

Barnsley
SENDIASS



Special Educational Needs
Disability Information,
Advice, Support (SENDIASS)

Barnsley Partnership with
Children, Young People &
Parents/Carers

The Service - Barnsley

The Local Authority has a duty to provide Information, Advice and support (formerly Parent Partnership Service) to children, young people & parents and carers of children who have Special Educational Needs and or disabilities.

The Service offers free confidential and impartial:

- ❖ *Information*
- ❖ *Guidance*
- ❖ *Advice*
- ❖ *Support*

... for children, young people & parents and carers of children who have special educational needs (SEN) and or disabilities.

The service is available to all children, young people & parents and carers of children and young people

- ❖ *Who have a Special Educational Need (SEN);*
- ❖ *Are between the age 0-25 years and;*
- ❖ *Live in the borough of Barnsley*

Services for You ...

We can offer:

- ❖ The opportunity for you to talk things through and say what your concerns are
- ❖ Support when writing letters to School, Early Years and post 16 Setting's and the Local Authority
- ❖ Help with Statutory Assessment and Education, Health and Care plan Process.
- ❖ Advice or issues around School/setting placement
- ❖ Support at meetings

- ❖ Advice on who you should contact if there are behavioural, emotional or social difficulties
- ❖ Information on appeals to SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability Tribunal)
- ❖ Advice on exclusions
- ❖ Advice on transport arrangements
- ❖ Information about other organisations that might be helpful to you
- ❖ Information on a range of topics

Services for Groups ...

We can provide:

- ❖ Workshops for young people and parents and carers.
- ❖ Drop-In advice sessions for young people and parents and carers at Schools, Colleges and Children's/family Centre's.
- ❖ Advice and support on starting Support Groups
- ❖ Training to become an Independent Supporter

We aim to ...

- ❖ Help you play a valued and active role in your own or your child's (if parent carer) education and enable you to make informed choices and;
- ❖ Encourage and support joint working between you, your school/setting or your child's School (if a parent carer), the Local Authority and other agencies.

When are we available ...

The service is available Monday-Friday. We have set times when it is easier to phone or e-mail us. Calls will be taken in a confidential room.

We can be contacted on:

01226 787234 (leave us a message and we will get back to you)

Or email

SENDIASS@barnsley.gov.uk

We also have a website and Facebook page:

www.barnsley.gov.uk/sendiasm

www.facebook.com/BarnsleySendiasm

At other times you can leave a message on our answer machines and we will aim to return your call within 3 working days.

We can arrange to meet you at a venue you prefer but we can also offer meeting sessions in our offices around the borough.

We are available to meet you but advise you book an appointment so that we can make sure we have time to talk with you.