

Barking & Dagenham SEND LOCAL OFFER Quick Updates

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Thought of the Week

"Any understanding of autism should not be approached from a position of 'deficit', but rather from a position of 'difference'.

Autistic people are not neuro-typical people with something missing or something extra added on.

They are different. If we are serious about equality and inclusion within any area, then we must first of all understand that difference."

Christine Breakey (2006) The Autism Spectrum. A guide to Good Practice.

New SEND Local Offer Website (beta) - What's On

Please
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New resource added:

- Just Say Parent Carer Open Forum on Wed 15th November
- NDTi Video - *It's My Life* - Peter
- Valence House – SEND to Santa
- Company Drinks - free seasonal activities for families this winter



Just Say Open Forum (link)

- Wed 15th Nov 2023
- 10.00am - 1.15pm
- Daggers Football Club

Two topics with guest speakers

1. MENTAL WELLBEING – new Mental Health Support Team for school age children.
2. GETTING AROUND – Travel and Transport for our children and Young People.



Thank you so much for your partnership & engagement.

Please visit [Our Co-Production Journey](#)

to celebrate the mid-term progress!!!

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English

Our Co-Production Journey - how we designed our SEND Local Offer website

1. Background

The SEND Local Offer website is an important resource for parents, carers and young persons with special educational needs. It serves as a hub of information, guidance, and support.

2. You said, We did; We listen, We value

In our Local Area SEND Self Evaluation Form and Action Plan, parents view was that the voice of young people with SEND was not adequately represented in relation to their needs and provision. They said the LA needed to improve the look, feel and content of the SEND Local Offer so that it provided up to date, accurate and reliable information about SEND in the Borough to families, residents, and professionals. The LA decided the SEND Local Offer Website to be revamped co-productively so that it reflected the ambition of the Local Area for Young People.



29 DAYS

until

5th December 2023

- New SEND Local Offer website Officially Launches
- 2nd SEND Local Offer newsletter issues



I was inspired by Thought of the Week – recognise the importance of school staff understanding the individual, see the importance of whole school staff awareness of SEND, and of engaging all practitioners in meeting the needs of pupils. And this are our responsibilities and professionalism to make reasonable adjustment to meet needs and fulfil legal requirements. Thank you so much to our school staff in creating a SEND friendly environment in supporting pupils' progress and achievement!!