



Shropshire Parent Carer Council Monthly Newsletter. Summer Special 2024

Welcome to PACC's monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions or require any further information,
please email:



info@paccshropshire.org.uk



The Partnership for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



What is PINS?

Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is a national programme funded by the Shared Outcomes Fund and delivered between the Department for Education (DfE), NHS England (NHSE) and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC). It aims of bringing health and education specialists and expert parent carers into mainstream primary settings to:

- help shape whole school SEND provision
- provide early interventions at a school level
- upskill school staff
- support and strengthen partnerships between schools and parent carers
- support and strengthen partnerships between Parent Carer Forums and Integrated Commissioning Boards

It will bring a range of practitioners from across education and health service to work alongside parent carers to improve outcomes for children and young people who are neurodivergent, in mainstream school.

In Shropshire there are 20 primary schools participating in PINS, from across the county. You can see the list of schools participating [here](#). Each school will be offered a range of support which will help School Leaders consider how to ensure that the school environment and practice, responds positively to the needs of all children. There will be a focus on implementing reasonable adjustments in response to sensory, social and communication needs and creating a whole school culture of acceptance of difference. Each school has been asked to complete an audit of how they respond to the needs of neurodivergent children, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. This will inform the support they are offered.

[READ MORE](#)

Short Breaks Survey Results and Workshop



PACC recently hosted a workshop for parent carers to discuss the responses to the Shropshire Council Short Breaks Survey and to consider next step in commissioning Short Break Services in Shropshire.

The survey had 70 responses from parent carers in total, the majority of which had children and young people in specialist education. Two thirds of these responses were from parent carers in employment. The three main themes in the feedback were

1. Accessibility – this include locations not being accessible and transport barriers, there not being sufficient places or opportunities, poor communication meaning that families don't know what is on offer or how to access it and poor choice or lack of suitability of activities offered.
2. Short Breaks are valued by families and make a positive difference when accessed – feedback highlights the positive impact on mental health, increase in confidence and opportunities to build friendships offered by Short Breaks. They also enable parent carers to have a break from caring responsibilities and spend time with other family members, support preparation for adulthood and increase independence from family support and improve physical health by increasing activity levels.
3. There is insufficient Short Breaks Opportunities for those with complex needs – this particularly relates to those who might need 1:1 support, have significant communication needs, need personal care support, are wheelchair users etc - NB there is a need for some young people who attend mainstream school to have a higher level of support to help with anxiety etc. This might mean that there needs to be a higher level of support initially which can possibly be reduced in time.

[READ MORE](#)



SEND Change and Alternative Provision (AP) Programme Update



Work is continuing on the SEND Change and AP Programme in Shropshire. The SEN Team have nearly reached their target of issuing 80 EHCP's on the new national template, which is being trialled as part of the programme. SEND families are being asked for their thoughts on this new template and this was the focus of one of the discussions at the recent PACC Conference. Julie Johnson the Shropshire Change Programme Lead has shared some of the feedback from these discussions on the PACC website <http://www.paccshropshire.org.uk/send-and-alternative-provision-change-partnership-programme-may-2024-update-2>

Further opportunities are being planned for parent carers to share feedback on the new template in the Autumn. Work is also continuing on other areas of the programme, including developing an improved Alternative Provision, Early Years Language and Support for Every Child (ELSEC) in primary schools and developing national and local standards for SEND provision.

What happens at a PACC Conference?



PACC Conference 2024

*'Living Positively
With
Neurodiversity'*



The conference focused on how we live positively with difference, which is something SEND families know a lot about. We used the term 'Neurodiversity' in its widest sense to encompass all SEND families, who typically consist of a range of individuals with differing needs, strengths and ways of interacting with the world. The challenge for parent carers is meeting the needs of that range of people, whether they identify as neurotypical or neurodivergent.

Click the image to see a video of the day, to see what it is like to attend a PACC conference!

You said, We did

CHAMPIONING YOUR VOICE

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION YOU SHARE WITH US?



WHO WE REPRESENT

Any Parent Carer in receipt of services from Shropshire Council and/or Shropshire Health Systems can share their view with us.

We represent Parent Carers across the Shropshire SEND community.

WHY WE DO IT

Representation is delivered by our PACC Reps who are Parent Carers themselves. We do this because families have said they do not always want to directly share their views, and because we need to have a wider picture of lots of experiences to help make change happen.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

We collect your views from many places:

- Facebook groups, comments, and messages
- Direct conversations with us
- Events, activities, and community opportunities
- Surveys, talking heads, and livestreams

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

We share your feedback with the system to influence their activities and make change via:

- Reports and Updates
- Workstreams, Partnership Boards and meetings with key system leaders
- Escalations, Case Studies, and Examples of best practice

www.paccshropshire.org.uk

CHAMPIONING YOUR VOICE

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION YOU SHARE WITH US?



YOU SAID

You are not receiving updated plans after an EHCP annual review from the SEN Team...

WE DID

We shared these concerns, and the impact this is having, at multiple boards and workstreams (including through the PFA Navigators and system leaders catch up and EHCP workstreams) and through our issues meetings with senior leads. A recovery plan is now in development, which is due to be shared in a future EHCP workstream meeting.

www.paccshropshire.org.uk

CHAMPIONING YOUR VOICE

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION YOU SHARE WITH US?



YOU SAID

If your child does not have a social worker, you have not been able to include social care needs in their EHCP...

WE DID

We raised this with the Designated Social Care Officer (DiSCO) for SEND who has coproduced (with PACC reps) and implemented a social care questionnaire to help identify where social care input may be needed.

www.paccshropshire.org.uk

CHAMPIONING YOUR VOICE

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE EXPERIENCES AND INFORMATION YOU SHARE WITH US?



YOU SAID

Families are being told they are not eligible for SEND/Specialist Transport unless they have an EHCP as their is "no SEND identified"...

WE DID

We have raised this with the SEND/Specialist Transport team and the SEN Team to highlight that decisions have been made using inaccurate information. Training is now being delivered and updates are being made to the Local Offer and supporting documents.

www.paccshropshire.org.uk



DRUMMING

Wed
7th Aug



Taiko Drumming Session- 11am
This session is aimed at children between
6 and 12 years old

DRUMMING

Wed
7th Aug



Taiko Drumming Session- 1pm
This session is aimed at 13 years+

Save The Hive!

The Hive is a much-loved young people's arts and wellbeing charity who are facing closure amidst mounting pressures to attract funding. Based in the heart of Shrewsbury, The Hive operates across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

PACC has worked with the Hive to host number of Community activities, not only is it a wonderful location to host activities, but The Hive is a welcoming and safe space for the SEND community in Shropshire.

The Hive need to raise 50k to remain open. They are hosting a number of fundraising activities (more details can be found on their Facebook page, or pop in and see them). They have also created a donation page which is linked in the image below- any donations are very much appreciated.





Understanding legislation around SEND Transport can often be difficult and confusing. We have created our top 5 myth busters around criteria and using SEND Transport

My child with SEND lives under 3 miles from school so is not eligible for SEND Transport

If your child is eligible for transport because they have SEN, a disability or mobility problems, whether or not they live within statutory walking distance of the school is not relevant.

To be eligible for school transport my Child/ Young Person must attend the closest school to home.

A suitable school for school travel purposes is a qualifying school that is suitable for the child's age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have. Where a child has an EHC plan, the school named in the plan will normally be considered to be their nearest suitable school.

A child/ Young person must have an EHCP to be eligible for school transport

If your child is eligible for free home to school transport due to their SEND, there is no requirement for them to have an EHC plan or attend a special school.

If my child/ young person finds their transport to school stressful, the Local Authority cannot help.

Case law has decided that it is implicit that the transport provided by an LA should be "non-stressful" if the child is to benefit from education. This means the child needs to be able to arrive at school ready to learn, rather than being unduly stressed or tired because of the journey. LAs must make sure that the travel arrangements they make take account of the needs of the child concerned.

My Child/ Young Person has an EHCP so is entitled to SEND Transport

If children with EHC plans fall in one of the categories of eligible children (set out in the section on children of compulsory school age) then they will be entitled to transport. If a child with an EHC plan lives within statutory walking distance, can reasonably be expected to walk to school on their own and does not fit within one of the other categories, they will not be entitled to free home to school transport.

Mad, Sad, Glad Survey Now Live!



We need Shropshire Parent Carers to tell us what makes you Mad, Sad and Glad about your lives caring for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Your snap-shots of family life and family issues are valuable as they give an appraisal of what may have been disappointing or frustrating about services and service delivery – as well as the positive experiences you've had.



Being Me!

Each month we shine a spotlight on a Child or Young Person from the SEND community in Shropshire.

We love hearing about what you have been up to- any adventures you may have been on, if you have been on holiday, about any clubs you attend, if you have any pets!

If you would like to appear in our next newsletter please ask your Parent Carer to get in touch with Abi!

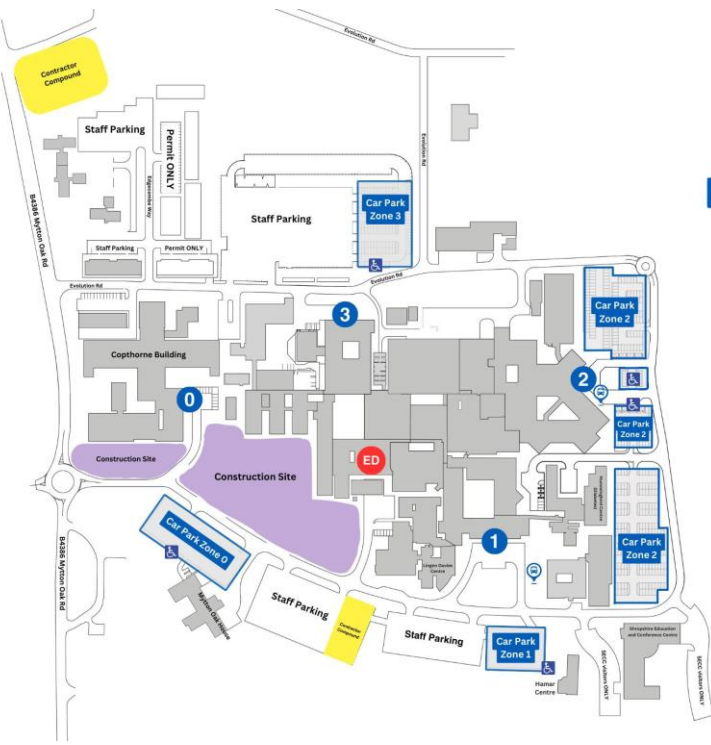
Abi@paccshropshire.org.uk

Shelton Super 1's



Shelton Cricket Club Super 1s programme is run in conjunction with Shropshire Cricket and the Lords Taverns. Super 1s gives young people with disabilities aged 12-25 the opportunity to play regular, competitive cricket. The Community Cricket hubs give the participants the coaching and competition against their peers and experience the benefits of playing sport. These sessions help the young people to realise their potential on and off the pitch, improves physical & mental well-being and combats loneliness by giving them a sense of belonging. "Super 1s at Shelton is now in its second season and has exceeded our expectations. The sessions are inclusive, fun and inspiring and we have seen some real improvement in our players abilities over this season, we can't wait to see them again in September" Kevin Jones – Shelton Cricket Club Disability Lead. Sessions are held on Monday nights from September – July. If you would like more information about Disability Cricket, please contact our Disability Officer Tyler Ibbotson – tyler.ibbotson@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk

READ MORE



The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital
NHS Trust

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

- 0 Entrance 0 - Copthorne Building
- 1 Entrance 1 - Ward Block
- 2 Entrance 2 - Treatment Centre (new main hospital entrance)
- 3 Entrance 3 - New public entrance for Level 0 (basement) services
- ED Emergency Department
- ♿ Disabled parking area
- 🚌 Bus stop
- White outline - Staff car parking zones
- ◌ Blue outline - Public car parking zones
- 🟡 Contractor compound
- 🟣 Construction sites

Site changes to come into effect at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital from Monday 29 July 2024

From Monday 29 July, patients will need to use the entrance located at the Treatment Centre, marked as 2 on the map.

Alternative entrances are also marked on the map to help you find which entrance you can use to access the hospital.

[READ MORE](#)

SHORT BREAKS CONSULTATION

Shropshire Council has now published a report showing the results of a consultation on short breaks provision.



Shropshire Council



Meet n Chat SEND

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

A chance for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to get support with general SEND enquires. You can chat with people from Early Help, Education, Health and the Parent and Carer Council (PACC)

**Sunflower House Family Hub, Kendal Road,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES**

Tuesday 20 August 2024, 1.30pm-3pm

**Raven House, Market Drayton Family Hub,
129 Cheshire Street, TF9 3AH**

Tuesday 17 September 2024, 1pm-3pm

**Bridgnorth Youth Centre, Bridgnorth
Family Hub, 45 Innage Lane, WV16 4HS**

Tuesday 15 October, 1.30pm-4pm

**Meole Brace Primary School Family
Drop-in, Church Road, SY3 9HG**

Thursday 7 November 2024,
9.30am-12 noon



Xplore!

Canolfan Darganfod Gwyddoniaeth
Science Discovery Centre

Summer Holidays at Xplore!

Bringing Science to life
for all this summer



Book your
tickets
online today



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELDODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



Funded by



Do you
live in the
Midlands?

Do you want
to meet other
parents and
young people
with epilepsy?

Come and join our Midlands meet up!

Parents

Meet other parents who understand what it's like living with a child with epilepsy, and connect with others who 'get it'.

Young People

Develop friendships with young people who understand!

Event Details

Saturday 10th August
10.30am-2.30pm

Ages 10 -18 (Sorry no siblings)

Address disclosed when registered



Scan me!

Young Epilepsy is the operating name of The National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy.
Registered charity number 31877 (England and Wales)

Copyright of MONEY SAVING CENTRAL





FAMILY Summer



ACTIVITY DAYS



**EVERY THURSDAY
IN THE SUMMER
HOLIDAYS**

11AM TILL 3PM
ONE PRICE ALL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDED -
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**£8 INDIVIDUAL
£27.20 FAMILY OF 4
£40.80 FAMILY OF 6**

TEL: 01630 638508
www.mauricechandler.org.uk

Under 14's need to be accompanied by an adult

info@mauricechandler.org.uk



alderford

SEND Sessions





JOIN US FOR OUR FREE WORKSHOPS

Would you like to learn more about how to support transitions to primary school or secondary school?

Come along to our FREE online workshops, run by Autism Central, a Peer Educator programme supporting parents, carers and PA's of autistic people across the Midlands

Transitions to Secondary School - 13th August 2024
Transitions to Primary School - 14th August 2024

Join us for our two hour workshops delivered by people with lived experience of autism between 10am-12pm

Book your free place via autismcentral.org.uk/midlands



Funded by the **NHS**

FREE Mental Health Support

We are offering fully funded - free of charge Counselling Support for those aged 18 to 25 with a Serious Mental Illness living in Shropshire, including Telford & Wrekin.

These sessions can be face to face or online with a **Qualified Counsellor**.

Our program will deliver intensive mental health support to help build confidence and be 'life ready'. We will help you increase your self-esteem, self-confidence, and life skills and develop coping strategies as well as improve social skills and communication skills to help you manage your mental health and wellbeing for the long term.

For more information, contact Shropshire Youth Support Trust

Phone **01952 299214**

Email hello@systbusiness.co.uk

Website systbusiness.co.uk

Or text us



07874 804653

The FREE sessions are based at **Shropshire Youth Support Trust, Hazeldine House, Central Square, Telford, TF3 4JL**



**Activities for
children with
SEND**



**Have fun
Make friends
Be active**

Find out more, visit
www.actio.org.uk

*Must be an All In
Member*



info@actio.org.uk
www.actio.org.uk
[@ActioConsortiumShrops](https://twitter.com/ActioConsortiumShrops)

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

£40 PER DAY

FOR AGES 4-8
9:30AM - 3:30PM
(WRAP CARE AVAILABLE)
LOTS OF DATES
THROUGHOUT
JULY & AUGUST!

PARK HALL
FOREST SCHOOL

CAMPFIRE CLUB!

FOR AGES 5-10

£90

for 3 sessions
9am - 12pm

DATES

29th - 31st July
27th - 29th August

PARK HALL
FOREST SCHOOL



Fun & Friendship
HUB
CLUB

RELAXED FILMS SUMMER 2024

(OTHER FILM TIMES AVAILABLE)

- 29TH JUNE 1330 - ROBOT DREAMS (PG)
- 27TH JULY 1330 - MARY AND THE WITCH'S FLOWER(U)
- 30TH JULY 1030 - INSIDE OUT 2 (U)
- 7TH AUGUST 1330 - IF (U)
- 14TH AUGUST 1330 - DESPICABLE ME 4 (U)
- 23RD AUGUST 1330 - GARFIELD (U)
- 30TH AUGUST 1330
- & 31ST AUGUST 1030 - ZARAFKA (U)

PRICES ARE £6.00 PER PERSON FOR RELAXED SHOWINGS, CARER TICKET FREE

SUMMER EVENTS

Lot's of FREE fun
crafts, sand play and
water play!

Tuesday 6th August
Tuesday 13th August
9.30am - 11am



Come along to:
Ludlow Youth Centre, Lower Galdeford,
Ludlow, SY8 1RT

Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)
We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.

