

SEND Termly Newsletter

Term 3

Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos (BNSSG) Parent Carer Forums have joined together to provide a range of workshops, online and in person, to help families with children or young people currently on the waiting list for an Autism Assessment.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-n-somerset-and-s-glos-parent-carer-forums-41027867683>

Just click on the link and find what would work for you:

- Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Behaviour
- Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences
- Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Anxiety
- Autism Vs ADHD

And many more...



What is FLORA?

Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice (FLORA)

The FLORA Team provide information and advice for children and young people with additional needs and their parents and carers in Bristol.

For more information, email:

flora@bristol.gov.uk with your name and phone number. The team will contact you within 3 working days

You can also call FLORA on 0117 352 6020

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/advice-and-support-for-parents-and-carers>

Do you want to build friendships with other parents of children with SEND?

Murmuration sets up nurture groups: Small groups for 6-8 SEND parents nurturing connection and belonging. We start with an eight-week mental-wellness course, full of sharing, laughter, tears, and bonding over all the raw realities of SEND parenting.

We then support each group to continue as they wish, being there for each other as friends, connecting up as families or continuing to meet as a support group. Your child could be at pre-diagnosis stage or you could be years into the journey – all are welcome, whatever the disability or neurodivergence.

<https://murmurationcommunitytherapy.weebly.com/> - for more information.

Bristol Autism Project provides family holiday activities for autistic children and young people aged 4-18 years - or those with similar Social & Communication Interaction Needs (SCIN) - and their siblings who live in Bristol.

Families must live in an address in the Bristol Local Authority area to access this service OR they may have a child that attends a special school in Bristol OR be under the care of Bristol Social Care team but live outside Bristol.

A leaflet about BAP is here: [Flyer](#)

If you are interested in this please speak to me for a registration form.



Have you heard of Bristol Children's Disability Register?

Sign up to the Register to get a free discount card and stay updated on what's available in your area.

More information on Bristol's Local Offer Website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/bristol-childrens-disability-register>

Who is the SENDCo at Minerva Primary Academy?

My name is Ella Gibson and I am the Assistant Principal at MPA. One of my roles is the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator which means I support children who need anything additional to or different from the majority of children across the school, from Pre-School to Year 6. Please feel free to speak to me on the



Bristol Autism Team Advice Clinics



The Bristol Autism Team (BAT) support children and young people who have a formal diagnosis of autism, those on the pathway to diagnosis and those with Social Communication and interaction needs in educational settings from Early Years through to Post 16.

A named BAT link will be meeting with the SENCO of your child's school within the last two terms of the academic year.

Within this meeting there is an opportunity for parents to attend and gain informal advice from the BAT team.

There are limited parent spaces available so please liaise with your school's SENCO to book a place.

If all places are filled, then please do let the SENCO know you would like support and we will liaise with the SENCO in how to access further advice.



To find out more scan the QR code to visit the local offer page:

[Autism support \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/autism-support)

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Caudwell Children is excited to announce the launch of our Get Sensory Packs! We've listened to our families who told us that occupying their children, finding appropriate and safe toys and the money to provide their children with the equipment they would like is even more difficult than usual at the moment.

In response to this, we have created The Get Sensory Pack to provide **affordable sensory equipment** to support disabled children during this especially difficult time. These packs are available to children who have a **confirmed** disability or chronic illness

https://getsensorypacks.com/?_ga=2.249828230.1295567908.1662969072-950716424.1662969072