

# North Kent Services for children with disabilities and their families



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## SEND Support Available to Families SEND information hub updates - Kent County

Council : This is a handy online tool helps families explore what are the right options for them if they think their child may have SEND.

Home | IASK : IASK supports families of children and young people with SEND. They help empower children/young people and their parents to make informed choices about their children's, education.

## SEND Information Hub (Kent County Council's Local Offer) | IASK

Home - Kent PACT (kentpactnew2022.co.uk) : This is for parents and Carers of children and young people with SEND wishing to have their choices heard.

• Equality and Inclusion - KELSI



## Accessible Community Activities

- Kent County Council activities and events

[Autism Apprentice](#) | [The Autism Apprentice CIC](#)

- Kent Libraries—free activities and clubs, baby and toddler activities, Story time, homework clubs, lego clubs etc

[Clubs and activities in libraries - Kent County Council](#)

- Medway Libraries—free clubs and activities, baby bounce and rhyme, lego club school holiday activities etc.

[Find a library](#) | [Medway Council](#)



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## 21 Together

21 Together is here to provide support for family members, carers, friends and professionals supporting someone with Down's Syndrome.

### **Contact info**

[21 Together Down's syndrome Charity](#)

[info@21together.org.uk](mailto:info@21together.org.uk)

01622 230720



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Gravity

Trampoline park based in Maidstone.

SEN Sessions

**Contact info**

[SEN Sessions | Maidstone | Gravity Trampoline Park \(gravity-uk.com\)](http://SEN Sessions | Maidstone | Gravity Trampoline Park (gravity-uk.com))

## Gillingham Jumpers

Gillingham Jumpers work closely with Kent Autistic Trust as well as many more.

**Contact info**

[Special Needs | Jumpers Rebound Centre \(trampoline.co.uk\)](http://Special Needs | Jumpers Rebound Centre (trampoline.co.uk))



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Kent Disability Swimming Squad

Contact info

[Kent Disability Swimming Squad | Local Kent Directory](#)

## 1:1 Swimming lessons disabilities

Contact info

[Learn to Swim — Level Water: The Power of Swimming](#)





# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Cinema Autism Screenings

**Odeon**— [ODEON - Autism friendly](#)

**Showcase**— [Autism Friendly Screenings | Showcase Cinemas](#)

**Cineworld**— [Autism Friendly Screenings are returning to Cineworld | Cineworld cinemas](#)

## CEA Card

Children or Young people who have SEND can apply for a Cinema Exhibitors' Association. See if you are eligible...

[Home - CEA Card](#)



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Lego Land

Ride passes, Sensory room and daily quiet hour—

Total Sensory Space | LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Imago Community

Imago Short Breaks service is for **Children and Young People with a disability aged 8-19yrs** (inclusive), who live in Kent, and who require a level of additional support that makes accessing mainstream/universal services unlikely.

[Short Breaks Service \(imago.community\)](http://imago.community)

IMAGO



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Bradbourne Riding and Training Centre

Bradbourne Riding & Training Centre

### **Contact info**

Bradbourne Riding & Training Centre

Bradbourne RDA : 07914 273 610



# SEN Sessions in surrounding Areas

## Swanscombe Tigers Football

Disability Football | [swanscombetigers.com](http://swanscombetigers.com)

Kevin Basson

T. 07799 475265

E. [swanscombetigers@gmail.com](mailto:swanscombetigers@gmail.com)



# Dartford and Gravesham

## Resources:

### Baby Sensory—Dartford & Gravesend

Find out more...

Baby Sensory North West Kent

07494 276028

[dartfordandgravesend@babysensory.co.uk](mailto:dartfordandgravesend@babysensory.co.uk)

Age range 0-4



# Disability Clubs

## Whizz Kids

Training courses and clubs for children who use a wheelchair.

Children's Wheelchair Charity | Wheelchair Charity ([whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://whizz-kidz.org.uk))

020 7233 6600

[info@whizz-kidz.org.uk](mailto:info@whizz-kidz.org.uk)



# Playschemes

## Kent Friendz

- After School Clubs aged 8-18 years
- Saturday Clubs for children aged 8-18 years
  - 16+ Clubs
  - Adults social club
- School Holiday Activities aged 8-18 year
- Outreach support at home and in the community
  - Advice and Information Service

### **Info**

[Kent Friendz — The Symbol Trust](#)

[info@symboltrust.org](mailto:info@symboltrust.org)

+44 (0)1622 609998





# Playschemes

## We Are Beams

Their mission is to provide comprehensive support services to families of children and young people with any form of physical, learning or sensory impairment living in the Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks and the surrounding areas.

### **Info**

[We Are Beams | Supporting Disabled Children and Their Families](#)

01322 668501

We are Beams also offers a parent support group (coffee morning) at Ifield Smile Centre. To attend a session and session dates please email [office@ifield.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@ifield.kent.sch.uk)



# Playschemes

## Space2BeMe

Afterschool, weekend and holiday clubs. Based in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

### Info

[About us – Space 2 Be Me](#)

01622 764566

[info@space2beme.org.uk](mailto:info@space2beme.org.uk)



# Playschemes

## Nova

Nova Children's Project is a non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people with disabilities. We run clubs and playschemes during evenings, weekends and school holidays, giving them the opportunity to have fun in a safe and secure environment, whilst giving families a much-needed break from their caring role. We currently support children and young people, aged 9-25, who have moderate to severe learning disabilities with associated behaviours that challenge and/or complex health needs.

### Info

[About us | Nova Children's Proj](#)  
[\(novachildrenproject.co.uk\)](http://novachildrenproject.co.uk)

[info@novachildrenproject.co.uk](mailto:info@novachildrenproject.co.uk)



# Parent Support

## IASK—Information, Advice and Support Kent

We give free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for children, young people up to age 25, parents and carers.

[Home | IASK](#)

[03000 41 3000](tel:03000413000)

[iask@kent.gov.uk](mailto:iask@kent.gov.uk)

## Dial—North West Kent

DIAL provides free confidential information and advice on all aspects of disability to the residents of North West Kent (Dartford, Swanley and Gravesham), and to KAS-BAH service users and members across Kent.

[dialnwk.org.uk](http://dialnwk.org.uk)

01474 536 50

[dialnwk@kasbah.org.uk](mailto:dialnwk@kasbah.org.uk)



# Parent Support

## Kent Autistic Trust

Our Family Support Information Service is a free service, providing information, advice, support, signposting and training to individuals, families/carers and professionals affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder across Kent and Medway.

[The Kent Autistic Trust \(kentautistictrust.org\)](http://kentautistictrust.org)

[01634 405168](tel:01634405168) .

[wendy@kentautistic.com](mailto:wendy@kentautistic.com)



# Parent Support

## Kent Disability & Special Needs Resources

ABLEize is disability run and a non profit disability and special needs online library. Its purpose is to search out and make public the many local and national resources of disability and special needs interest. These include a very wide spectrum of sites and services including support groups, disabled and special needs activities and sports, as well as dedicated SEN education and many more local and national resources all available via the ABLEize website.

<https://www.ableize.com/>

[admin@ableize.com](mailto:admin@ableize.com)

## Special Needs Jungle

Many families do not get the help they need because they do not know where to look or how to cut their way through the increasingly complicated system. We aim to highlight resources and inspire and empower families to do this successfully by providing resources, tips, facts and examples.

[Special Needs Jungle - News, info, resources & informed opinion about Special Educational Needs, disability, children's physical and mental health, rare disease. Campaigning to #FixSEND](#)



# Parent Support

## The National Autistic Society

We have been working with autistic people and their families to create a vision for a society that works for them.

[National Autistic Society \(autism.org.uk\)](http://autism.org.uk)

[0207 833 2299](tel:02078332299) (Monday to Friday 9am-12pm and 1-3pm)

[nas@nas.org.uk](mailto:nas@nas.org.uk)

## Beyond Autism Early Years

BeyondAutism Early Years is an educational service for autistic children and/or related communication difficulties aged 15 months - 5 years. It provides families support and empowers parents/carers to be more confident in their own and their child's ability.

[About Us - BeyondAutism Early Years \(beyondautism-earlyyears.org.uk\)](http://beyondautism-earlyyears.org.uk)

[020 3031 9703](tel:02030319703)

[earlyyears@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:earlyyears@beyondautism.org.uk)



# Parent Support

## Autism South East

Autism South East (ASE) is a family run and autistic led organisation, helping and supporting autistic adults and children and their families throughout the South East.

[Autism South East](#)

[contact@autismse.uk](mailto:contact@autismse.uk)

## SOS!SEN

We provide a range of information, advice and support to help parents find their way through the daunting legal and bureaucratic maze of securing SEN support for their children.

[SOS!SEN – The Independent Helpline for Special Education Needs – We offer a free, friendly, independent and confidential telephone helpline for parents and others looking for information and advice on Special Educational Needs \(SEN\) \(sossen.org.uk\)](#)

[0208 538 3731](tel:02085383731)





# Parent Support

## SOUNDABOUT

Soundabout is a charity that uses music to empower and unlock the potential of people with severe and profound learning disabilities. Our multi-sensory music-making techniques help to stimulate communication, learning and self-expression, enabling people who may be unable to hold an instrument or speak to make their own unique contribution.

[Home - Soundabout](#)

01235 797474

[info@soundabout.org.uk](mailto:info@soundabout.org.uk)

## Kent Parents and Carers Together

Kent PACT is a parent carer forum set up for parents of children and young adults with disabilities and additional needs.

They offer a way for you to have your say and influence us, local health services and other organisations in improving local services. Some of the parents on the forum are also key members of the joint KCC/NHS SEND Improvement Board.

[Kent Parents and Carers Together \(PACT\) - Kent County Council](#)



# Parent Support

## Puzzles

Puzzles is a charity based in Medway and work within Swale, Medway and Maidstone areas. In May 2019 a group of volunteering parents set up a new group called Puzzles, which it's name came from one of the groups children. Puzzles has gone from a small group of parents going out to sold out weekly events. They bring families together to share experiences and meet others, encourage them to play with others that understand them. The events/activities include, bowling, skiing, tobogganing, cinema and much more. We also have an over 18 events which include a comedy club at Much Laughter.

Puzzles is free to join all you need pay is the price of the event, we often do group bookings this keeps the price down.

Puzzles run every Friday evening, for more information about what Puzzles do or any events/activities please contact either,

<https://medwaypuzzles.com/>

01795 583824

paul.puzzles@outlook.com



# Parent Support

## Foodbanks



*"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."*

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

[Gravesham Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](https://gravesham.foodbank.org.uk/) <https://gravesham.foodbank.org.uk/>

[Hive Hope Northfleet | A local charity helping all those in need](https://hivehope.org.uk/about-hive-hope/) <https://hivehope.org.uk/about-hive-hope/>



# Holidays

## 3H Helping Hands for Holidays

The 3H Foundation helps people with disabilities and carers have a period of respite. The 3H Foundation was formed in 1975 to provide holiday opportunities for families who faced similar needs. 45 years later the charity is still providing holidays for children and adults with disabilities!

[Home - The 3H Foundation](#)

[01892 860207](tel:01892860207)

[info@the3hfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@the3hfoundation.org.uk)

## PHAB

Phab inspires and supports disabled and non-disabled children, young people and adults to make more of life together - breaking down community barriers, reducing social isolation, and creating opportunities for all involved to enjoy the same activities and challenges side by side.

[Phab | Phab creates opportunities for disabled and non-disabled people of all ages to make more of life together | phab](#)

020 8667 9443

[info@phab.org.uk](mailto:info@phab.org.uk)



# Other

## Tiny Little People

Tiny Happy People is here to help you develop your child's language skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development.

[Children's language development and parenting advice - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

## Wide Fit Shoes

Wide fit shoes provide free specialist footwear consultation and advice to disabled, SEND and special needs adults and children, their family and carer's. Local and national advice offered by phone, email or in person.

Finding suitable footwear for a range of special needs children and teen is not always easy or straight forward, most shoe shops do not have the expertise to discover your exact needs.

[Wide Fit Shoes - Extra Wider Fitting Footwear For Men And Women](#)

02089071742

[jesol@widefitshoes.co.uk](mailto:jesol@widefitshoes.co.uk)



# Children's Centres

Each centre offers different services, including:

- childcare
- early education
- training or finding a new job
- antenatal classes
- baby clinics
- support with breastfeeding
- support with parenting and speech and language
- drop-in sessions for parents and children
- services for children with special needs and disabilities
- opportunities for families to get involved with volunteering and designing services

Please check with your local children's centre to find out what they offer.

[Children's centres - Kent County Council](#)



