



## Barking & Dagenham SEND Local Offer Newsletter



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← This was our 1<sup>st</sup> greeting card in September 2023. Dear Children and Young People, how is your learning going? June is a month for reviewing and planning (e.g. summer holiday planning!) In Barking and Dagenham, we aim to raise Aspirations and encourage thinking about the future from an early age. We promote a focus on outcomes that are transferable to the real world. With the summer holiday approaching, why not consider setting your personalised and outcome-focused Summer Challenges?

(One example below. For details, please visit NDTi Preparing for Adulthood Outcomes across the age ranges)

Challenges Challenges	Early Year	Reception to Year 2	Year 3 to Year 6	Secondary (Year 7 to Year 11)	Post 16 / Post 19 (Ages 16-25)
Employment	Real world play (builder, nurse, musician)	Real world visit (fire station, farm, theatre)	☐ Build a profile of interests and ambitions	■ Exploring different careers, visit <u>B&amp;D Inclusive Digital</u> <u>Zone</u>	<ul> <li>Visiting B&amp;D Works supported employment service; voluntary work, adult education</li> </ul>
Independent Living	Real world play (kitchen, DIY)	☐ Washing / brushing teeth	☐ Transport and road signs, shopping	Making own food, travel training	Managing bills, arranging potential <u>living options</u>
Community Inclusion	☐ Make friends, day trips	☐ Team playing, join clubs	☐ Knowing the local area, online safety	☐ Visiting your <u>B&amp;D Community</u> <u>Hub</u> , belonging to <u>different</u> <u>groups</u>	Managing your time, <u>maintaining</u> <u>friendship outside schools</u>
Health	☐ <u>Immunisations</u>	Child obesity check	☐ Managing minor health needs	☐ Mental health and wellbeing	☐ Take responsibility for dental, optical and <a href="health appointments">health appointments</a>

June is also an eventful month this year. Here are some highlights: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The <u>Children and Young People with Disability Hub (CYPD Hub)</u> was officially launched. They are currently run a surgery on Tuesdays, and other programmes during after school hours and term break.

Contact: 0208 227 5500 / CYPDHUB@lbbd.gov.uk



17th June 2024

The Marks Gate Family Hub (North Locality) was officially launched. Come in and find a wide range of information, advice and guidance.

**Coming SEND Drop-in:** 

1<sup>st</sup> July (Monday) 9.30-11.30am

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We had a very young guest, with Elaine (Strategic Director) and Penny (Hub Manager) at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Looking forward - July 2024 (What's On)

1st July 2024 – Just Say Open Forum (Short Breaks and Direct Payment)

2nd July 2024 – Early Years Team Autism Awareness Workshop

12th July 2024 – **AbPhab** Summer Disco

You may already be aware of the many co-production projects we work on in partnership with Just Say Parent Carer Forum this year. Pleased to share that these partnership and engagement model are also being implemented within our schools.

## Good Story shared by Riverside Bridge School



## **Building Bridges: The journey of creating a PTA**

The creation of a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at Riverside Bridge School marks a significant milestone in fostering a collaborative partnership between the school, parents, carers, and the community. Riverside Bridge School's vision for creating a PTA had been a long-held dream that officially came to reality on the 13th of June. The positive response from parents and carers has been incredibly supportive, initiating an exciting journey for all stakeholders. From the beginning, our parents and carers have shown remarkable receptiveness to the idea and have responded positively to the school's challenge. "Riverside, a Bridge for Success for All" is now more than ever a vision shared by the school, parents, carers, and the wider community.

Leonel Carvalho, Assistant Headteacher



The July Newsletter will be the final issue and it's going to be a special **Celebration** issue. We invite you to contribute to this **Finale** – sharing good stories about positive outcomes and learning experiences for children or young person with SEND in Barking and Dagenham. Please send your story (50-60 words) to sendlocaloffer@lbbd.gov.uk by 4<sup>th</sup> July. Looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you very much.