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Worcestershire SEND information for parents



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Worcestershire Groups & Organisations

Name	Website / Email / Phone / Info
Bromsgrove & Redditch Autism Support Group - We meet for parent meetings where a variety of speakers attend & organise family activities. Please enquire for meeting times/dates.	Charmain Mccrossan charm.bluebell@blueyonder.co.uk 07981 011362 We meet at The Red Lion, Alvechurch
Amber Support Services - Bromsgrove - Support adults with learning & physical disabilities, autism & challenging behaviour & offer a single support system linking Social Enterprise & Day Support to Supported Living & Outreach Respite support.	www.ambersupportservices.co.uk admin@ambersupportservices.co.uk 01527 873426 / 07500 090098
Redditch Youth & Community Enterprise (RYCE) - The Town's only Charitable Community Benefit Society offers a varied & exciting programme of activities for all age groups & members of the Redditch community. Our Good Times Club (age 18+) offers all adults with various disabilities an opportunity to meet, socialise & relax.	www.ryce.org.uk info@ryce.org.uk 01527 64461
Spectrum Club (age 10-20) - Redditch - The Club started in early 2010 & is for young people who have been diagnosed on the Autistic spectrum.	www.yourideas.org.uk 01527 502624 / 07801537225
Little Oaks Special Needs Group - Redditch - For families with children who have additional needs & their siblings.	The group has a private Facebook page or call 07817920448
Joe's Jungle Redditch SEN Group - Sundays/ term time only. 9 - 11am - Adults £1, Under 6 months £1, 6 Months & up £5.	https://joesjunglesoftplay.co.uk info@joesjunglesoftplay.co.uk 01527 529040

Disability Support Project - Redditch - Disability support, advice & guidance for benefits, tribunals, applications, form filling, financial planning & more.	www.dspuk.org.uk 01527 351019
Starting Well Partnership Worcestershire - We support families, parents, children & young people across Worcestershire to lead happy, healthy & fulfilled lives & can help you access tailored SEND info, advice, online courses & support groups.	Search for 'SEND' on: www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk
SENDIASS - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice & Support Service covering Herefordshire & Worcestershire.	www.hwsendiass.co.uk
SOSSEN - Supports families with EHCP's how to ask for one, how to read one, & the review process. Drop-ins available in Birmingham - info on the website.	www.sossen.org.uk 0300 302 3737 / 0208 538 3731
SEND Local Offer Worcestershire - Information & advice for children & young people with SEND.	www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer
Worcestershire Online Directory - Online directory with lots of useful information & support for families with children & young people who may have a disability.	Search for 'Send Support Groups' on: www.worcestershire.gov.uk
DIAL Disability Information Advice Line Worcestershire - Can help with a number of different things such as completing DLA paperwork, appeals & tribunal if claims get rejected & much more.	www.dialsworcs.org.uk

North Worcestershire Autism Parents Support Group - Closed Facebook group. A local, friendly, support group for parents/carers living with Autism in North Worcestershire.	Find them on Facebook.
SWANS - South Worcestershire Additional Needs Support - Support group for parents, family members & carers of children with additional needs; covering ALL of South Worcestershire. Hosts virtual & face-to-face meetings.	Email debra.lamont@actionforchildren.org.uk or hollie.carver@actionforchildren.org.uk to book on
Children's Speech & Language Therapy Service - Provides evidence based services that anticipate & respond to the needs of children & young people who experience speech, language, communication or swallowing difficulties in Worcestershire & beyond.	Search for 'Children's speech and language therapy' on www.hacw.nhs.uk
Disability Sport Worcestershire (DSW) - Charity aimed at increasing both the quality & amount of sport & recreation specifically for the disabled across Worcestershire.	disabilitysportworcs@gmail.com 0796 990945/ 01905 542380
Worcestershire Parents Carers Community (WPCC) - Registered charity supporting parents & carers who have children with a disability or additional needs within Worcestershire.	www.parentcarers.org.uk
SNAPS - Special Needs & Parent Support - Support service for parents/carers who have or believe their child has additional needs from staff who are qualified & have an understanding of raising a child with additional needs.	Search for 'Snaps' on: https://home-startneworcestershiresupport.org.uk

New Opportunities Worcestershire - Offer workshops across Worcestershire for people in secondary mental health services. We offer activities in a supported environment to help people towards employment, volunteering & training.	Search for 'New Opportunities Worcestershire' on: www.hacw.nhs.uk 01527 488715
Family In Partnerships Worcestershire - Parent/carer forum working with local authorities, education settings, health providers to make sure the services they plan & deliver meet the needs of their children & families.	www.carersworcs.org.uk/parent-carer-forum
Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) - As a patient, relative or carer sometimes you may need to turn to someone for 'on the spot' advice, support & information - PALS can help.	pals@worcestershire.nhs.uk 0800 917 7919
The Inclusion Project - Worcester - Weekly youth club for young people with additional needs.	www.pyplc.co.uk/inclusion info@pyplc.co.uk 01905 451372
The Monday Night Club - Worcester - Do you like to dance, listen to music, socialise, play pool/skittles & have fun with friends? Come to The Monday Night Club - a social club for people with a learning disability.	www.themondaynightclub.org.uk 07973 788029
ASPIE - Worcester - Social self-help & motivation group for adults with Asperger's Syndrome (Aspies'). We invite & encourage members to engage in discussions, games, workshops, quizzes & more.	www.aspie.org.uk 01905 27825

Link Nurseries - Worcester - Community-focused horticultural centre providing therapeutic & vocational services & activities for people recovering from mental ill-health, along with plant & produce sales. The Well Bean Gardening Club is a friendly, supportive environment for people to learn new skills & meet like-minded people who enjoy the outdoors.	https://wcg.ac.uk/linknurseries 01905 831881 https://wcg.ac.uk/wellbean
Worcester Snoezelen (all ages) - The centre comprises of 4 individual multi-sensory rooms, hydrotherapy pool, soft play area, music room & art room. Rooms can be booked on an individual or group basis.	www.worcestersnoezelen.org.uk 01905 748229
New Hope Worcester - Provide daytime short break care for children with additional needs aged 6-19. They are open every Saturday & school holiday.	www.newhopeworcester.co.uk jean@newhopeworcester.co.uk 01905 355 295 (Sat/School hols) 0786 0944 781 (All other times)
Wildgoose Rural Training - Worcester - The farm caters for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders, learning disabilities, adults with mental ill-health, behavioural problems & physical disabilities.	www.wildgooseruraltraining.org jim@wgrt.org 01905 620840
SEND Stay & Play - Worcester - Session for children with SEND held at Buttercup Family Hub.	Contact Buttercup Family Hub on: 01905 758411 Search for 'Buttercup' on: www.actionforchildren.org.uk
Hansel & Gretel Support Group - Registered charity providing mutual support & friendship to disabled & special needs children & their families in the Wyre Forest area of Worcestershire (Kidderminster, Bewdley, Stourport & surrounding communities).	http://hanselgretel.org.uk 07525 668608

Barnardo's - Peer Support Group - Starting Well Wyre Forest - Peer support group for parents/carers of children with SEND (no diagnosis required) to share info, gain support & socialise. Meets each month at Brookside Family Hub.	For more info contact Brookside Family Hub on: 01562 827207 www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/senadmin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk
Little Bee's SEN Stay & Play - Starting Well Wyre Forest - SEN stay & playgroup for 0-5's with additional needs (no diagnosis required) at the Scout Hut, Hoo Road, Kidderminster DY10 1LB. Meets each month during term time.	
Nineveh Ridge Care Farm - Kidderminster - Offer a variety of activities, be it indoor or outdoor, we offer something for everyone with special needs to experience a different kind of 'Day Care.'	Contact Pippa to book a day at Nineveh: 01299 832864
Kidderminster & District Youth Trust - Run Fusion Youth Club after school for young people from age 13 with additional needs.	www.kdyt.org.uk
Our Way - Kidderminster - Run friendship/ support groups & activities for young people with additional needs.	
Stars in the Sky - Friendship/dating project for people with learning Disabilities. We arrange members only social events in Worcestershire, giving people opportunities to meet new friends & make relationships.	www.ourway.org.uk office@ourway.org.uk 01562 820262
Holy Innocents Community Hall - Kidderminster - Offer Cackle Club which caters for young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders & Learning Disabilities.	01562 60534

Malvern Special Families - A specialist provider of safe, stimulating, & fun social opportunities for children & young people with disabilities aged 5 - 18 years.	www.malvernspecialfamilies.org.uk admin@malvernspecialfamilies.org.uk 01684 892526
SMILE (Sensation Movement Interaction in Life Experiences) - Malvern - Provides a multi-sensory environment for calming relaxation & sensory stimulation for children with a variety of difficulties & their siblings.	www.arcos.org.uk/smile 01684 576795
Rainbow Autism CIC - Malvern - Person Centred Support for people with high functioning autism, ADHD & complex needs.	01684 312760
What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful - Malvern charity that supports families with children who have a disability, offering a range of groups & activities to support children, young people, parents, carers & siblings as well as professionals working within local SEN.	www.wmydmyb.co.uk info@wmydmyb.co.uk 07484 541629
Choices Day Opportunities at Wallace House Community Centre - Evesham - Offers opportunities for people with learning disabilities, including social activities, life skills, sports, cookery, crafts & day trips.	www.wallacehouse.org.uk wallacehouse@btconnect.com 01386 446580
Evesham Adventure Playground - Local charity, trying to ensure children, young people & families have the space to have fun together in an environment that challenges, inspires the mind & body.	Find them on Facebook

Outside Youth Centre - Evesham - A safe & welcoming space for anyone aged 11 to 19. Monday evenings sessions specifically for young people with SEND.	http://outside.org.uk Info@outside.org.uk 01386 424171
The Freedom Centre CIC (age 14+) - Evesham - Offer expert tuition in riding, along with integrative counselling, EMDR & Equine Assisted Psychotherapy & Learning.	01386 830153
Pershore Riverside Youth Centre - Run a Sunday Club for young people with additional needs.	https://pershoreriversidecentre.org.uk 01386 554713
ASA Plus - Stratford - A support & social group for Adults (Age 18+) who are on the Autistic Spectrum & their parents or carers.	www.asaplus.co.uk/contact-us 01789 295011
WCC Community Transport Schemes - Set up to serve people who are unable to access public transport without support, individuals with limited mobility, elderly, eligible disabled persons & those with no access to their own or family transport-subject to limits of transport availability.	WorcestershireHUB@worcestershire.gov.uk 01905 765765
Onside Advocacy Autism & Asperger Service - Provide 1-to-1 mentoring & peer support to enable adults to become actively involved in mainstream leisure, social, educational & volunteering opportunities.	Paula O'Brien (Service Co-ordinator) 01905 27525
Autism West Midlands - Leading charity in the West Midlands for people affected by autism. We exist to enable all people with autism, & those who love & care for them to lead fulfilling & rewarding lives. Our, expert staff & volunteers work across all age groups & abilities.	www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk hello@autismwestmidlands.org.uk Reception: 0121 450 7582 Helpline: 0303 03 00 111

National Organisations

National Autistic Society - The leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome) & their families. We provide info, support & services, & campaign for a better world for people with autism. See directory for support groups & workshops info in Worcestershire.

www.autism.org.uk

CEREBRA - The national charity helping children with brain conditions including ASD & their families discover a better life together. Provides info, advice & support. Also have a library to loan sensory equipment. Toys & literature.

www.cerebra.org.uk
enquiries@cerebra.org.uk
 Helpline: 0800 3281159

Dimensions - One of the country's largest not-for-profits supporting people who have a wide range of learning disabilities & autism to live the life they choose, increase independence & achieve their goals.

www.dimensions-uk.org/contact/
 0300 303 9001

I CAN - I CAN's Talking Point gives parents/carers and practitioners the information they need to help children develop their speech, language and communication skills.

<https://ican.org.uk>

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) - Is money for people who have extra care needs or mobility needs (difficulty getting around) as a result of a disability.

Search for 'Disability Living Allowance' on www.gov.uk

Merlin's Magic Wand - Is a children's charity that supports children facing challenges of serious illness, disability or adversity around the world.

www.merlinsmagicwand.org

Family Fund - The UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children & young people.

www.familyfund.org.uk

Days out

Odeon Cinemas - In partnership with Dimensions, hold a monthly autism friendly screening in selected UK cinemas around the UK.

Search for 'Autism friendly screenings' on:

www.dimensions-uk.org

0300 303 9062

Tower Of London - Welcomes all visitors & has produced a short guide for children & adults on the Autistic Spectrum so that they can plan their visit. The specially designed plan enables individuals to understand what they can expect to see.

www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london
visitorservices.TOL@hrp.org.uk

020 3166 6000 please call to arrange a visit

Thorpe Park - Cater for all guests with a disability or special need. A clear guide is provided for all visitors & guests who are unable to queue may be eligible for Ride Access Pass. We also offer disabled parking, proof of entitlement will be required. Free carer passes are also offered.

www.thorpepark.com
customer.services@thorpe-park.co.uk

0871 663 1673

thinktank - Birmingham science museum provides workshops for different groups of children & adults, making special adjustments for individuals with special needs. A quiet room is available for people who may want a little time away & a quick ticket purchase scheme is in place to avoid queuing.

www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/about

0121 348 8000

Drayton Manor Theme Park - We welcome guests with additional needs & offer swift ticket purchase facilities, access bands to all rides to avoid queueing, new accessible toilets & changing rooms & clear information boards at all our rides to allow guests to decide its suitability.

www.draytonmanor.co.uk
enquiries@draytonmanor.co.uk

01827 287979

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