

DERBY'S SEND

LOCAL OFFER

December 2022
Newsletter for
parents, carers,
young people and
professionals



Welcome . . .

On behalf of everyone at Derby City Council, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Welcome to the latest edition of our Local Offer newsletter.

As another year draws to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout 2022 . . . we're looking forward to even more positive outcomes for Derby's children & young people in 2023.

It's been a busy year for SEND services in Derby, and you can read more about what's been happening in this newsletter...

We've been working hard on our high needs transformation programme and SEND Capital strategy. These programmes will help to transform the services available for children

and young people in Derby.

Our Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) is running again, and children who receive benefits-related free school meals can get stuck into sports, art and crafts, drama and much more. Each session includes a free nutritious meal..

Last month also saw the launch of our 'Better Together' Café at the Council House run by the Derby Adult Learning Service.

Elsewhere in this edition, you can find out about other services to support families throughout the winter months.

If you've got a story for the next newsletter email local.offer@derby.gov.uk

New funding to increase SEND capacity



Due to new SEND capital funding, there will be an increase in special educational needs and disability (SEND) school places in Derby City.

As the number of young people requiring SEND services has increased, Derby special schools are close to or above capacity so some young people would possibly struggle to find a suitable school place. However, with new Capital funding, Derby City Council will now have the financial support to increase the amount of SEND places in specialist provision in Derby.

This new funding will also mean that there will be an increase in capacity at the early intervention or graduated response in mainstream schools in Derby through the creation of Inclusion Hubs that will provide more support sooner in the child's SEND journey.

A significant factor for those who require SEND services is that they can stay within their own city and community. The increase in funding and spaces within Derby mean that children and young people who

require the service will be able to stay close to their families as well as develop friendships and life skills without having to travel outside of Derby City. Being able to provide suitable SEND services within Derby City helps us to fulfil our SEND vision of every child and young person with special educational needs and disabilities in Derby being able to "Live their Best Life."

Councillor Evonne Williams, cabinet member for children, young people and skills, said:

"It is incredibly important that the young people in Derby who require SEND services are not only able to get the assistance they need but also to receive it in their city. New funding will assist us with the increase in demand for SEND services whilst helping us make sure that those young people are reaching their full potential in an environment that suits their needs."

You can learn more about SEND services and Derby City Councils' vision for SEND services on our Local Offer webpages www.derby.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer.

SUPPORTING

YOU WITH THE

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living is rising steeply. Energy, food and bills are all increasing, and many of us are struggling to keep up. The Community Action webpages contain information with help that may be available to you – whether it's support with debt, help to cover your bills, or access to jobs advice.

If you can't find what you're looking for online, you can call the Community Action reception on 01332 346266 between 9:30 - 16:00 Monday - Friday. They also have a textphone for those who are hard of hearing - 07490 341 584. If you leave a message, they will endeavour to get back to you on the same day. Or you can email at: support@communityactionderby.org.uk

Visit our children's centres for specialist autism advice and support

ASD support run by Children's Centre Autism Champions! New sessions for 2023 can be found below:

Boulton Children's Centre

47b Holbrook Road,
Alvaston, DE24 0DD
01332 956500
Alvaston.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk

Tuesdays
between 10-11:30am
03 January
07 February
07 March

Telephone and face to face appointments are available.
Please request when booking

Mackworth / Morley / Derwent and Audrey Drive Children's Centre

01332 208175
mackworth.childrenscentre@derby.gov.uk

Wednesdays
11 January 13:00-15:00
08 February 09:30-11:30
08 arch 09:30-11:30

Telephone and face to face appointments are available.
Please request when booking

Austin/Sunnyhill Children's Centre

Browning Street, Derby,
DE23 8DN
01332 640090
Austinchildrenscentre@derby.gov.uk

Tuesdays
between 13:00 – 15:00
20 January
21 February
21 March

Telephone and face to face appointments are available.
Please request when booking

Free activities and meals for children as holiday scheme returns

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD IN DERBY



Children will be able to access a packed schedule of activities over the winter break thanks to the Derby Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). Derby City Council is working in partnership with Community Action Derby to provide free holiday club places during the school holidays.

The scheme offers activities and food to children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Derby.

Youngsters can learn new skills while socialising and having fun with their friends. They will also be provided with a healthy meal and given the opportunity to learn about healthy food and nutrition through family food experiences and cookery sessions.

There are 22 providers offering a range of activities in all wards across the city, including three special educational needs and disability (SEND) specialists.

The holiday clubs will offer the chance to try new and enriching activities including gardening, animation, music production, IT and drama, as well as sports and physical activities like football, rugby, basketball, street dance, circus skills and self-defence. Trips will include visits to the pantomime, ice skating, the cinema, bowling and laser quest.

The winter programme welcomes some new organisations who are supporting the

scheme for the first time. These include Evergreen Collective in Normanton, who work closely with schools to support young girls be more active, healthier and develop their character in a safe and social setting. Evergreen Collective will provide a series of fun trips including escape rooms, bowling, trampolining, as well as healthy food and nutrition sessions.

Another new provider, Progressive Sports, will hold a multi-sport-based holiday camp. Children will be able to try more than 20 activities, including Zorbs, Glow Sports and Colour Runs, alongside dance, gymnastics and traditional sports.

The HAF scheme, which is funded by the Department for Education, aims to make the positive benefits of holiday clubs available to all those on benefits-related free school meals for at least four hours a day, four days a week for six school holiday weeks of the year.

Councillor Evonne Williams, Derby City Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Skills, said, "We're thrilled to launch our latest HAF programme following the great success of the schemes during both the Easter and Summer holidays. We have a wonderful range of organisations providing the opportunity for children to take part in a rich variety of activities and enjoy a healthy meal".

Families can find out about all the activities and providers by visiting the Derby HAF webpage, www.inderby.gov.uk/derbyhaf. Bookings can be made directly with the providers.



Come and have breakfast, lunch, a drink or a snack at the Council's social enterprise, Better Together Café!

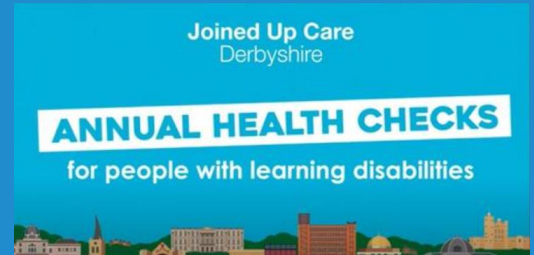
This café is run by people with learning disabilities and working towards a related qualification.

You can visit at Derby City Council's Council House, Corporation Street, Derby.

Tuesdays & Thursdays (Term time only)

Drinks & Snacks served 10am-2pm and Lunch is served 12noon-1:30pm

Annual health checks for people with learning disabilities



If your child is aged 14 or over and has a learning disability, they should be on your GP's Learning Disability register and therefore be eligible for a free Annual Health Check.

All GP practices across Derbyshire provide Learning Disability Annual Health Checks for people 14 years old and over, and on their respective LD Registers. This check-up can help your child stay well by talking to a doctor or nurse about their health and finding any problems early, so they can be sorted out. They do not have to be ill to have a health check – in fact, most people have their Annual Health Check-up when they are feeling well.

Under the Equality Act 2010, all disabled people have the right to reasonable adjustments when using healthcare. Speak to your GP practice in case your child requires some reasonable adjustments during your Annual Health Check. This information can then be added to their summary care records and can help improve the experience and quality of their health check-up.

Some examples of these reasonable adjustments that maybe required are: longer appointments if they need more time with your doctor or nurse to make sure they understand the information they are giving, or having access to easy-to-read documents, such as appointment letters and their Health Action Plan.

Contact your GP to check if you are on the register and for more information on Learning Disability Annual Health Checks.

For more information about LD health checks visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/learning-disabilities/annual-health-checks/>

Easy read material about LD healthchecks can be found here

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/annual-health-checks>

Post 16-19 Home to School Travel Assistance Policy Consultation closes



Derby City Council have been consulting on a proposal which may change the way we currently provide discretionary home to school or college travel assistance for eligible sixth form students.

Sixth formers are those defined as all 16–19-year-old learners including 19–25-year-old learners with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) who started the course

before their 19th birthday (sixth form learners).

No decisions about this proposal have been made. We are committed to a wide consultation on this proposal before the Council makes any decision. Your feedback is very important to us and will be used to inform decisions about the proposal.

What will happen now?

The consultation closed 12/12/2022 and we are gathering the feedback you have provided. We will take this feedback through our SEND governance groups before making a recommendation to the council's cabinet

Thank you to everyone who took part and attended our consultation events!

Joined Up Care
Derbyshire

Children and Young People's Mental Health Transformation Plan Refresh

Local professionals from across the NHS, public health, children's services in local authorities, education and youth justice have worked together with children, young people and their families to design and provide the best possible services for children and young people (CYP) in Derbyshire.

Each year NHS England require that systems publish their CYP Mental Health Transformation Plan to demonstrate progress aligned to the NHSE long-term plan. Our Derbyshire plan describes the emotional and mental health needs of CYP, partnership plans to improve our offer, investments, progress to date as well

explaining our plans going forward.

Key areas of transformation include Mental Health Support Teams in schools; expansion of specialist crisis response assessment, intensive home treatment and intensive day support; development of a young adult service; eating disorder and eating difficulties pathways; digitally enabled care and trauma informed approaches for children in care.

Find out more about the refreshed plan for children and young people's mental health: <https://joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/your-services/children-and-young-people/children-young-people-mental-health-wellbeing/>

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Join the Local Offer User Group and contribute to its
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Local.Offer@derby.gov.uk