



Warwickshire Parent Carer Webinar (SEND) - Health Visiting 4th October 2022 Q&A's

- 1. Is there support for non-proactive parents to complete referrals? Sometimes referral processes can be off-putting.**

Health Visitors can make referrals to other services, but we try wherever possible to encourage parents to do the referrals and we can provide support with this. There are lots of different services that have different processes and some actually won't accept referrals from Health Visitors as professionals. The Family Information Service brokerage service can also provide support and advice.

Family Information Service

- Email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
- Phone 01926 742274

- 2. Our Health Visitor is wonderful, thank you. She signposted us to Portage and SALT and also to the very valuable Stepping Stones Tuesday group at Kingsway. We are very grateful for the services provided by the Portage & SALT teams, for our 18 month old son who has Down Syndrome. I and other parents are aware there seem to be staff shortages within Portage. Is it known when these shortages may be resolved?**

Unfortunately post Covid there has been a significant increase in referrals which is impacting on waiting lists. There are also recruitment challenges, and both the Portage and Speech and Language Therapy services are being reviewed.

- 3. My daughter is already in school. Where's best to go to for help other than her school SENCO?**

Please contact the school nursing service in Warwickshire <https://www.compass-uk.org/services/c4h/>. Tel: 03300 245 204.

Also, the parenting team in Warwickshire County Council can offer support on any parenting issues that you may be facing e.g., sleep, toileting, behaviour parenting. Please [click here](#).

- 4. Our portage worker said that she thinks our son will shortly qualify for 2 year funding for preschool due to suspected autism. She asked me to look for a preschool place for him. I have contacted a preschool and they want to meet with me and a health visitor prior to him starting, to get an idea of his needs and how much support he will require. Would a health visitor be able to do this with me? The preschool manager said he sounds as if he will need higher needs funding and possibly an EHCP. Who do we speak to about this? With all the different people involved, I'm not always sure who does what!**

We recommend contacting your health visitor to talk it through initially, and to meet with the preschool manager. We also have links with early years settings. For more information on applying for an Education, Health and Care Plan please see this link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/requestehcassessment>. The Health Visitor will be able to



contribute to this process. The Integrated Disability Service in Warwickshire County Council should also be able to help - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ids>.

The Graduated Approach guidance may also help in this instance, to inform the process of assessment that will be taking place throughout and which would inform any application for an EHCP. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send-inclusion-guidance/introduction-send-inclusion-guidance/3>

5. Our HV has been great referring us to portage Qualified Teacher of the Visibly Impaired (QVTI), Physio and OT. Where we need support is more SEND/sensory based baby/toddler friendly groups e.g., Makaton, sensory classes. Can HV be advised of classes in their areas so they can pass on to us families needing these services?

- Health Visitors can and do share information on local groups they are aware of.
- Children and Family Centres and Family Information Service are also good sources of information about local opportunities.
- Children and Family centres offer Makaton and sensory groups - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilycentres>
- Be aware that some of the classes are chargeable.
- There is a SEN Specific Group at Claremont Children and Family Centre in Rugby on Wednesday mornings

Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Autumn/Winter Timetable, 5 September to 16 December 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's Toy library 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	Baby Group From birth to mobile 10am to 11am Long Lawford CFC	Little Stars For children with additional needs Starts 21 September 10am to 11am Claremont CFC	Baby Group From birth to mobile 10am to 11am Boughton Leigh CFC	Walk-in Wardrobe Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's Toy Library 9.30am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
Mindful Monday A well-being drop-in session for you and your child Starts 12 September 10am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	Stay & Play 10am to 11.30am Boughton Leigh CFC	Stay & Play 10am to 11.30am Long Lawford CFC	Twins & More For twins, multiples and their parents and carers. 10am to 11.30am Claremont CFC	Stay & Play 10am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
Forest School Starts 12 September 10am to 11am Boughton Leigh CFC	Let's Talk and Play A drop-in session with activities to support speech & language development starts 13.09.22 2pm to 3.30pm Long Lawford CFC	Baby Group 1.30pm to 2.30pm Claremont CFC	Support & Advice 1-2-1 advice & support available from the centres on a wide range of issues for families with children, young people 0-19 or up to 25 with SEND.	Saturday SaturDads A stay and play session for dads, granddads, and male carers. Monthly dates: 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec 2022 10am to 11.30am Claremont CFC
Like Us On Facebook! Follow Us On Instagram! Stay up to date with the latest Children & Family Centre news! @Rugby children and family centres @RugbyCFC	Messy Matters A fun, messy, sensory, play session. Term time only. 1.30pm to 2.30pm Overslade Community Centre (CV22 6AZ)	Soft Play Starts 14 September 1.30pm to 2.30pm Claremont CFC	Young Parents For parents & Carers under 25 years and their children. Starts 20 September 1.30pm to 3pm Rugby Art Gallery & Museum (CV21 3BZ)	Stay & Play Older siblings up to age 8 welcome. Term time only. 4.15pm to 5.15pm Claremont CFC
No need to book, please just come along! Register with Rugby Children & Family Centres to receive our latest timetable, information, events in your area and more. Visit www.bit.ly/RCFRegistration				



- There are groups in Southam on Friday mornings led by Entrust and fortnightly at St James's Church, both specific for SEND groups.

Footprints
St James Church, Southam. CV47 0EA
Children's 0-5yrs Stay and Play Group
(Home schooled KS1 children welcome)

Play Cakes & Drinks Makaton

22nd Sept 2022
1:30-3pm
Run by mums of SEN children

Friendly Sensory toys Songs

Every other Thursday afternoon
Starting 22nd September 2022
Contact Emma or Sarah:
@footprintssoutham
email - footprintssoutham@outlook.com

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Children's 0-5yrs Stay and Play Group
(Home schooled KS1 children welcome)

Every other Thursday 1:30-3pm
2022 DATES:
22nd September
6th October
20th October
3rd November
17th November
1st December
15th December

Every other Thursday afternoon
Contact Emma or Sarah:
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2022 UPCOMING Activities

Mondays Toddler Group
Blue Butterfly Cafe
9 -1pm

Tuesdays The Open Door Cafe 9
-12noon
Entrust Bears Football Club

Wednesdays Blue Butterfly Cafe. 9-1pm
The Telling of Us, Dance
Troupe

Thursdays The Open Door Cafe
9-12noon
Friendship Group

Fridays Little Acorns Play & Stay

Saturdays Spartans Football Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION
lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

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- Active Play session for SEN at Camp Hill Children & Family Centre on Friday mornings and Makaton Courses.



CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE					Nuneaton Children & Family Centres (CFC) Autumn Timetable 2022 - Starts 20th September 2022					Believe in children Barnardo's				
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		
Baby Time 9.30 - 10.30am From birth to mobile Riversley Park CFC		Busy Butterflies 9.30 - 10.45am Play session for under 5s Camp Hill CFC		Baby Time 9.30 - 10.30am From birth to mobile Riversley Park CFC		Busy Butterflies 9.30 - 10.45am Play session for under 5s Camp Hill CFC		SEN Booking required Call 07525905447 or 07523943935 Advice & Play for under 5s Camp Hill CFC AM		Alternating Saturdays Camp Hill CFC AM 17/09, 1/10, 15/10, 29/10		SEN Booking required Call 02476344334 Advice & Play for under 8s AM		
Baby Time 1.15 - 2.15pm From birth to mobile Stockingford CFC & Library		Busy Butterflies 1.15 - 2.30pm Play session for under 5s Edward Street Community Centre		Baby Time 9.30 - 10.30am (from birth to mobile) Stockingford Community Centre		Busy Butterflies 9.30 - 10.45am Play session for under 5s Edward Street Community Centre		Tots Time 9.45 - 10.45am Crawlers to under 2s Stockingford Community Centre		LEGO CLUB 10.00 - 11.30am Ages 5-10		Busy Butterflies Outdoor 1.15 - 2.30pm Outdoor play session for under 5s Riversley Park CFC		
Groups are drop-in and are first come, first served. All groups have a capacity limit.		Sensory Baby 9.45 - 10.45am From birth to mobile Camp Hill CFC		Sensory Baby 9.45 - 10.45am From birth to mobile Riversley Park CFC		Baby Time 1.15 - 2.15pm From birth to mobile Camp Hill CFC		Facebook @ Barnardo's Nuneaton Children and Family Centres.		Advice and Support for All Ages 1-to-1 advice and support available from the centres on a wide range of issues for families with children and young people 0-19/ or up to 25 with SEND.		Nuneaton Children & Family Centres Contact Details		
Riversley Park CFC Clinic Drive, Nuneaton CV11 5TY Tel: 024 76378600 Open Mon-Fri (8.30 - 4.30pm)		Stockingford CFC & Library St Pauls Road, Nuneaton. CV10 8HW 024 76383708 Open Mon to Fri (8.30am-5pm)		Camp Hill CFC Hollystiches Road Nuneaton, CV10 9QA Tel: 024 76344334 Open Mon to Fri (9.00am - 4.30pm)		Edward Street Community Centre 120 Edward Street, Nuneaton CV11 5RD		Stockingford Community Centre Haunchwood Road, Nuneaton CV10 8DY		HTC Big Local Hub 1 Donninghome Avenue Nuneaton CV10 7AF		Barnardo's Charity Number 216250		
Baby Massage (Course) Courses available at all 3 of our Children and Family Centres. For more details, or to book a place, please contact us.		Wellbeing Walks Walk and talk with a member of our team in confidence. 1-to-1 or small groups available on request.		Speech and Language Baby Time and Busy Butterflies groups include ideas to support children's speech & language. Staff available to provide advice, please ask.		Makaton (Course) Group Signing Courses available. For more details or to book a place, please contact Camp Hill CFC.		Chatter Matters (Course) Supporting speech and language development, for more details or to book on please contact Camp Hill CFC.						

6. I feel my son has autism and he has been referred for an Autism assessment by the specialist he sees. I feel the range of specialists my son sees are not meeting our needs. Who do you speak to when you feel your child's support needs are not being met through the range of specialists we see?

If your child has already been referred for an autism assessment, then normally all the professionals and services that are involved with the child will be contacted, so their views can inform the assessment. Health visiting would be part of that. If you don't feel that needs are being met, we would recommend escalating any concerns through the service managers of the services.

There is ongoing work to reduce the time that families are waiting for autism assessments. It is important to continue the conversation with the specialists that are involved that are involved that know your child well. Seeking support from other parent carers can help in your journey too.

Useful Links

Live Feedback Form for SEND www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback

SEND Local Offer webpages <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

New Local Offer Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WarksLocalOffer>

SEND Inclusion Guidance <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send-inclusion-guidance>

Family Information Service <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service>

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice

- www.warwickshireparentvoice.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/Warksparentcarervoice>



Children's Centres

- Warwick - <https://www.facebook.com/warwickchildrenscentres>
- North Warwickshire CC - <https://www.facebook.com/barnardos.co.uk>
- Rugby - <https://www.facebook.com/rugbychildrenscentres/>
- Stratford - <https://www.facebook.com/Stratfordchildrenscentres/>

Video Interaction Guidance Service (VIG) – [click here](#)

DadPad - <https://thedadpad.co.uk/app/>

Parenting Support via Warwickshire County Council – [click here](#)

School nursing service in Warwickshire

- <https://www.compass-uk.org/services/c4h/>
- Tel: 03300 245 204