

ACTIVITIES & SHORT BREAKS as at October 2011

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1. HOLIDAY & SATURDAY CLUB ACTIVITIES

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***** NEW** = 1st time entries

1. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES (targeted schemes and mainstream & universal settings)

Targeted Schemes – for children and young people with disabilities including complex needs

Konnections Holiday & Saturday Clubs - Targeted

This year Konnections will be providing:

- 6 weeks of Under 11's holiday scheme
- 2 weeks of Over 11's holiday scheme
- Under 11's Saturday club. There is currently a waiting list for this club but Aiming High have agreed a substantial increase of provision through 2011/2012. If you would like more information, please contact Sandy Carter.

Contact: Sandy Carter; email: sandy.carter@kerith.co.uk; telephone: 01344 828809

Kids Holiday & Saturday Clubs - Targeted

This year Kids will be providing:

- 6 weeks of Over 11's holiday scheme
- 2 weeks of Under 11's holiday scheme
- Over 11's Saturday club

Contact: Clare Turner; email: clare.turner@kids.org.uk; telephone: 07748909792

	Konnections*** NEW dates	Kids
Under 11's Holiday	Feb 2012: 14 th & 15 th April 2012: 10 th , 11 th , 12 th , 13 th Booking date Tues 10 th Jan 2012 June 2012: 6 th & 7 th August 2012: 6 th -10 th , 13 th -17 th , 20 th -24 th , 27 th -31 st Booking date Tues 8 th May Oct 2012: 30 th & 31 st Booking date Tues 11 th Sept	Dec 2011: 21 st Feb 2012: 13 th , 14 th Bookings are being taken now for all dates
Over 11's Holiday	April 2012: 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Booking date Tues 10 th Jan 2012 Summer 2012: tbc	Dec 2011: 19 th , 20 th , 28 th , 29 th Feb 2012: 15 th , 16 th Bookings are being taken now for all dates
Under 11's Saturday	Autumn Term Nov 2011: 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th Dec 2011: 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th Spring Term Jan 2012: 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Feb 2012: 11 th , 18 th , 25 th March 2012: 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	

	<p>Summer Term April 2012: 14th, 21st, 28th May 2012: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June 2012: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July 2012: 14th, 21st, 28th Autumn Term Sept 2012: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Oct 2012: 13th, 20th, 27th Nov 2012: 3rd, 10th, 24th Dec 2012: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd</p>	
Over 11's Saturday		<p>Autumn Term: Nov 2011: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Dec 2011: 3rd, 10th, 17th Activity schedule for Autumn Term out now! Contact Kids for full details Spring Term: Jan 2012: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Feb 2012: 4th, 11th, 25th March 2012: 3rd, 10th, 17th</p>
Additional	<p>Over 11's Thursday 16th February 2012 Booking date Tues 10th Jan 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specifically for children and young people living in Bracknell Forest with significant difficulties and complex needs. ▪ Criteria apply. ▪ Priority will be given to children who have not accessed these additional days in the past. ▪ Activity will be determined when ability of children and young people known. 	

Disability Challengers

This is an independent children's charity which provides over 25,000 play and leisure spaces to 1,200 disabled children and young people.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

BOOKING LINE | 01483 230 939

Play and Leisure Team: playandleisureteam@disability-challengers.org | 01483 230 930

www.disability-challengers.org

Universal Schemes – suitable for children and young people who:

- Have moderate learning difficulties
- Require low level and minimal supervision
- Can communicate in small group settings

Oakwood Youth Challenge

This year Oakwood will be providing a further range of pony and activity days

- 7-10 yrs 9.30am-12.30pm
- 11-18 yrs 1.00-4.00pm
- £10 per session

Email: hannah@oakwoodyouth.co.uk

Telephone: 0118 9792253

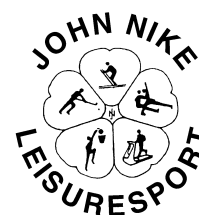


Pony days	Activity days
	Monday 13 th Feb 2012

John Nike Holiday Camp days

- 8-18 yrs
- 9.30am-4.00pm
- £29.50 per day (includes lunch)
- DATES: Thursday 16th February 2012

Email: jnl-bracknell@nikegroup.co.uk
Telephone: 01344 789000



Edgbarrow Sports Centre

Are pleased to offer inclusive activities and holiday clubs that would be suitable for children with moderate learning difficulties and who require minimal support or supervision. Foxy's holiday club can meet the needs of children age 3 – 11 years.

For further information, please contact Leigh Barker at Edgbarrow Sports Centre: 01344 776211 or via email leigh.barker@bracknell-forest.gov.uk.

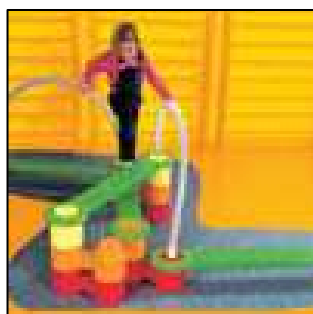
Pre-School Classes/Activities

Bouncy Castle Soft Play Sessions

This session is geared to provide your pre-school child with opportunities for physical and social development.

Term times: Wednesdays 9.30-11.00am at Edgbarrow Sports centre
Holiday times: Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am at Sandhurst Sports Centre

- Soft Play
- Trampoline
- Bouncy Castle
- Balance equipment
- Ball pool
- Toys and more.



Toddler Gymnastics/trampoline

- 18months-3 years Fridays 9.30- 10.15am (Edgbarrow)
- 3-5 years Mondays 1.30-2.30pm (Edgbarrow)
- 3-5 years Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm (Edgbarrow)



Above sessions are for all children. If you or Edgbarrow feel your child will require additional support to access, additional funding can be made available through Aiming High.

2. REGULAR AFTER SCHOOL / WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Summary Timetable

MONDAY	Dance Club 4.00-5.00pm £3.90	Pedal Go Karting 5.15-6.15pm £4.50	Youth Club at Konnections 6.30-8.30pm £1.00		
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TUESDAY	Multi Activity Games 4.00-6.00pm £2.90	Karate 6.45-7.30pm			
WEDNESDAY	Stay and Play 1.30-3pm	WHOOSH 6.00-7.30pm	Dance Club 6.15-7.15pm £3.90	Challenge Club 7.00-9.00pm £1.00	Paul's Karaoke £2.00 & ***NEW Innersense 4.30pm
THURSDAY	Youth Sailing Project 5.30-8.30pm	Oakwood Youth Challenge 6.00-7.30pm £2.00	FBC All stars 5.30-6.30pm £2.00		
FRIDAY	Oakwood Youth Challenge 4.00-5.30pm £2.00 Currently postponed	EarlyBird Tea Party 4.00-6.00pm	Youth Club at The Wayz (The Chill Out) 5.00-6.30pm	Family Swim 6.15-7.30pm £1.50	Youth Club at The Wayz (The Hang Out) 7.15-9pm £1.00
SATURDAY	Activity Club 9.30-11.15am £2.00	Trampolining 1.00-2.00pm & 2.15-3.15pm £5.00	Ice Skating 2.00-3.00pm £4.50	Football U16's 2.30-4.00pm O16's 4-5pm £3.00	Family Swim 6.30-7.30pm FREE
SUNDAY	Gymnastics 11.00-12noon & 12-1.00pm	Climbing Club 12.30-2.00pm	Ice Skating 2.00-3.00pm £4.50		

MONDAY DANCE CLUB

Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane

Contact: Kelly Wilkins

Email: kelly.wilkins@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 07725269138

MONDAY PEDAL GO KARTING

Edgbarrow Sports Centre, Crowthorne, RG45 7JL

Contact: Leigh Barker

Email: leigh.barker@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Telephone: 01344 776211

MONDAY YOUTH CLUB (11-18 yrs)

Konnections

Term time only. Most parents stay and meet for coffee, biscuits and chat.

Contact: Sandy Carter

Email: sandy.carter@kerith.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 828809

TUESDAY MULTI ACTIVITY GAMES

Bracknell Leisure Centre until Easter, thereafter Edgbarrow Sports Centre, Crowthorne, RG45 7JL

Contact: Leigh Barker

Email: leigh.barker@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Telephone: 01344 776211

TUESDAY KARATE CLUB – course of lessons

Great Hollands Primary School, Wordsworth Road, RG12 8QN

Contact: Daniel or Gillian

Email: karate@silwoodparkkarate.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 440328

WEDNESDAY Stay and Play Sessions

All Saints Church Hall, London Road, Ascot

Term time only

For families who have little ones Under 5 with additional needs (siblings Under 5 welcome too)

Contact: Laura or Michelle at South Ascot Children's Centre

Telephone: 07512 850387

WEDNESDAY WHOOSH

Bracknell Sport and Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell

Whoosh is a soft play adventure and activity centre, run by a private company within Bracknell Sports Centre for children with additional needs and siblings.

Suitable for ages 1-10. There are slides, ball pools, rope swings, aerial runways and a toddler area

Birthdays and special occasions can be celebrated during this session

Telephone: 01344 868383

WEDNESDAY DANCE CLUB

Ascot Jubilee, Goaters Road, Ascot

Contact: Kelly Wilkins

Email: kelly.wilkins@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 07725269138

WEDNESDAY Challenge Club

Youth & Community Centre, Priestwood, Court Road

Social Club for people with learning difficulties aged 16+

Live music or disco every Wednesday

For more information please call 07932 489 487

Email: thechallengeclub@hotmail.co.uk

WEDNESDAY Paul's Karaoke (formerly Karaoke Nights)

Rose Room, Rose Street Methodist Church, Rose Street, Wokingham

This group meets on the middle two Wednesdays of each month (except August) and is open to anyone 16+ who has a learning disability

Please call Wokingham Mencap for information: 0118 979 8539

WEDNESDAY Innersense

Shalva, Ravenswood Village, Crowthorne, RG45 6BQ

Multi sensory workshops for all ages and abilities; exciting journeys with music, dance, theatre and instruments. Workshops are for one hour and £15 per session.

To book a place and for more information, contact Jan Zammit, telephone 01344 428141 or email innersensearts@googlemail.com

THURSDAY YOUTH SAILING PROJECT (11-18 yrs)

Konnections

April 14th – Sept 1st

Contact: Sandy Carter

Email: sandy.carter@kerith.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 828809

THURSDAY YOUTH GROUP (11-18 yrs)

Oakwood Youth Challenge

Runs alternate Thursdays each month, term time only and young people attend once per month

Email: hannah@oakwoodyouth.co.uk

Telephone: 0118 9792253

New Autumn Group 1: 15th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec

New Autumn Group 2: 29th Sept, 27th Oct, 24th Nov, 22nd Dec

THURSDAY FBC All Stars (7-18 yrs)

FBC All Stars is an inclusive sports club for people with a disability. The club specifically caters for young people with a visual, auditory or physical disability and their friends and family with an interest in sport. The club will run every Thursday term time only at the Sports Hall, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead, RG40 4ES from 15th September 2011.

Sports include kurling, archery, table tennis, boccia and more.

Contact: Beth Cutting

Email: beth@finchampstead.com

Telephone: 0118 9088158

www.fbcentre.com

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (7-18 yrs)

Oakwood Youth Challenge

Runs every other Friday, term time only

Email: hannah@oakwoodyouth.co.uk

Telephone: 0118 9792253

Autumn Term dates: Postponed until further notice due to insufficient numbers

FRIDAY Early Bird's Tea Party

The Rowans Children's Centre, Pondmoor Road, RG12 7JZ

First Friday of the month 4-6pm

This group is for parents whose children are under 9, and are on the ASD spectrum. Full soft play kit and ball pool will be available.

For more information and to book a place telephone: 01344 312800

FRIDAY YOUTH CLUBS

Wayz

The Chill Out - 5-6.30pm - the aim of this project is to boost social skills and other life skills of young people aged 12-16 yrs with moderate learning difficulties

The Hang Out - 7.15-9pm 16-25yrs with moderate learning difficulties

Contact: Gareth Mepham

Email: gareth.mepham@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Telephone: 07928816186

FRIDAY FAMILY SWIM

Carnival Pool, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF

Contact: 0118 977 0007

SATURDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CLUB

Bracknell & Wokingham Mencap, Crescent Centre, Lower Earley

9.30am-11.15am, term time only

Activities include arts and crafts and give children with learning difficulties and their siblings an opportunity to have fun together, in a fully supportive environment

Please book, as limited spaces are available

£2 per session

To book a place or find out more contact Wokingham Mencap: 0118 979 8539, email:

admin@wokinghammencap.org

SATURDAY TRAMPOLINING

Bracknell Trampoline Centre

Every Saturday

£5 per session, sessions are paid for termly

1-2pm and 2.15-3.15pm. The centre runs two, one hour trampolining sessions for children and adults with special needs. To discuss individual needs or to arrange a trial session, please telephone: 01344 306301

SATURDAY ICE SKATING

John Nike

Under 11's 1st Saturday each month

2.00-3pm

£4.50 per session

Email: jnl-bracknell@nikegroup.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 789000

*****NEW venue**

SATURDAY FOOTBALL

Easthampstead Park School, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 8FS

2.30-4.00pm for Under 16's. Over 16's 4-5pm

£3.00 per session

Contact: Jason Collins, telephone 01344 459325 / 07403317172 or email jason@red10fc.com or Stephen Satterly, telephone 01344 487727 / 0753912152 or email stephen@red10fc.com

SATURDAY FAMILY SWIM

Carnival Pool, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF

One Saturday per month (usually 2nd), free monthly swim for all families with children with additional needs aged 0-18 yrs. Toys, swim equipment and floats. Contact: 0118 977 0007

SUNDAY Pinewood Gymnastics

5-16 yrs

11am-12noon, an independent class. Paid termly

12noon-1pm – introductory / 'drop in class', £6 per session

Parents usually remain on site for duration of class

For enquiries and bookings, telephone: 01344 773 237

SUNDAY CLIMBING – Chameleon Club

Wellington College Sports Centre, 1.30-3.00pm

Monthly indoor climbing club for children with moderate learning difficulties or disabilities

10-15 yrs

£11.00 per session.

Autumn Term dates: 16th Oct, 20th Nov and 11th Dec.

Contact: Clare De Meyer

Telephone: 0118 9874849

SUNDAY ICE SKATING

John Nike

Over 11's 1st Sunday each month

2.00-3pm

£4.50 per session

Email: jnl-bracknell@nikegroup.co.uk

Telephone: 01344 789000

The Look Out Discovery Centre

Exploration and education go hand in hand with an unforgettable, fun day out at The Look Out with 90 hands-on exciting science and nature exhibits. Find out more about woodland, water, light, colour, sound, communication, body, perception and forces and movement in one day. The Look

Out is fully accessible with the exception of the 22m tower, however one of the exhibits shows the view from the top of the tower. The adventure play area at The Look Out is fantastic. It is in three sections: 3-6 year olds, 7-11 year olds, with a NEW recent addition of play equipment for all access and all ages which has been part funded by Aiming High.

Open daily 10am – 5pm with on site coffee and gift shop.

Super saver ticket is only £17.60 for 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children (valid until 31.03.12). Children aged 3 and under are free! Special parent and toddler rates for term time during the week. Visitors with disabilities are charged £4.40 each, with no charge for the carer.

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/be

01344 354400

The Look Out Discovery Centre

Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, Berkshire. RG12 7QW.

3. Activities for families & Play Rangers

GO! Activities - 2011 sees the Great Opportunities (GO!) project launch an additional monthly program of fun and exciting activities that are exclusively for families within the Bracknell Forest Borough. GO! provides one-off leisure activities for children and young people, aged 5-19, with additional needs and their family and friends.

MAGIC SHOW - £5 per person

Come and enjoy an interactive magic show, including party games, cheesy party dances, and balloon modelling.

Saturday 19th November 2011, 2pm-4pm

@ Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road

For enquiries or to book a place on any GO! event please contact:

Email - enquiries@familyresourcecentreuk.org

Freephone - 0800 328 9148

Play Rangers - the aim of the Play Ranger Team is to increase the number of children using parks and open spaces in the Bracknell area by offering more play opportunities. The service will operate on an 'open access' principle, with children free to come and go as they please; there is no charge and no registration is required.

Contact the Play Rangers; Jenna 07876 393544 or Sam 07876 582882 or email

play.rangers@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/playservice for timetable and programme

4. PARENT GROUPS & SUPPORT

Konnections, Friday Mums Group

10-12noon term time only

For further information please contact Sandy Carter

Email: sandy.carter@kerith.co.uk, telephone: 01344 828809

Friends of Early Bird, Autism Support Group

Every Friday at The Oaks Children's Centre

1 - 3pm. This is a social and support group for parents/carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). A creche is available for the duration of the session and its a great place to meet other parents.

Email: green.christineh@gmail.com, telephone: 07891192274

ASD Family Help

The ASD Family Help charity is a 'User Led' independent and voluntary group that offers free support, advice, coffee mornings & evenings to individuals on the autistic spectrum, their parents, carers and professionals.

We aim to help improve services for children and adults with ASD, provide support to parents/carers, provide free advice and information, provide training across the area and raise awareness of ASD.

ASD Family Help also provides, at a reduced rate, social events for :-

1. Male Parent/Carers
2. ASD Adults/Children & their Families
3. More to come.....subject to funding

Contact us: contact@asdfamilyhelp.org or text/phone: 07707 660 599 to be added to our email listing. Our membership is FREE.

www.asdfamilyhelp.org

Bracknell Berkshire Autistic Society (BAS), ASD Support Group Meetings

Monthly meetings (Term Time only)

9.30 - 11.30pm at the Forest Park Community Centre, Horndean Road, Forest Park, RG12 0XQ.

The sessions include a guest speaker who will talk about strategies and support, Q&A, plus an opportunity for parents to meet new friends. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and take part in a general discussion.

Email: contact@autismberkshire.org.uk, telephone: 0118 9594594

www.autismberkshire.org.uk

Dates: 14th November – Vanessa Taylor from Cerebra

12th December - Margaret Campbell from Connexions

16th January 2012 – Sue Starkey from Behaviour Support Team

6th February – Mandy Salter from Parent Partnership

12th March – Jo Lillywhite from Aiming High

14th May – FILM show

18th June – Joanne Rowe (PG Cert AS) will be talking 'parent to parent' about Social Skills

16th July – Parent Tom Hassan will be sharing his experience of bringing up boys with AS, and how they have moved into adulthood.

*****NEW dates The Dialogue Group**

The Dialogue Group is a Partnership Forum between key professionals who work with children with additional needs and parents/carers of children with additional needs. It provides a networking opportunity for parents/carers, and opportunity for consultation and participation in planning and developing services within Bracknell Forest. Key speakers are invited to discuss current services and new developments.

For a copy of the latest minutes, please email aiming.high@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Forthcoming meetings: 22nd November 2011, 14th February 2012, 8th May 2012, 10th July 2012, 25th September 2012.

Little Darlings Support Group (West Berkshire Down Syndrome Group)

Lower Earley Baptist Church, Maiden Place, Lower Earley, Rg5 3HE

Friday morning 9.30am-12 noon

For more information and to check if the session is running please contact Charlie Williamson

Telephone: 07847 327528

Email: charlie@wbdsrg.org.uk

Workshops for Parents & Carers

FREE support for all Families in Bracknell Forest.

These workshops are not Learning Disability specific and are open to all parents and carers.

For booking and more information about these sessions and other support available to parents and carers contact Mary Khawaja.

Email: parent.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Telephone: 01344 354067

Web: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parenting

Childcare for Over 11's with Moderate Learning Disabilities

Do you have or care for a young person with moderate learning disabilities who may need care after school or during the holidays while you are at work or attending college / activities now or in the future?

As part of our continued commitment to provide adequate and appropriate childcare, we are in the process of determining demand for such provision and already have one young person who we would like to 'buddy' up in a setting so that in the main, there is a suitable peer group while parents are at work.

For further information and to register your interest, please contact:

James Saunders

Play and Childcare Development Coordinator

Telephone: 01344 312817

Email: james.saunders@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Funding available to support mainstream settings

The Inclusion Fund has been allocated some funding again this year from the Aiming High budget. The main purpose of this fund is to improve access for children and young people with disabilities within a universal or mainstream setting. Mainstream providers such as after school clubs and holiday schemes (e.g Holly Spring, Edgbarrow sports centre, Sandy Lane and WASPS) can meet the needs of children with moderate learning difficulties but initial support may be required to ensure a positive integration.

Subject to referral to a small panel of professionals, funding can be made available on a short term and temporary basis for additional staff; to enable greater independence through equipment or improved access; or to enhance training and expertise in the setting.

Children accessing these settings would typically require minimal supervision, have moderate learning difficulties, be on school action or school action plus and need some initial support to build confidence.

For children and young people with more complex needs or who require a higher level of support, where a mainstream setting is not appropriate, activities and holiday schemes are available predominantly through Konnections and Kids.

If you have a query regarding suitability, please do not hesitate to contact Jo Lillywhite,

Development Manager, Aiming High for Disabled Children

Telephone: 01344 352733

Email: aiming.high@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Siblings Support Project

Konnections have introduced a sibling support programme for children who have a disabled brother or sister. The first project ran during the Summer Term 2011 for 8 weeks. Autumn Term programme starts on 28th Sept 2011 with an introduction session on 21st Sept.

For further information and to book the course, please contact Sandy Carter.

Email: sandy.carter@kerith.co.uk, telephone: 01344 828809

Siblings Club, Wokingham Mencap Groups

Woodley Siblings Club – Mondays 4.45 – 6.30pm

Wokingham Siblings Club – Thursdays 5-6.45pm

Club is for children aged 7-14 yrs living with a disabled brother or sister. The emphasis on the group is the young person having fun; an opportunity for them to be themselves and meet other siblings.

Cost is £1.00 per session. To find out more or book a place please contact 0118 9798539 or email admin@wokinghammencap.org

Coming Soon – Bracknell Mencap (see also entry below)

New Sibling Group

Following the success of an application to Children in Need, Mencap have secured funding over 3 years to set up a Siblings group in Bracknell for siblings of children with a Learning Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder. For further information and if you are interested in enrolling your 'sibling' please contact the Wokingham office on 0118 9798539.

Behaviour Support for Parents

A 6 hour behaviour management course for parents/carers of children and young people with disabilities. The course will be covered over two 3 hour sessions and would ideally suit parents who have not undertaken any behaviour management training or who would like a refresh.

Parents who have already attended EarlyBird or EarlyBird plus may find this useful to reinforce strategies at home. For further information please contact:

Email: parent.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Telephone: 01344 354254

Future dates: Tues 13th & Wed 14th Dec 2011, 10am-1pm

We are unable to provide childcare.

E Learning for Parents at Konnections

Group will meet every other Wednesday morning and will offer training for parent/carers of disabled children.

This is a new opportunity to learn useful disability specific information to support your child. The courses, which are all computer based and supported by a tutor are:

- Understanding Autism
- Understanding and Managing Behaviour
- Dyslexia
- Inclusion for Speech and Language Needs
- Motor Coordination Difficulties
- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment

The courses vary in length but typically take between 10 and 20 hours of time online.

If you are interested in joining one of these courses, or would like more info please e-mail karen.mehta@kerith.co.uk or ring 01344 828802

Family Information Service

The Family Information Service (FIS) provides a free and impartial information and signposting service on childcare and other services that support parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 20.

We also work with organisations and professionals who support families.

From the 1st April 2011 the service will be provided by Bracknell Forest Council

fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/familyinformation

01344 352000

Parent Partnership Service

Are you concerned about your child's learning and development?

Do they need additional support in their school or early years setting?

Is your child being assessed for special educational needs?

Do you feel overwhelmed by the information you are receiving about your child?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes', the Parent Partnership Service may be able to help.

Email: parent.partnership@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Telephone: 01344 354011

Bracknell Mencap

Our family liaison workers support local people who care for a person aged 14+ with a learning disability or an autism spectrum condition.

We can provide one to one support with regard to issues such as benefits, direct payments and transition to adult services and help with form filing. We also support carers in meetings and assessments.

Drop ins are held on Mondays 1pm - 3pm and Thursdays 11am - 1pm and a coffee morning on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

T.G.I.F (THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY) is a social group for people age 18 - 30 with a mild autism spectrum condition or aspergers. The group meets on the 1st Friday of each month.

Contact Alison on 01344 868076 for further details.