



SEN Newsletter – May 2025

Therapy advice at your fingertips!



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Bucks Children and Young People Therapies (CYPT) have launched a confidential messaging service for parents, carers, young people and professionals.

Parents can get advice and support from Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language therapy. Send a text message to 07312263754. A CYPT link worker will reply to the message within two working days. The messaging service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays).

<https://chathealth.nhs.uk/start-a-chat/h/TherapyLink>

Disclaimer: We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 4pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice call or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some “number masking” mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Reminders from previous Newsletters



The Parent's Portal – a free online support tool for

To provide early help and guidance and an online community of support, Buckinghamshire Council have partnered with specialist local charity Autism Early.

All parents in Bucks can access unlimited support from Autism Early support via The Parent's Portal.

This is a self-guided learning tool, designed for parents of children aged 2–17 years.

Scan the QR code to register or visit:

portal.autismearlysupport.org.uk/bucks-registrations



Free audio books!

Remember children with SEN can access free audio books from Calibre visit www.calibreaudio.org.uk



Year 6 pupils who are currently sitting their SATs tests will soon begin thinking about starting secondary school. Mrs Hutton is already liaising with secondary schools to arrange visits and to share information about all the children but in particular those with Special Educational Needs. Please be assured that if your child has an EHCP or a SEN support plan then this will be shared with secondary schools before the end of term.



I know that many parents of children in other year groups will already be thinking about secondary school. You can apply for a secondary school place from the September that they start year 6. Secondary Transfer tests results are received in October. The deadline for submitting your application is at the end of October. School offer day is at the beginning of March.

If your child has an EHCP then you do not apply for a school place online. An annual review will be held in the summer term of year 5. During this annual review we will make changes to the EHCP to ensure it reflects current needs and is ready for when they start secondary school. Parents will also give their school preferences at

this meeting. These can be for specialist and/or mainstream settings. Following the annual review the local authority send out consultations to the parental choices and other schools that they think maybe appropriate. You should find out the results of these consultations and be offered a secondary school place shortly before the national offer day. If your child has an EHCP it is important to visit schools early as you need to give your preferences before they are in year 6 when most of the open days take place.