chance to take part in activities, explore new opportunities, form friendships, become more independent and enjoy themselves.

Short breaks activities take place outside of school hours during daytime, evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Short breaks could, depending on the child's allocated budget, be used for:

- Group activities like a youth club or Saturday group for children with disabilities
- Holiday play schemes
- Sports, music or arts activities
- One-to-one support to access any other activities, such as youth clubs, cinema trips or meeting friends for lunch.



#### Let's talk... about Short Breaks

With Colleen Hubbard

Commissioning and Service Development Manager  
and Amanda Peart

Commissioning Officer

both from the Health and Disability Integrated Commissioning Team,  
Children's Services, Norfolk County Council

If you are not yet accessing Short Breaks:

- find out about the Short Breaks service
- discover who is eligible
- learn how you could use Short Breaks funding

If you already use Short Breaks:

- is the service working well for you?
- are there changes you would like to see?

Join us online on

**Monday, 22 November from 10.00 to 11.30am**

**Tuesday, 23 November from 7.00 to 8.30pm**

Email [events@familyvoice.org.uk](mailto:events@familyvoice.org.uk)  
for booking and joining instructions.

### Getting in touch

I am only in school on a **Thursday** and always try my best to respond to queries as quickly as possible. You can also speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

# Parent support

We understand that you may have concerns or worries about your child and how best to support them at home. Just One Norfolk has a lot of information and advice for parents which can be found here: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/return-to-school/resources-for-families>. You can also call 0300 300 0123 for advice and support or text **Parentline** on 07520 631590.

Below are further details of other places where support is available:



is anyone doing anything about this?

am I the only parent worried about this?

why can't this work better?

how can I get people to listen?

If you have more questions than answers about services for your child with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND), come and talk to us.

We are all parents like you. We understand.

Find out how we can make sure your voice is heard and what we are working on right now.

**Monday 25 October 10-11am**  
**Monday 29 November 10-11 am**

No need to book – just drop in on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006703755>

## New SEND Local Offer website

The Norfolk SEND Local Offer team has been busy this summer improving their web pages to make information easier to find.

Following consultation with parent carers and organisations including Family Voice Norfolk and SENDIASS, the content has been edited, refined and streamlined to make it easier to navigate. The section on advice and support for families has been expanded, and the sections on support for learning and the SEN support process have been improved.

Visit this one-stop shop to find all the information you need about education, health and social care, as well as support, advice and things to do.

Take a look at the relaunched SEND Local Offer at: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/send>

Please don't hesitate to let the Local Offer team know if there are things that could work better for you in finding what you need. The Local Offer website is always changing and improving, but your feedback is essential for that. Just click on the little faces at the bottom of each page to give your views.



## More about Norfolk SENDIASS

Norfolk SENDIASS provides free and impartial information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for children, young people, parents and carers.

You can contact them on **01603 704070** or by email at [sendpartnership.iass@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sendpartnership.iass@norfolk.gov.uk) or via the contact form on their website at [www.norfolkpartnershipiass.org.uk](http://www.norfolkpartnershipiass.org.uk)

On the website you will find a range of booklets (see some of them opposite). There is also an opportunity to sign up to receive the SENDIASS newsletter, and further information about training events such as the one above.

The website is also where you can find out about the **Norfolk SEND Youth Forum**, where young people share their experiences and work together to improve services for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

