Information for parents

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Information for parents and carers about what is available in Blackpool for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families.



What is SEND?

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which means they need special educational provision to be made for them.

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

- Have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- Have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.

Professionals who work with children, young people and families with SEND follow guidelines from the SEND code of practice.

The SEND code of practice

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At home library service

Our At Home library service is available for Blackpool residents who are unable to visit their local library due to illness, age or disability.

We can deliver library books and audio books to your home.

The service is based at Palatine library. Items are chosen by library staff to suit individual taste, they are delivered and collected once every 3 weeks on a set day as arranged by one of our library volunteers.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, or know of someone who would, please contact Palatine Library on 01253 478050 or email: athomelibrary@blackpool.gov.uk

You choose we read library service

You can request a selection of up to 6 books, specially chosen by library staff, for collection from your local Blackpool library.

You can specify the types of books you like to read and/or receive surprise recommendations.
To do this you need to complete the We Choose, You Read form, and we will let you know when they are ready to collect.

You need to be a library member to use this free service. If you aren't a member, you can join now.

Alternatively, if you wish to reserve a specific title, please log in to your online account to place a reservation.

Application form

Courses for parents

Course	Information	Date	Time	How to book
Elklan Let's Talk with 5 to 11s	A practical course which helps parents and carers learn how to develop and enhance childrens understanding and talking. This Level 1 course is delivered over 4 sessions and is £15 to attend which is the cost of the workbook for parents. If you wish to go for Level 1 accreditation, the cost is £80 per person. The aims of the course are: • To learn why some children find it challenging to understand what is said to them and to talk. • To give you practical ideas to help children learn to listen, understand and talk. • To help you develop children's talking. • To share ideas with other parents and carers.	Wednesday 13 January 2027 Wednesday 20 January 2027 Wednesday 27 January 2027 Wednesday 3 February 2027 Parents must attend all 4 sessions	9.30am to 1.00pm	Complete request form
Elklan Let's Talk with 10 to 14s	A practical course for parents and carers to support their child's transition from primary to secondary school. This Level 1 course is delivered over 4 sessions and is £15 to attend which is the cost of the workbook for parents. If you wish to go for Level 1 accreditation, the cost is £80 per person. The aims of the course are: • To explore the link between language, communication, reading, writing, behaviour, learning and homework. • To provide practical ideas to support children's learning particularly as they transition from primary to secondary school. • To share ideas with other parents and carers.	Tuesday 23 February 2027 Tuesday 2 March 2027 Tuesday 9 March 2027 Parents must attend all 4 sessions	10 hours run over 3 sessions 9.30am to 1.00pm	Complete request form
Cygnet (full course)	For parents whose children have either been diagnosed as autistic or who are on the neuro - developmental pathway. Once a week sessions weekly for 4 weeks.	Thursdays, term time only	9.30am to 2.00pm	Complete request form
Cygnet online course	For parents whose children have either been diagnosed as autistic or who are on the neuro - developmental pathway. Once a week sessions weekly for 5 weeks.	Wednesday 24 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March 2027	6.00 to 8.00pm	Complete request form
Sleep and Autism	Support for parents and families where autism is impacting on sleep.	Summer term 2027	Half day session Time to be confirmed.	Complete request form
	Supporting parents with children aged 0 to 18 years.		2 day	

Managing Challenging Behaviour	The child/young person must meet at least one of the below: • Present with complex behaviours or behaviours which will benefit from input of the course • Have been referred onto a neurodevelopmental pathway (or equivalent) - • Have received (or is awaiting) a possible diagnosis of ASD/ADHD • Live in Blackpool - must be registered with a Blackpool or Fylde and Wyre GP Practice.	Various dates, contact Blackpool Carers Centre for details of the next course.	course is 9.30am to 2.30pm Evening course is across 4 evenings from 6.00 to 8.00pm	Call Helena Brown or Genevieve Hall on 01253 393748
Triple P for Children (2 to 12 years)	Are you a parent/carer of a pre-school or school aged child? You could join us for our Triple P for Children Programme (2-12 years). This 9 week programme offers friendly relaxed sessions which provide tips and ideas to help bring outthe best in your children, whilst also positively managing common emotional and behavioural difficulties. Come along and meet other parents/carers who are in a similar situation, whilst you navigate parenting your pre-school and school aged children.	Various dates throughout the year. 9 week programme.	Various times throughout the year.	You can complete this online form or contact Your Local Family Hub, North Family – 01253 476480 Central Family Hub – 01253 951190 South Family Hub – 01253 476550
Triple P for Teen	Are you a parent/carer of a teenager? You could join us for our Triple PTeen Programme. This 9 week programme offers friendly relaxed sessions which provide tips and ideas to help bring out the best inyour teenager, whilst also positively managing common teenage emotional and behavioural difficulties. Come along and meet otherparents/carers who are in a similar situation whilst you navigate the teenage years.	Various dates throughout the year. 9 week programme.	Various times throughout the year.	You can complete this online form or contact Your Local Family Hub, North Family – 01253 476480 Central Family Hub – 01253 951190 South Family Hub – 01253 476550
Triple P Stepping Stones	Are you a parent/carer of a child with an additional need?You could join us for our Triple P Stepping Stones Programme. This 10 week programme offers friendly relaxed sessions which provide practical tips and ideas to support you in caring for a child with additional needs. Come along and meet other parents/carers who will understand the unique challenges that you face.	Various dates throughout the year. 10 week programmes	Various times throughout the year.	You can complete this online form or contact Your Local Family Hub, North Family – 01253 476480 Central Family Hub – 01253 951190 South Family Hub – 01253 476550
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Triple P Fearless	Are you a parent/carer of a child who has a lot of anxiety?You could join us for our new Triple P Fear-Less Programme. This 7 week programme offers friendly relaxed sessions which provide opportunity for parents/carers to develop a range of ools and skills, to support children aged 6 years old and over, in overcoming their anxiety. Come along and meet otherparents/carers who will understand theunique challenges that you face.	Various dates throughout the year. 7 week programme	Various times throughout the year.	or contact Your Local Family Hub, North Family – 01253 476480 Central Family Hub – 01253 951190 South Family Hub – 01253 476550
Being a Parent (An EPEC group, Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities)	Are you a parent/carer of a pre-school or school aged child?You could join us for our EPEC Being a Parent Programme. Parenting can be challengingbut you don't have to do it alone. Being a parent is a welcoming group for parents/carersand family members of children (2-11 years). Over 9 weekly sessions you'll explore keytopics like communication, discipline and managing family stress, delivered by 2 trainedBlackpool parents who bring their own experiences and skills.	Contact for dates	Various times throughout the year.	You can complete this online form or contact Your Local Family Hub, North Family – 01253 476480 Central Family Hub – 01253 951190 South Family Hub – 01253 476550
First Hand Engagement	First Hand Engagement sessions are parent peer support sessions. They are in person and located around the Blackpool area on a rolling basis over the year. They cover various Neurodevelopmental needs in relation to sensory, communication, behaviour, toileting and sleep. These sessions are for parent/carers who have a child or young person open to the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for assessment of Autism, and/or who are open to Blackpool Children's Learning Disability Team.	Sessions usually take place over 5-6 weeks during term time on a Thursday morning.	Various times	These sessions are for parent/carers who have a child or young person open to the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for assessment of Autism, and/or who are open to Blackpool Children's Learning Disability Team. Any parent/carers who are eligible and interested should discuss further with these teams for more information/book a place. Call 01253 952503 if your child is open to the Neuro - developmental pathway Call 01253 951995 if you child is under the Learning

				disability and Neuro team
Mental Health Act for Families and Informal Carers	The course will provide an overview of the Mental Health Act and the rights people have under this law.	Friday 26 September 2025	10.00am to 1.00pm	Book here MHA for Families | Edge Training
Mental Capacity Act for Families and Informal Carers	We are hosting a new free course for families and informal carers. This course will focus on mental capacity in the context of day to day activities and understanding some of the key duties as a Lasting Power of Attorney or Court Appointed Deputy.	Friday 10 October 2025	9.30am to 12.30pm	Book here MCA for Families | Edge Training
Care Act for Families and Informal Carers	This 3-hour training session gives family members, friends and those involved in supporting loved ones information on the Care Act 2014. The Care Act is primary legislation and provides the legal framework underpinning care and support for people aged 18 years and over.	Tuesday 4 November 2025	10.30am to 1.30pm	Book here Care Act for Families | Edge Training

What do these words mean?

A breakdown of some of the SEND jargon that we're all meant to know

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