Bury SEND LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER February 2024









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Bury's Children's Disability Register

Bury Council is required to have a register of children and young people with a disability to communicate with parents/carers effectively. It will also be used to assist service planning to meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities and their families.'

Children and young people's names are added to the register at their parent's request and the information held on the register will be confidential and stored on our secure database.

The Disability Register form can be downloaded or completed online by visiting the Bury Council website at:

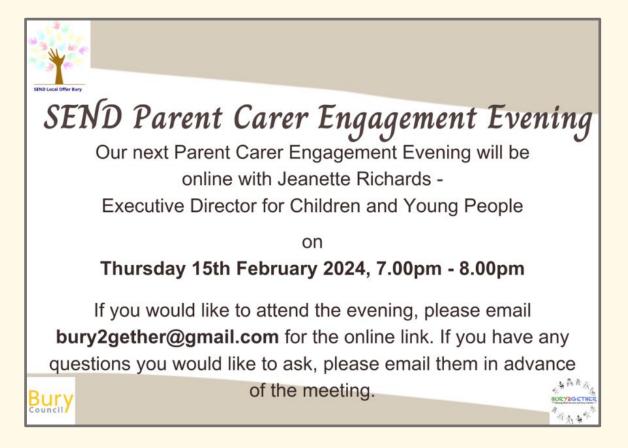
www.bury.gov.uk



Alternatively you can pickup a copy of the form at the Bury SEND Hub in Radcliffe.

scan the QR code.









On the 5th February 2024 until 16th February 2024 there will be a SEND Practice Learning Event in Bury. This event is an opportunity to learn about each SEND practice's offer by attending an online learning session or face to face drop-in. A timetable of various learning sessions is available for parent carers, young people, and professionals to sign up to.

A more detailed timetable of what is on offer can be found by clicking on the related file on the Local Offer at: www.theburydirectory.co.uk/send-practice-learning-event-2024

MONDAY 5 TH FEBRUARY		TUESDAY 6 TH FEBRUARY		WEDNESDAY 7 TH FEBRUARY		THURSDAY 8 TH FEBRUARY		FRIDAY 9 TH FEBRUARY	
12 pm- 1 pm	The role of the Early Years SEN Team	10am - 11am	Planning the future of Bury's Educational (and Community) Psychology Service	9.30am- 10am	Graduated Approach Toolkit Familiarisation session for services	9.15am- 12.15pm	SENCO Support Surgery Elmsbank College	8.30am- 12.30pm	Teaching Assistant Developmental Drop- in
	ONLINE		ONLINE		ONLINE	10am- 12pm	Secret Garden Hoyles Park community forest school Hoyles Park-Bury		Elmsbank College
1pm- 2pm	Meet the 'Children with Disabilities Team' ONLINE	12pm- 2pm	BURY2GETHER Parent/Carer Forum and the Bee Inclusive Team Face to face drop-in. Bury SEND Hub, Westminster Ave, Radcliffe	10am- 11am	Childrens Disability Team- Short Breaks Offer ONLINE	10.30am - 11.30am	An insight into the SEND provision within the Community Eye Service ONLINE	9.30am- 10.00am	Rehabilitation for Independence- Sensory Workshop ONLINE
		1pm- 2pm	SENDiass: SEN support workshop ONLINE	1pm- 2.30pm	Speech, Language and Communication ONLINE	8.30am- 8.45am	SEND Outreach Service-What support is offered. ONLINE	1pm- 3pm	Information session about the EHC assessment process ONLINE
MONDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY		TUESDAY 13 TH FEBRUARY		WEDNESDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY		THURSDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY		FRIDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY	
10am- 11am	Children's Health Services- What is the Childrens Dynamic Support Register	9.30am- 10.30am	SEND Outreach Support-Awareness training on Unconditional Positive Regard (UPR)	10am- 12pm	EHC Team- Annual Review support Session for SENCOs	9.30am- 10.00am	Graduated Approach Toolkit -Familiarisation session for services	11am- 11.30am	The Local Offer co-production session
10am-	ONLINE		ONLINE	10am-	ONLINE	1pm -	ONLINE		ONLINE
12pm	First Point Family Support Services Coffee and Catchup Drop-in Fishpool Liberal Club Nelson Street Bury BL9 9HX			12pm	Bury SENDiass - SEN Support & Reasonable Adjustments Bury SEND Hub. Westminster Ave, Radcliffe M26 3WD	2.30pm & 2.30pm- 4pm	Awareness raising of Vision Impairment /Hearing Impairment in the workplace. 3 Knowsley Place, Bury BL9 OEJ		
12pm- 1pm	SEND Early Years Practice- The role of the Early Years SEN Team ONLINE			2pm - 4pm	Understanding and supporting young people and families where Selective Mutism presents ONLINE	3.45pm- 4.00pm	SEND Outreach Service-What support is on offer ONLINE		
Further details of the Learning sessions on offer can be found by clicking on this link: www.theburydirectory.co.uk/send-practice-learning-event-2024									

Speak Enquire KNow Discuss

What's on in February 2024					
Event	Date	Time	Details		
SEND Practice Learning Event Everyone welcome	5/2/24 -15/2/24 Varied timetable		Further details of the Learning sessions on offer can be found by clicking on this link: SEND Practice Learning sessions timetable		
Children and Young People MH Focus Group	9/2/24	10.00am- 12.00pm	Parent Carer focus group discussion to help shape the development of emotional wellbeing services for children in Bury. Online session. Email <u>Marina.Nixon@nhs.net</u> for the online link.		
BURY2GETHER Parent Carer Engagement Evening Everyone welcome	15/2/24	7.00pm- 8.00pm	Online session- Please email BURY2GETHER for the link to join online at <u>bury2gether@gmail.com</u>		
Parent Case Surgery with Michael Kemp	21/2/24	12.00pm- 2.00pm	Do you have concerns about your child's EHC Plan. An opportunity to book a private appointment to talk through the plan and any issues you may have. Book a designated time slot with the SEND Communications and Engagement Officer on 07581020879 or email: Kasia.Taylor@bury.gov.uk Based on a first come first served.		
Children's Health Engagement Event- Informal Drop-in event for parent carers Everyone welcome	27/2/24	10.30- 12.00pm	Find out what progress has been made in Children's Health Services for SEND. An opportunity to listen and have your say what works and what doesn't work for you and your child Sedgley Community Centre, Bishops Road, Prestwich M25 0HT		
BURY2GETHER Care and Convo Session- Drop-in Everyone welcome	29/2/24	7.00pm- 8.00pm	Coffee and catchup. A support group for parent carers of children/Young People with SEND. Venue-Bury SEND Hub		

Bury Local Area SEND Inspection

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting the area, as part of an inspection and will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Ofsted would like to hear from parents, carers, children, and young people about the support that we provide to children and young people with SEND. They would also like to hear from practitioners so as to understand how we work with other agencies to ensure children and young people receive the right support.

Questionnaire : <u>https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10299863</u>

Guidance and more information can be found <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-</u> send-inspections-information-for-families

Your views are important to us and will help inspectors understand your child's experience of the SEND arrangements within your area. The survey will close at 9am on 6 February 2024.

The survey is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. We do not ask for your name.

If you complete this survey, you consent to the transfer of your information from SmartSurvey to Ofsted.

For more information about how CQC and Ofsted collect and use data during inspections please see their individual privacy policies: CQC privacy statement; Ofsted privacy policy

School & College Transport Team

The policy for travel arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disability was last reviewed in 2015.

The Council committed to reviewing the existing policy to ensure it meets statutory requirements as set out by the Department for Education (DfE) in June 2023.

Working with Bury2gether, a series of engagement sessions have been held with parents and carers to understand the barriers families may be facing with the existing home to school transport policy and to consider how we can better support young people and their families. I would like to thank all parents and professionals that were able to attend the meetings, we have received valuable feedback that will be taken into consideration when co-producing the new policy.

Following the final engagement session on Tuesday 30th January 2024 the Council will commence an online consultation.

The consultation will focus on the key themes that have been raised during the engagement sessions. All stakeholders including children/young people and their families, school staff and all professionals involved with supporting children and young people with SEND will be invited to submit their thoughts/feedback using an online form.

The consultation will run for a minimum of 28 working days commencing February 2024 during the Spring term. Communication regarding the consultation will be issued to all stakeholders via email and will be published on the Council's website and social media channels.

It is proposed to present a report to the Council's Cabinet in March responding to the outcome of the consultation and making recommendations in respect of a new policy.

Children's Mental Health Week will take place between the 5th and 11th February this year to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK. This is a good time to share our Thriving in Bury



digital app with our children and young people, as it enables them to easily access information and support to manage their mental health and emotional wellbeing. The app provides easy access to information on local support services, self-help materials, youth groups, emotional concerns and issues, national helplines and digital mental health support.

https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/YoungPeople https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/ParentandCarers https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/Professionals https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/Education









Waiting list initiatives and recruitment for psychological therapies.

So far we have successfully recruited SIX new staff! We are excited to let you know that Bury CAMHS now have the following practitioners join our team.....

A Qualified Systemic family practitioner, a Trainee Systemic practitioner, a Trainee CBT therapist, a Qualified CBT therapist, a Qualified Child and Young person wellbeing practitioner (CYPWP) and a Trainee Child and Young person wellbeing practitioner (CYPWP).

Parent workshops

- A number of our Pathway leads at Bury CAMHS are offering training/teaching seminars for any parent carers to attend, titled "How to support your child with...." With a number of topics which include anxiety and low mood, self harm, emotional dysregulation, autism and ADHD, etc.
- These start on the 31st January and run until November this year. We will be offering this as a rolling programme. If parents are interested in this they can **express their** interest and further details @ our email address <u>pcn-tr.hymresource@nhs.net</u>.
- Please advise parents that these places are booked on a first come first serve basis and numbers are limited. If they do not get place initially they will be allocated for a place on the next group.

CAMHS Single Point of Access (SPOA) referrals team

We are currently trialling our SPOA team in- house with a view to work within the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) and Early help premises later this year. The SPOA will enable children, young people and families to access the appropriate services and the help they need quickly and easily. We will keep you updated regarding any additional progress and our future plans!

CAMHS link team update

- Currently our Link team Mental health practitioner Shazna is providing a consultation
 offer to the Bury Youth offending (YOT) with the view to support the service in best
 supporting their service users mental health and emotional wellbeing and improving
 outcomes via advice, assessment, signposting and onwards referrals this is
 dependent on the young persons individual needs and presentation.
- We have also employed a SECOND Mental health Link worker.....this means we will have a full CAMHS Link team!

Update from our Children's Health Services

Last month we engaged with Spectrum Gaming to help us better understand how we can support the needs of young people with Autism- they provided us with a report that we are working through with CAMHS and SG to see what changes can be progressed in the short, medium and long term . <u>CAMHS Emotional Wellbeing Report.pdf - Google Drive</u>

Further to this we are developing a **Young Persons Post diagnostic support offer** - We have engaged with Spectrum Gaming to begin to coproduce a post diagnostic support offer for young people delivered by autistic young people. Coproduction sessions planned with Young People and Parents February and March.

Based on feedback from our sessions, CAMHS are also establishing a new parent support group, look out for the dates which will be coming out soon.

We have held engagement sessions with parents and based on their feedback, Jo our Designated Clinical Officer for SEND is going to set some time aside to be available for brief sessions if people have health pathway queries. Jo already receives a number of queries from parents, however after listening to parents, we are going to trial a different way of offering that support during February.

The DCO has set out 4 consecutive sessions of 30 minutes per week which parents can contact Jo directly to book onto through e mail joanne.mcmaster2@nhs.net over February these will be:

Friday 2 nd February 2024	12:30pm-14:30pm
Wednesday 7 th February 2024	10.00am till 12.00pm
Monday 12 th February 2024	11:30am-1:30pm
Monday 19th February 2024	11.00am- 1.00pm
Monday 26 th February 2024	10.00am till 12.00pm



Bury SENDiass is an impartial service who offer information, advice and support around issues relating to SEND. You can contact via telephone (01706 769634), email (<u>bury.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk</u>, or by visiting our website <u>https://barnardossendiass.org.uk/bury-sendiass/</u>. We have also arranged several sessions in the community, where you can access information, advice and support face to face.

Appointment and Drop-in sessions:

East Bury Family Hub (by appointment only) 25 Dorset Drive, BL9 9DN 7th March, 9th May, 4th July Please contact <u>Bury.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk</u> to book an appointment.

Sedgley Community Centre Drop-in sessions (just turn up): Sedgley Community Hub, Bishops Road, Prestwich, M25 0HT 28th Feb - 1pm - 4pm and 18th April - 9am - 12pm

Vision and Hearing Impairment/Deaf

Education Service



The service works closely with local NHS teams and charities to ensure that we are up to speed with what is available to our Children & Young People, and their Families. We have compiled a small directory of links, offering additional support, tips and advice:

Vision	Hearing				
Welcome to the Royal Society for Blind Children	Audiology :: Northern Care Alliance				
<u>(rsbc.org.uk)</u>					
Children, Young People & Families - Henshaws	<u>Manchester Deaf Centre - Children and Young</u> <u>People's Service</u>				
Support & Donations – UK Charity for Visually Impaired Young People (look-uk.org)	National Deaf Children's Society Supporting deaf children (ndcs.org.uk)				
Blind in Business Young Students & Parents - Blind in Business	Parents & Professionals CODA UK & Ireland <u>CIC (codaukireland.co.uk)</u> Working with Children of Deaf Adults (CODA)				
Money and benefits - disability living allowance RNIB RNIB	<u>CICS Cochlear Implanted Children's Support</u> <u>Group (cicsgroup.org.uk)</u>				
<u>Marvin Story Time Show (positiveeye.co.uk)</u> Marvin's Story Time Show is an inclusive opportunity for the whole family to participate in a meaningful fun story time. Central to the concept are children with special needs.	Help and support for deaf young people How you can get involved (ndcs.org.uk)				
	Applying for DLA DLA for deaf children (ndcs.org.uk)				
	Grants for the Deaf :: Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired				
BURY2GETHER a forum for Parents/Carers who have children with SEND					
Local support for Parents/Carers who have a child or young person with a Special Educational Need					
or Disability (SEND), aged 0-25, who access Bury services.					
<u>barclayslifeskills.com</u> (for skills, knowledge and confidence that CYP need for work with tools, tips and learning resources)					
Loclay Weada					
Lesley Woods					

Manager, Vision & Hearing/Deaf Education Service

L.A.Woods@bury.gov.uk

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We are contracted by Bury Council to provide an impartial Mediation & Disagreement Resolution Service for parents and young people within Bury. More information is available on our website.

Our contact details are:-

Website	https://mediatelegal.co.uk/send-mediation-disagreement-			
	resolution-services/			
Email	help@mediatelegal.co.uk			
phone	0161 960 0894			

Mediatelegal is accredited by the Civil Mediation Council to provide mediation services, including SEND mediation. Our mediators are Civil Mediation Council SEND Accredited.

What is Mediation?

In a typical SEND dispute, it is often the case that everybody involved simply wants the best outcomes for the child or young person with SEND. Any disagreement often occurs when people can't agree on what provision is needed to ensure that best outcome is achieved. Mediation is a voluntary, confidential and without prejudice process. It allows the parties to come together and speak openly and honestly about their concerns and aspirations in a SEND disagreement.

Mediation is an informal and non-confrontational meeting that gives the parent(s) / young person the opportunity to speak with the local authority (LA) about EHC decisions if they disagree with them. Everything discussed at a mediation is confidential and without prejudice. This means that everybody involved can speak openly and honestly with one another, knowing that nothing they say can later be used against them.

Our SEND mediators make sure that everyone at the meditation has the same opportunities to speak and be heard.

You can find out more about SEND mediation here.

What is Disagreement Resolution?

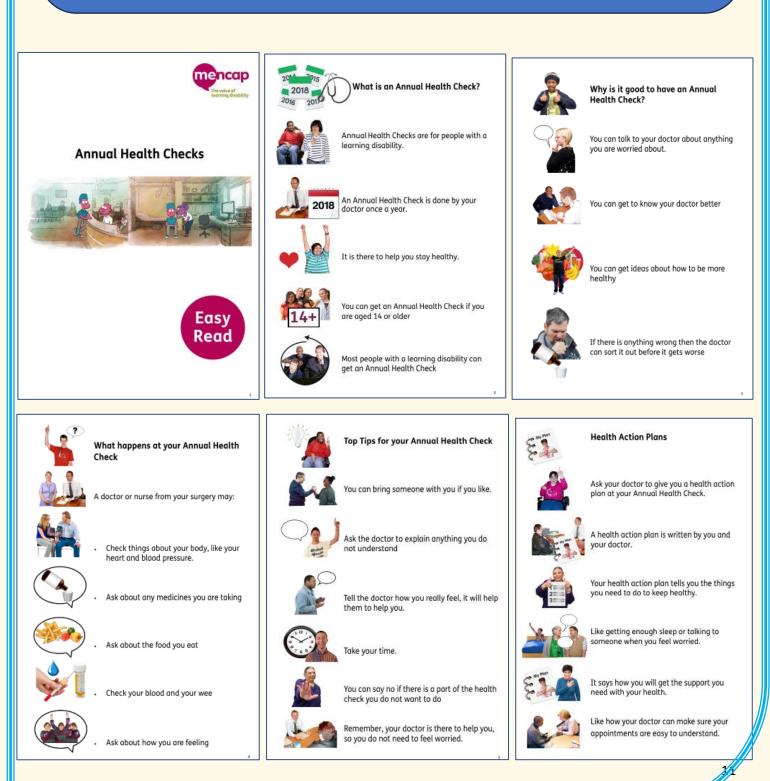
As well as a Mediation service, every LA must also provide access to a DRS for parents, carers and young people who have concerns about support, and how it is being provided. DRS is entirely voluntary for both parents/young persons/carers and also the LA. DRS is available to be requested for disputes involving children / young persons with SEN, and it doesn't matter whether that child or young person has an EHCP or not.

Mediation differs from DRS because Mediation is intended to be available to use each time a final decision has been made in respect of certain aspects of an EHCP. DRS can be used at any time if both sides agree to use it, including after an appeal has been lodged with the First Tier Tribunal. DRS is an early chance for all parties to discuss any concerns about support, regardless of whether there is an EHC Plan or not.

You can find out more about DRS on our <u>website</u>. Our fees are paid by the Local Authority, as required by law. There is no fee payable to us by the parent or young person.

Did you know that every person in Bury aged 14+ with a learning disability is entitled to an annual health check at there GP Practice? An annual health check can help you to stay well by talking to a doctor or nurse about your health and finding any problems early, so they can be managed and treated early.

If you have not had an annual health check recently or you are worried about seeing a doctor or there is anything they can do to help you attend your appointment, please let your GP practice know, these changes are called 'reasonable adjustments.'



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SPECTRUM GAMING

Spectrum Gaming is an online community for autistic young people aged 8-17 which runs two Discord servers and a Minecraft server. These are overseen by youth workers, trained volunteers and young staff who host regular online events (chosen by our community) and support members to connect socially and form positive relationships.

Our charity is based in Bury and we also run meetups across the Greater Manchester area. Regular activities include youth club, football and monthly forest school sessions, with additional events taking place during school holidays.





In addition to running online and inperson events, Spectrum Gaming is recognised widely for its advocacy projects and training. We are proud to represent the views of autistic young people in Greater Manchester, and beyond, at a strategic level.

Membership to our community is free and Spectrum Gaming is currently accepting new applications for autistic young people residing in the Greater Manchester area. Interested families can find out more and apply online at: <u>www.spectrumgaming.net</u>

You can get in touch with us at: info@spectrumgaming.net

Upcoming Training

Monotropism and autistic wellbeing (ONLINE) Date: Wed 21st February Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Suitable for parents/carers and professionals.

More information/tickets can be found at: Monotropism

Resources

Spectrum Gaming has created a variety of resources free for access/use by families and professionals.

Autism Understood: A website about autism created specifically for autistic young people: <u>autismunderstood.co.uk/</u>

Barriers to Education project resources

https://www.barrierstoeducation.co.uk/trauma

https://www.barrierstoeducation.co.uk/anxiety

https://www.barrierstoeducation.co.uk/talking-about-autism

Epic Autism Resources Padlet: Autism padlet

Visit our <u>Youtube</u> channel to see content created by our community members

Follow us on Facebook to find out more







Do any of the following apply? 1) Does your child have a diagnosis of SEND? 2) Do you or
professionals suspect that your child has SEND? 3) Is your child on the pathway for a SEND
diagnosis?

Please note: In order to allocate places on these sessions, professionals will prioritise children who are not in an early years setting, who are not currently accessing early years services, children who cannot access generic early help sessions, and those who haven't attended our sessions before.



Visit www.bookwhen.co.uk/beeinclusive to request a place at these sessions. You will be contacted by Bee Inclusive if your family have been allocated a place.



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All our activities are Bee Inclusive exclusive events.

FOR FULL DETAILS, ELIGIBILTY AND TO BOOK VISIT

HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE?TAGS=SCHOOLHOLIDAYS



SEND LEARNING EVENT AT THE BURY SEND HUB. AN OPEN DAY TO COME TUE 6 FEB ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BURY2GETHER AND BEE INCLUSIVE. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM TO BOOK EMAIL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM SENDIASS WORKSHOP FOR PARENT/CARERS: REVIEWING AN EHCP. WED 7 FEB BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT: HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/BURY-SENDIASS-SEN-SUPPORT-WORKSHOP-TICKETS-685490910767? 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM AFF=EBDSSBDESTSEARCH HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH WED 7 FEB SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM CONTACT EMMA: HAPPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM SENDIASS WORKSHOP FOR PARENT/CARERS: SEN SUPPORT AND WED 14 FEB **REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS.BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT:** HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/BURY-SENDIASS-SEN-SUPPORT-10:00 AM - 12:00 PM WORKSHOP-TICKETS-685490910767?AFF=EBDSSBDESTSEARCH HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH WED 14 FEB SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM CONTACT EMMA: HAPPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM TUE 20 FEB HAIRCUTS AT THE SEND HUB. BOOK A SLOT AT: WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM WED 21 FEB EMILY'S MINI FARM. SESSIONS FOR SEND CHILDREN, PETTING AND HANDLING SMALL ANIMALS. TO BOOK, VISIT BOOKWHEN/BEE INCLUSIVE 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM SEND EARLY YEARS (0-5 YEARS) STAY & PLAY/CARE & CONVO WITH SEND WED 28 FEB HEALTH VISITOR AND SENIOR PORTAGE WORKER. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM **BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE** HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH WED 28 FEB SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM CONTACT EMMA: HAPPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM BURY2GETHER CARE AND CONVO. OPEN TO ALL PARENT/CARERS. THU 29 FEB CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. BOOKING ESSENTIAL: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM **BEE INCLUSIVE PARTIES BEE INCLUSIVE SENSORY ROOM** 11 AVAILABLE FOR HIRE TO BURY SEND EXCLUSIVE USE OF OUR VENUE FOR TWO HOURS FAMILIES AND ORGANISATIONS. FOR 15-20 CHILDREN INCLUDING ACCESS TO THE TO BOOK A SESSION, VISIT

COURTYARD, PLAYGROUND AND SENSORY ROOM. FULL ACCESS TO OUR KITCHEN. PARTY INVITES AND ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE TOO.

VISIT WWW.BEEINCLUSIVE.CO.UK FOR FURTHER DETAILS. OR TO **BOOK A PARTY, EMAIL US AT** BOOKBEEINCLUSIVE@GMAIL.COM .

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What a busy start to the term it has been. OakLP Outreach has launched the website <u>Overview | Oak Learning Partnership Outreach (oaklp.co.uk)</u> whereby all training opportunities, useful documents, testimonials can be found. This month we have been busy supporting schools and students within the Local Authority and beyond to ensure that the universal provision for SEND is offered to learners.

Harriet Lyno our specialist teacher ran some Dyslexia Training at St Bernadettes and St Michaels Primary School and received some excellent feedback, if you are interested in developing your knowledge of specialist teacher of dyslexia then please do get in contact. As part of our CPD offer we also ran a Signalong course for a number of Primary and Secondary practitioners. Watch out for the Autumn courses, available now on the website.

