A handy resource and services guide for disabled children in the Wakefield District

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Information, Support and Short Break Services

Agencies Offering Support And Signposting

The first stop for families in the Wakefield District caring for a disabled child or child with additional needs, with regards to information, signposting and support is Wakefield Early Support Advice Information Liaison Service (WeSail).

**WeSail**
KIDS have been commissioned by Wakefield Council and NHS Wakefield District to deliver this service within the Wakefield District.

WeSail offers a Designated Keyworker Service for children up to the age of 8 years old and a small Multi Agency Team who provide short-term support. This comprises of a Children & Families Worker, Children’s Community Nurse Specialist (LD) and a Connexions PA.

WeSail provides an advice line which is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5pm.

**Phone:** 01924 379015  
**Fax:** 01924 377323  
**E-mail:** wesail@kids.org.uk  
**Website:** www.kids.org.uk

**Information Network (IN)**
The Information Network is the local authority’s voluntary register of disabled children/children with additional needs who live within the District. Members receive regular updates regarding services and developments in the region, including a copy of the quarterly News & Views newsletter. For more information or to join IN contact WeSail.

**Family Information Service**
The Wakefield District Families Information Service, (FIS), aims to provide comprehensive, accurate, up to date information on a wide range of subjects such as; parenting and relationships, childcare, physical and mental health, sports, play and recreational opportunities, support services for young people and much more.

**Phone:** 0800 5878042  
**E-mail:** fis@wakefield.gov.uk  
**Website:** www.wakefieldfis.org.uk

**Contact a Family**
Contact a Family is a national charity that offers advice and information for families with disabled children.

**Phone:** 0808 8083555  
**E-mail:** info@cafamily.org.uk  
**Website:** www.cafamily.org.uk

Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
Services who work with your child may sometimes feel that you need extra support. In order to find workable solutions quickly a CAF may be completed. A CAF can help support your family and make sure you and your child are placed at the heart of decisions made about your child.

You will have a guided conversation with the worker completing the CAF form. Your worker, with your permission, may ask other people to contribute to completing the form. For example, they may talk to school consultants or therapists who may work with your child. Where appropriate, these people will form part of the team, who will look to find solutions to support you and your child.
Someone will be identified, or you may choose, who should be your “lead professional” or you may already have either a Keyworker or a Designated Keyworker. The lead professional or the Keyworker is the person who will co-ordinate the team of practitioners around you, to provide support and ensure the work is planned and co-ordinated to avoid duplication and prevent you from needing to re-tell your story to different people.

Once the CAF form is completed you will be asked to sign it, so you know all that is in it and can agree this. Where appropriate children and young people may contribute to their CAF and may attend the CAF meeting. One of the most important things to remember is the CAF process is voluntary, you and your child can choose who is involved. For more information about CAF contact:-

The CAF Team
phone: 01924 304914
E-mail: cafteam@wakefield.gov.uk
Website: www.wakefield.gov.uk/caf

Short Breaks Services

The aim of short break services is to give parents the opportunity to do other things, spend time together, or with their other children. It also gives the disabled child/young person the opportunity to experience new things and have fun.

Wakefield Council offers a variety of services for disabled children and their families recreational activities through parks, clubs and sports and leisure services across the District. You can find details of these within the leisure section of this booklet.

Universal services also offer disabled children access to childcare and support to the family for the under 5’s through Children’s Centres. You will find further information within this booklet or by contacting Wakefield Family Information Service, which is an information service for all families.

Wakefield also offers specialist short breaks services, some of which can be accessed directly, whereas others require an assessment from the short breaks panel.

Wakefield Council has published a “Short Breaks Statement” outlining the variety of short breaks on offer within the region and also the banding of each. This is an evolving document and can be found at www.wakefieldfis.org.uk/Disabled/Default.htm in the related downloads section.

For further information on Short Breaks currently available please contact WeSail on Phone: 01924 379015.

Short Breaks Accessible Directly

Get Started (Barnardo’s)
The Get Started project is funded by Wakefield Council and is for disabled children/young people aged 5-19. The aim of the project is to support children and young people to access mainstream leisure activities. The Get Started workers can:-
• Search for activities in the area a person lives.
• Support organisations within the local community to understand disability issues and provide an inclusive environment.
• Provide short term support for young people to access a leisure activity or club.

Children and young people can refer themselves to Get Started as can parents/carers and professionals. For more information about Get Started, or to make a referral contact Christine Ashworth or Sarah Turner, 24 Cheapside, Wakefield, WF1 2TF. Phone: 01924 239250. E-mail: christine.ashworth@barnardos.org.uk or sarah.turner@barnardos.org.uk

Awake Mentoring Service
Awake recruit and train volunteers who have experience of disability to mentor anyone aged 14 years plus who has a disability, learning difficulty or long term health condition, to achieve their personal goals. This could be anything from building confidence, accessing services, new hobbies or interests to training, voluntary work or employment.

For more information contact Awake Mentoring Service, Somerset House, Asdale Road, Wakefield, WF2 7JE.

Phone: 01924 256999. E-mail: awakementoring@scope.org.uk

Sitting Service
This service is open to any family caring for a child/young person aged 0-18, who has significant disabilities. The provision is limited to a sitting service and children/young people will not be taken out for leisure activities.

You may be eligible for this service if you are receiving higher or middle rate Disability Living Allowance.

Families receive vouchers for a maximum 24 hours of support from April-March. The support can be used in sessions for a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 6 hours.

For more information on the Sitting Service, contact the Home Based Break Service office on

Phone: 01924 302291

Summer Play Schemes
During the Summer Holidays there are a range of play schemes and activities available for disabled children and young people across the Wakefield District.

For a full list of when and where the play schemes and activities are taking place see Summer Play Schemes on the Families Information Service website: www.wakefieldfis.org.uk.

For more information please phone Wakefield Families Information Service: 0800 5878042

Or phone WeSail on 01924 379015.

Short Breaks Requiring An Assessment
To access these services a professional who knows your child or staff from WeSail will need to complete a common assessment. Your request will then be considered at the Short Breaks Panel.
Home Based Break Service

The Home Based Break Service offers support to disabled children and young people and their families. It provides short breaks which take place in either a child’s own home, or the local community. Children and young people with a significant disability between the ages of 0 and 18 can be considered for the service. The service is not available to children and young people who may have emotional or behavioural difficulties but no other dis-ability. The services offered by the Home Based Break Service include:-

Family Link Service
Family Link provides care and support inside or outside a child’s/young person’s own home, depending on needs. This can be alongside or independent of parents/carers. Alternatively carers are available to support families to go out ‘as a family’.

For more information on the Family Link Service contact the Family Link co-ordinator on 01924 302106 or 304151.

Leisure Link
Leisure Link is for disabled children/young people over the age of 8. The service can provide support to access:-

• Mainstream Leisure Pursuits.
• Activities with local friends or siblings.
• Involvement in group activities.

The support takes place in the community and the nature of the support varies depending on the needs of individual children/young people.

For more information on Leisure Link contact the Leisure Link Co-ordinator on 01924 304151 or 302106.

Connect Placement
The Connect Service provides family based short breaks within carers own homes. Day and overnight care is available. Children/youth people between the ages of 0-18 with a significant disability will be considered for the service. The number or length of short breaks offered is dependent on an assessment of need, completed by a social worker or health professional.

For more information on Connect Placement contact the Connect Social Workers on 01924 302105 or 01924 304097.

Specialist Short Breaks Requiring An Assessment

To access these specialist services a more detailed assessment will need to be made by a Social Worker or member of the Children with Complex Care needs team, to help determine the most appropriate banding level.

Social Care Direct
Social Care Direct deals with all new requests for social care services within the Wakefield District. (Available 24 hours a day.) Once a referral is accepted a social worker will follow this up by completing an assessment.

A social worker could help you by assessing the needs of your child and family and explore options and services to meet these needs. They can also offer information, advice and support, along with direct work.

Phone: 0845 8503503
Fax: 01924 303455
E-mail: social_care_direct@wakefield.gov.uk
Children With Complex Care Needs Team
This team offers support to disabled children, young people and their families. All referrals to the Children with Complex Care needs team are via Social Care Direct.

**Phone:** 01924 303260

**Overnight Residential Short Breaks**

Wakefield Council and Wakefield District NHS offer overnight short breaks to children/young people and their families living in the Wakefield District at:-

Wasdale Children’s Resource Centre
Offers overnight short-breaks for children and young people aged 5-18 with learning disability and/or a physical disability or sensory impairment.

**Star House**
Provides planned residential short breaks for up to 7 children and young people aged 8-17 with a learning disability. With a dual diagnosis of complex physical and/or sensory needs and/or challenging behaviour.

**York Villas**
This service is only accessible through a social work assessment.

York Villas is a children’s home for children with complex disabilities aged 8-18 years, who require a more comprehensive package of care. Facilities include a secure outside play area and sensory room.

Contact: Andrea Wright, Manager 01924 302595
3-5 York Villas, Church Lane, Normanton, WF6 1HA

**Direct Payments**
Direct Payments are a payment from Wakefield Council to buy the services you need and are an alternative to services provided by Family Services. You can employ your own personal assistant to provide care or use a care agency rather than be an employer yourself. A person will first need to be assessed to find out if they are eligible for Direct Payments.

For more information on Direct Payment contact your social worker or if you don’t have a social worker contact Social Care Direct.

Penderels Trust provides support to people accessing Direct Payments (access only available to those who are in receipt of Direct Payments).

**Phone:** 01924 898136

**Disabled children’s Access to Childcare**

**KIDS Inclusion Project**
This service, provided by KIDS, aims to support the inclusion of disabled children aged 3-14 in mainstream childcare. This includes Breakfast Clubs, Wraparound and Holiday Clubs.

KIDS developed a self-assessment Kite mark for childcare settings to demonstrate good inclusive practices. For more information on the kite mark, childcare or for your free Childcare pack please contact KIDS on:-

**Phone:** 01924 299488
Patient Advice And Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS is a free, confidential service which can be used by anyone who would like more information about services provided by Wakefield District Primary Care Trust and other local health-related organisations.

Phone: 0845 6024832
E-mail: pals@wdpct.nhs.uk

Children’s Community Nursing Services

Castleford Normanton & District Hospital, Lumley Street, Hightown, Castleford, WF10 5LT

**Community Team Learning Disability**

Take referrals for children with severe/profound learning difficulties. Require a CAF or Core Assessment.

Phone: 01977 665860

Children’s Speech And Language Therapy

The speech and language therapists are able to help your child’s speech and language skills to develop. Referrals can be made by families or professionals.

Speech and Language Therapy Service, Featherstone Health Centre, Victoria Street, Featherstone, WF7 5EZ

Phone: 01977 465417

For more information phone Helen Dayley on

Phone: 01977 465417
E-mail: speech.therapy@midyorks.nhs.uk

Child And Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

If you have concerns about your child’s behaviour or mental health, you can ask for a referral to CAMHS. Referrals can be made by a variety of health professionals, including your GP.

Phone: 01977 665800

Children’s Community Nursing Team

The team operates an open referral system

Phone: 01977 665859

Continence Services

Castleford Normanton & District Hospital, Lumley Street, Hightown, Castleford, WF10 5LT

Shop open 10am-3pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Visits are by appointment only.

Advice and information available 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

Children’s Continence Nurse Specialist available to give continence advice to children, families and young people.

Phone: 01977 605516
The Jigsaw Team

The Jigsaw Team offers quality, all round care to children and young people who have life limiting or life threatening illness; they also provide palliative care and bereavement support.

Phone: 01977 665859

Paediatric Therapy Services

Wakefield Centre
Paediatric Therapy Unit, Physiotherapy Department, Pinderfields Hospital, Aberford Road, Wakefield, WF1 4DG

Phone: 01924 541430

Pontefract Centre
Childrens Therapy Services, The Childrens Centre, Pontefract Hospital, Friarwood Lane, Pontefract, WF8 1PL

Phone: 01977 747180

Community Dental Service

Provide oral health care for patients who are unable to have regular dental care because they need specialised skills and facilities that are not available in General Dental Practice.

To use the Community Dental Service you must first be referred by a health or social care professional such as a general dentist, GP/doctor, health visitor, school nurse, or social services professional.

The service offers a full range of dental treatment to restore the patient to oral health.

There are PCT Dental clinics in Wakefield, Castleford, South Elmsall and Pontefract. The opening hours are 8:30am-12:15pm and 1:15pm-5pm.

For more information about the service please contact:-

Wakefield Dental Clinic, Newstead House, 11 Bond Street, Wakefield, WF1 2QJ

Phone: 01924 327520 (An answering machine is available outside clinic hours)
Early Support provides families and practitioners with information, guidance and resources to ensure the best support for disabled children. In Wakefield Early Support is offered by WeSail.

For more information Please contact WeSail on 01924 379015.

Children’s Centres

Children’s centres work in partnership with other agencies to co-ordinate and provide services for families with children aged 5 and under.

**Acorn Children’s Centre**
Have a sensory room available for bookings.
Ackton Pastures Primary School, College Grove, Castleford, WF10 5NS
Phone: 01977 723038

**Airedale Children’s Centre**
Have a sensory room available for bookings.
The Airedale Library, The Square, Castleford, WF10 3JJ
Phone: 01977 724044

**Apple Tree Children’s Centre**
Shepstye Road, Horbury, Wakefield, WF4 5BE
Phone: 01924 270516

**Ash Tree Children’s Centre**
Have a sensory room available for bookings.
Smawthorne Henry Moore Primary School, Ashton Road, Castleford, WF10 5AX
Phone: 01977 723012

**Butterflies Children’s Centre**
Newlands Primary School, Wakefield Road, Normanton, WF6 1BB
Phone: 01924 307835

**Castle Children’s Centre**
Have a sensory room available for bookings.
255 Barnsley Road, Sandal, Wakefield, WF1 5NU
Phone: 01924 303211

**Cedars Children’s Centre**
Have a sensory room available for bookings.
Barnsley Road, Hemsworth, WF9 4PU
Phone: 01977 722215

**Forest Wood Children’s Centre**
Mackie Hill J&I School, Painthorpe Lane, Crigglestone, Wakefield, WF4 3HW.
Phone: 01924 252517

**Havercroft Children’s Centre**
Have some sensory equipment available for use.
Cow Lane, Havercroft, Wakefield, WF4 2BE
Phone: 01226 726478

**Little Owls Children’s Centre**
Have some sensory equipment available for use.
Common Road, South Kirkby, Pontefract, WF9 3EA
Phone: 01977 723868
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<td><strong>Michaelmas Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>St Michael’s Primary School, Flanshaw Lane, Wakefield, WF2 9JA</td>
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<td><strong>Oakhill Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>Girnhill Infant School, Hardwick Road, Featherstone, WF7 5JB</td>
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<td><strong>Pinmoor Children’s Centre</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pomfret Children’s Centre</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Sharlston Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>Sharlston Community School, Hammer Lane, Sharlston Common, Wakefield, WF4 1DH</td>
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<td><strong>Small Steps Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>Wrenthorpe Primary School, Imperial Avenue, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield, WF2 0LW</td>
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<td><strong>Stanley Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB</td>
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<td><strong>Sunbeam Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>9-11 Lupset Crescent, Lupset, Wakefield, WF2 8RH</td>
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<td><strong>Sunflower Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>Moorthorpe Primary School, Regent Street, Moorthorpe, South Elmsall, WF9 2BL</td>
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<td><strong>Sycamores Children’s Centre</strong></td>
<td>Simpson’s Lane Primary School, Sycamore Avenue, Knottingley, WF11 0PL</td>
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**HOME START**
Providers of support to families suffering stress or experiencing difficulties with at least one child under the age of 5.

Belle Vue Business Centre, Elm Tree Street, Belle Vue, Wakefield, WF1 5EP
E-mail: homestartwakefield@live.co.uk
Wakefield District Parent Partnership Service

The service provides free, impartial information, advice and support to all parents and carers whose children have or may have, special educational needs (SEN). The service also works with those organisations, professionals and schools who support children and young people with SEN and their families.

Phone: 0800 5878042
Website: www.wakefield.gov.uk

Pre 5 Portage

Portage is a home teaching service for pre-school children who show some degree of developmental delay. The service supports parents to teach their child/children in their own homes, with support from a trained home visitor who visits the family on a regular basis. For more information about Portage contact:-

Pre-5 Service: Portage, Educational Psychology Service, First Floor Block C, Normanton Town Hall, High Street, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 307403

Educational Psychology Service (EPS)

The Educational Psychology Service provides specialist advice to schools, parents and other agencies. The focus of the service is children and young people’s development, learning, or behaviour, which is affecting their education. For more information about Educational Psychology or the referral process contact:-

Educational Psychology Service, First Floor Block C, Normanton Town Hall, High Street, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 307403
E-mail: eps@wakefield.gov.uk

Pre 5 Service Special Educational Needs (SEN)

The Pre 5 Service for SEN is part of the Educational Psychology Service and is a team of trained advisory teachers who are experienced in working with young children who may be having developmental difficulty, during their early years. For further information on the service or referral process contact:-

Pre-5 Services: SEN, Educational Psychology Service, First Floor, Block C, Normanton Town Hall, High Street, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 307403
E-mail: eps@wakefield.gov.uk

Learning Support Service

This team of specialist teachers is dedicated to supporting schools in order to meet the needs of pupils with a range of learning difficulties. The service can offer support to schools in the form of pupil assessments, advice on resources and guidance to schools. For further information on the service or referral process contact:-

Learning Support Service, Educational Psychology Service, First Floor, Block C, Normanton Town Hall, High Street, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 307403
E-mail: eps@wakefield.gov.uk
Primary Behaviour Service

The Primary Behaviour Service supports the needs of vulnerable children and families/carers, from reception age to eleven years old. This is especially important where emotional, social and behaviour issues are causing a barrier to learning and development. The service also facilitates, promotes and empowers schools in the development of inclusive, whole school ethos, attitudes, policy and practice. For further information on the service or referral process contact:-

Primary Behaviour Service, Educational Psychology Service, First Floor, Block C, Normanton Town Hall, High Street, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 307403 E-mail: eps@wakefield.gov.uk

School Exclusion Team

The school exclusion team gives advice to schools, parents and carers about the legalities of an exclusion from school and also works with all those involved to look at preventive strategies to exclusion. Referrals to the school exclusion team are by self referral. The service can be contacted at:-

School Exclusion Team, Block C, Normanton Town Hall, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 307403

Special Educational Needs Assessment And Review Team (SENART)

SENART is responsible for maintaining all Statements of Special Educational Needs. This includes attending annual reviews and ensuring that all statements are up to date and that a child/young person is receiving the support outlined on their statement. The service can be contacted at:-

Special Educational Needs Group, Block C, Normanton Town Hall, Normanton, WF6 2DZ

Phone: 01924 302465 Fax: 01924 307402 E-mail: senart@wakefield.gov.uk

Special Educational Needs Support Service (SENSS)

The SENSS work with children and young people to support them in mainstream schools. The team also support special schools. The SENSS team is split into 2 branches and each branch offers training in their specialist area.

Communication, Interaction and Access Service

The Communication, Interaction and Access Service support children with a broad range of communication and interaction difficulties or physical and medical needs. They also support children with language difficulties, including specific language impairment. The service will work with children with or without a diagnosis. Support can be requested from schools, parents and also paediatric therapists. The service offers support to schools and also runs several support groups and offers courses for parents/carers across the district.

Children’s Sensory Impairment Team

The Children’s Sensory Impairment Team provides support and advice for school staff and families.
They also work with children and young people who have a range of sensory impairments from the time of diagnosis, through pre-school and all key stages of school until they are 19 years old.

For more information please contact SENSS at:-

County Hall, Bond Street, Wakefield, WF1 2QW

Phone: 01924 303660
Text Phone 01924 302767

Home To School Transport

Wakefield Council provides free travel between home and school, (usually in the form of a school card or boarding card), for children of compulsory school age, (5-16 years old), who live in the Wakefield District. For more information contact:-

Phone: 01924 306980 or 305675

Special Schools In The Wakefield District

Primary Schools

Pathways School
Pathways is a day school for children with special educational needs, Autism and severe learning difficulties.

Poplar Avenue, Townville, Castleford, WF10 3QJ

Phone: 01977 723085
E-mail: headteacher@pathways.wakefield.sch.uk
Website: www.wakefield.schooljotter.com/pathways

Pinderfields Hospital School, Early Years Assessment Centre
Inclusive, multi-disciplinary assessment of young children to inform their next educational setting.

Care of; Pinders Primary School, Eastmoor Road, Eastmoor, Wakefield, WF1 3SQ
Phone: 01924 303697

Kingsland School
Kingsland Primary School is a school for children with profound, multiple & severe learning difficulties.

Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4BA

Phone: 01924 303100
Fax: 01924 303303
E-mail: headteacher@kingsland.wakefield.sch.uk

High Schools

Pinderfields Hospital School
This is a hospital school for children with health and physical difficulties

Imperial Avenue, Wrenthorpe, WF2 0LW

Phone: 01924 302980
Fax: 01924 302983
E-mail: headteacher@highfield.wakefield.sch.uk

Home To School Transport

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Website: www.wakefield.schooljotter.com/pathways

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Phone: 01924 303697

Kingsland School
Kingsland Primary School is a school for children with profound, multiple & severe learning difficulties.

Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4BA

Phone: 01924 303100
Fax: 01924 303303
E-mail: headteacher@kingsland.wakefield.sch.uk

High Schools

Pinderfields Hospital School
This is a hospital school for children with health and physical difficulties

Imperial Avenue, Wrenthorpe, WF2 0LW

Phone: 01924 302980
Fax: 01924 302983
E-mail: headteacher@highfield.wakefield.sch.uk
Oakfield Park School
A school for children/young people with severe learning difficulties or profound and multiple learning difficulties.

Barnsley Road, Ackworth, Pontefract, WF7 7DT

Phone: Tel: 01977 723145
Fax: 01977 723148
E-mail: head@oakfieldpark.wakefield.yhgf1.net
Website: www.oakfieldparkschool.org.uk

Mainstream Schools With Additional Resources

Deaf And Hearing Impaired

The Rookeries Carleton J&I School
Carleton Road, Carleton, Pontefract, WF8 3NP

Phone: 01977 723585

Castleford Academy
Ferrybridge Road, Castleford, WF10 4JQ

Phone: 01977 605060
Fax: 01977 605070
E-mail: admin@cashigh.com
Website: www.castlefordacademy.com

Visually Impaired

Sharlston Community School
Hammer Lane, Sharlston Common, Wakefield, WF4 1DH

Phone: 01924 303920
Fax: 01924 303921
E-mail: headteacher@sharlston.wakefield.sch.uk

Website: www.croftonacademy.org.uk

Emotional, Social And Behavioural Needs

Cobblers Lane Primary School
Cobblers Lane, Pontefract, WF8 2HN

Phone: 01977 722630
Fax: 01977 722631
E-mail: headteacher@cobblerslane-pri.wakefield.sch.uk

Hendal Primary School
Hendal Lane, Kettlethorpe, Wakefield, WF2 7QW

Phone: 01924 303295
Fax: 01924 303295
E-mail: headteacher@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk
Website: http://www.hendalprimary.org
Communication And Interaction

Wakefield Methodist Junior and Infant School
Field Lane, Thornes, Wakefield, WF2 7RU,

Phone: 01924 303630
Fax: 01924 303631
Email: headteacher@methodist.wakefield.sch.uk
Website: www.methodist.wakefield.sch.uk

Northfield Primary School
Northfield Lane, South Kirkby, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF9 3LY,

Phone: 01977 723820
Fax: 01977 723821
Email: headteacher@northfield.wakefield.sch.uk

St. Wilfrid’s Catholic High School
Cutsyke Road, Featherstone, WF7 6BD

Phone: 01977 691000
Fax: 01977 723569
E-mail: email@st-wilfrids.wakefield.sch.uk
Website: www.st-wilfrids.wakefield.sch.uk

St Thomas a Becket Catholic College
Barnsley Road, Sandal, Wakefield, WF2 6EQ
Phone: 01924 303545
Fax: 01924 303548
E-mail: info@st-thomasabecket.wakefield.sch.uk
Website: www.stthomascc.co.uk

Physical Needs

Featherstone Technology College
Pontefract Road, Featherstone, WF7 5AJ

Phone: 01977 722805
Fax: 01977 722809
E-mail: admin@featherstone.wakefield.sch.uk
Website: www.featherstone.wakefield.sch.uk
Wakefield Able2 Clubs

Based at Featherstone Sports Centre, Pontefract Road, Featherstone, WF7 5AJ.

The Able2 Clubs provide sporting and leisure opportunities for young people with physical disabilities living in the Wakefield District and beyond.

The regular sports sessions are:

**Monday** CP and Ability Counts Football (Yorkshire CP/Able2 FC) 5:45pm-6:45pm Wheelchair Rugby (Featherstone Rovers W/ch RLFC) 7pm-8pm

**Wednesday** Boccia 6pm-7pm

**Thursday** Swimming 6:15pm-7:15pm

**Friday** Wheelchair Basketball (Wakefield Whirlwinds WBC) 6:30pm-8:pm

**Saturday** Multi-sports Club 11am-1pm

**Sat/ Sundays** Wheelchair Basketball (Yorkshire W/ch FC), every 3 weeks. Times vary. Able 2 Special Olympics Club times vary. (Contact Steve Peace on 07551 648661 or E-mail speace@soable2.org.uk)

**Sat/ Sundays** Able2 Athletics (Training and competition, including wheelchair racing) times vary.

Contact: Steve Greatorex 01977 709576, Featherstone Sports Centre 01977 722700 or Sports and Active Lifestyles, (Wakefield Council), 01924 307254

Duke Of Edinburgh Award

Run in partnership with Crofton Young Peoples’ Centre on Thursday nights from 6pm until 9pm. There are a number of young people working towards achieving their awards at all three levels, (Bronze, Silver & Gold). Young people are recruited both through the youth centre activities and by going into schools.

Contact: Liz Woodward 01924 864159 or 07917 628027

Wakefield Riding for the Disabled

Pennine Camphill Community, Chapelthorpe, Wakefield, WF4 3JH

Phone: 01924 241341
E-mail: enquiries@wrda.org.uk
Website: www.wrda.org.uk

Ackworth Riding for the Disabled

Long Lane, Ackworth, Pontefract, WF7 7EY

Phone: Karen Bullock 07852 141629
E-mail: karenfrendz@yahoo.co.uk

Wakefield Riding for the Disabled Association

Provides horse riding for adults and children with a wide variety of special needs.
Wakefield Autism Leisure Club

A leisure club for children and young adults with autism. Meets on a Monday evening from 5pm-7pm and on a Wednesday evening for swimming from 5pm-6pm, both during term time. Sessions are run at Thornes Park Centre.

Phone: Terry Smith 01924 826642 or Claire Stephenson 01924 820233
Website: www.walc-online.com

The Mulberry Club

The Mulberry Club is a multi skills club for young people with physical and learning disabilities. The club meets on a Monday evening. Times are:-

6pm to 7pm for 7-11 years olds
7pm to 8pm for 12-20 years olds.

Wheels for All

Based at the Mulberry Club, the Wheels for All centre offers a broad range of adapted bikes suited for people with disabilities and differing needs, who may experience difficulties in riding conventional cycles. Open sessions run on the second Saturday of every month.

Contact Gail Tombs 07762 018136
E-mail: gailtombs@btinternet.com
Havercroft & Ryhill Sports & Youth Centre, Mulberry Place, Ryhill, Wakefield, WF4 2BD

Wakefield Gymnastic Programme

Classes are held at Knottingley and Thornes Park Leisure Centres. Children are encouraged to participate in the mainstream programme, however if a quieter environment with more coaches is needed, please call the number below to find out the most suitable session.

Contact: Zoe Styles 01924 307211

Wakefield And District Sports Association For Disabled

A non competitive sports and social club for those over 5 years of age.

Saturday from 6pm-8pm
Phoenix Youth Centre, Batley Road.

Wednesday from 7pm-8pm for a closed swimming session at Castleford Swimming Baths.

Contact: Mrs E Smith 01924 251591 or Mr Don Teal 01924 367800

Pontefract Pirates FC

Meet at Pontefract Collieries FC and is a football team for young people with a learning difficulty. Over 16s meet on Saturdays at 11am whilst under 16s meet on Sundays at 11am.

Phone: Trevor Waddington 07825 418999
E-mail: trevor@pontecolls.co.uk
Website: www.pontefractpirates.co.uk

Wakefield Angling Club

The Wakefield Anglers club caters for anyone who wishes to fish in and around Wakefield. The club has a range of memberships.

Phone: Mick Haigh 01924 820821
Website: www.wakefieldac.co.uk
Swimming Sessions For Children With Additional Needs

Thornes Park Swimming Pool
Thornes Park Athletic Stadium, Horbury Road, Wakefield, WF2 8TY
Every Sunday from 1pm-3pm there are specialist sessions for children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It costs £4.10 for over 16s and £2.30 for under 16s. Accompanying parents and carers are free and there are two members of staff poolside during the sessions.
Contact: Christine 07789 634373

Minsthorpe Swimming Pool
Individual lessons can be arranged.

Ash Grove, South Elmsall, WF9 2TF
Phone: 01977 723200
E-mail: minsthorpesp@wakefield.gov.uk

The Federation Of Disability Sports Organisations - (Fdso)
The FDSO creates and provides sport and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities in the Yorkshire and Humberside regions. For more information :-

Unit 9, Milner Way, Longsland, Industrial Estate, Ossett, Wakefield WF5 9JN
Phone: Kevan Halliday-Brown 01924 279305
Fax: 01924 275070
E-mail: staff@fdso.co.uk
Mini-com: 01924 275070
Website: www.fdso.co.uk

Youth Groups Run By Youth Development Support Services

Youth Development Support Services run several youth groups in the Wakefield district for young people with disabilities and learning difficulties.

Open Door Club
This club runs on Tuesday nights from 6pm until 8:30pm for young people aged 13-25.
Phone: Keeley Thomas 01977 722815
The Base, Green Lane, Carleton, Pontefract, WF8 3NW

Platform 1
This club runs on Tuesday nights from 6pm until 8:30pm. It is a club for young people with individual needs, including disabilities. Some of the staff are trained in working with Autism.
Phone: Jo Fascoine 01924 303600
E-mail: jfascoine@wakefield.gov.uk

Wakefield Road, Hemsworth, WF9 4AB
Phone: Helen Townend or Mick Harrison on 07920 212986 or 01977 723165
E-mail: htownend@wakefield.gov.uk

City Limits
This club runs on Saturday afternoons from 1:30pm until 4pm for young people aged 13-19.
Thornhill Street, Wakefield, WF1 1NL
Phone: Jo Fascoine 01924 303600
E-mail: jfascoine@wakefield.gov.uk

Wakefield Road, Hemsworth, WF9 4AB
Play Areas with Accessible Play Equipment

There are a vast number of play areas in the Wakefield District, however the ones detailed below have specifically been modernised and fitted with accessible play equipment through the Playbuilder programme.

For more information contact Wakefield Families Information Service

Phone: 0800 5878042
E-mail: fis@wakefield.gov.uk
Website: www.wakefieldfis.org.uk

Wrenthorpe Park
Wrenthorpe Road, Wrenthorpe

Orchard Head
(Pontefract North)
Orchard Head Lane, Pontefract

Pease Park
(Pontefract South)
Grove Road, Pontefract

Fitzwilliam
Albion Street, Fitzwilliam

Carr Lodge Park
(Horbury)
Sunroyd Hill, Horbury

Glasshoughton
Manor Grove, Glasshoughton, Castleford

Featherstone
Ackton Lane, Ackton, Featherstone

Green Park
(Ossett)
The Green/ Manor Road, Ossett

Altofts
Lock Lane, Altofts

Vale Head Park
(Hemsworth)
Barnsley Road, Hemsworth

South Kirkby
Grove Mount, South Kirkby

Anglers Country Park
Anglers Country Park, Haw Park Lane, Wintersett, Wakefield

Disabled Changing Facilities

Other facilities may also be available in various shopping and leisure destinations across the District. However these facilities have been newly built or refurbished through Aiming High Capital monies.

The Ridings
Blue Car Park, The Ridings Shopping Centre, Wakefield, WF1 1DS

Lightwaves Leisure Centre
Lower York Street, Marsh Way, Wakefield WF1 3LJ

Thornes Park Athletic Stadium
Horbury Road, Wakefield, WF2 8TY

Featherstone Swimming Baths
Pontefract Road, Purston, Featherstone, WF7 5AJ

Pontefract Swimming Baths
Stuart Road, Pontefract, WF8 4PQ

Minsthorpe Swimming Baths
Ash Grove, South Elmsall, WF9 2TF

Anglers Country Park
Haw Park Lane, Wintersett, Wakefield WF4 2EB
Entitlements And Concessions

There is a wide range of disability related financial support, entitlements and concessions. At present this includes benefits such as Disability Living Allowance and Carers Allowance. There are proposed changes by the Government to move to a Universal Credit Policy; for updates and further information on this and other changes to the benefit system, please contact Contact a Family via the freephone helpline on 0808 8083555 or visit www.direct.gov.uk.

Further information is also available from:-

WeSail: 01924 379015
Citizens Advice Bureau
0844 4994138
DIAL: 01977 723933

Benefits Helpline

The Department for Work and Pensions, (DWP), run a telephone helpline giving information on benefits for disabled people, their representatives and carers. The helpline also offers help filling out claim forms over the phone when you are applying for Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance. The Benefit Enquiry Line is open from 8:30am to 6:30pm Mon to Fri and 9am to 1pm Sat.

Phone: 0800 882200
Text phone: 0800 243355

Disability Living Allowance

You can claim Disability Living Allowance for a child with a severe physical or mental illness or disability, if they need much more help or looking after than other children of the same age.

Disability Living Allowance has two parts called ‘components’:

- Care component - if your child needs help to be looked after or supervised to keep safe.
- Mobility component - if your child can’t walk or needs help getting around.

Some people will be entitled to get just one component; others may get both. The care component and mobility component are paid at different rates depending on how your child’s disability affects them. You can get Disability Living Allowance whether or not you work. It isn’t affected by any savings or income you may have.

If you start to get Disability Living Allowance it might increase the amount of other benefits you’re entitled to, for example:

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Working Tax Benefit
- Child Tax Credit

If you receive Disability Living Allowance you may be able to get a Government Warm Front Grant of up to £3,500, (or up to £6,000 in some cases), to help pay for heating and insulation improvements to your home. You can call Carillion, the Warm Front Scheme Manager on freephone 0800 3162805, textphone 0800 072 0156.

Disability Living Allowance is ignored as income for working out some income-related benefits and tax credits.
Special rules apply if your child is terminally ill. If your child has a progressive disease and is not expected to live for more than another six months, there are special rules to help you get the benefit quickly and easily. You can apply for Disability Living Allowance by contacting:

Benefits Enquiry Line: 0800 882 200
Textphone: 0800 24 33 55
Your local Jobcentre or social security office
Online at www.direct.gov.uk

Carer’s Allowance

Carer’s Allowance is a benefit to help people who look after someone who is disabled. You don’t have to be related to, or live with, the person you care for.

You can get Carer’s Allowance if you’re aged 16 or over and spend at least 35 hours a week caring for someone who is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, (at the middle or highest rate for personal care).

You can’t get Carer’s Allowance if you’re in full-time education and have 21 hours or more a week of supervised study, or earn more than £100 a week after certain deductions, (for example Income Tax), have been made. You also may not be able to get Carers Allowance if you are in receipt of some other benefits, such as Incapacity Benefit. Getting Carer’s Allowance may affect any other benefits, allowances, pensions and entitlements you, or the person you care for, receive. You can apply for Carer’s Allowance by contacting:

The Carer’s Allowance Unit, Palatine House, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1HB
Phone: 0845 608 4321
Textphone: 0845 604 5312

E-mail: cau.customer-services@dwp.gsi.gov.uk
Online at www.dwp.gov.uk/carersallowance

My Time

My Time provides carers with a grant of up to £100 per carer per year (April - March). This is available to anyone who is looking after a child for an average of at least 35 hours a week. For more information and updates to this scheme or to request an application pack contact:-

Carers Wakefield 01924 305 544

Child Tax Credit

Child Tax Credit is an allowance for parents and carers of children or young people who are still in full-time education. You may get extra if you care for a disabled child and receive certain rates of Disability Living Allowance for them. You can apply for Child Tax Credit by contacting:

The Tax Credit Helpline: 0345 300 3900
Textphone: 0345 300 3909

Working Tax Credit

If you are in work but on low pay, you can apply for Working Tax Credit to top-up your earnings. You may get extra if someone in your household is disabled and in receipt of certain rates of Disability Living Allowance. You can apply for Working Tax Credit by contacting:

The Tax Credit Helpline: 0345 300 3900
Textphone: 0345 300 3909
Community Care Grants

If you need financial help to live independently, or to ease exceptional pressure on you and your family, you may be able to get a Community Care Grant. It doesn’t have to be repaid.

You can apply for a Community Care Grant if you look after someone who is ill, or disabled, or you’re moving out of residential or institutional care to live independently. (Please see www.direct.gov.uk for further examples of who can apply.)

A Community Care Grant doesn’t count as income and won’t affect other benefits you may be getting. The amount you might get depends on your circumstances, but it may be reduced if you have savings of over £500 and you and your partner are aged under 60. You can apply for a Community Care Grant by contacting:

Your local Jobcentre Plus
Online at: www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/claimforms/sf300_print.pdf

Council Tax

You may be entitled to a reduction in your Council Tax bill if your home has certain features that are essential to you living there, for example if you have an extension for a downstairs bedroom. If it puts your property into a higher valuation banding, there may be a one-band reduction in your bill. You can apply for the Council Tax Reduction by contacting:

Council Tax Service:
Phone: 0844 9020205
Online at: https://ieg4app.wakefield.gov.uk/hbformlive/
Enquire at your local Wakefield District Housing Service Access Point.

Disabled Facilities Grants

A Disabled Facilities Grant is a local Council grant to help towards the cost of essential adaptations to your home, to enable you to continue to live there. If you own or privately rent your home and have a disability you may qualify for a grant to enable you to remain in your home by adapting your house or buying specialist equipment.

The first step is to contact the Family Services Adaptation Service to arrange an assessment of your individual needs. You will be asked for your name, address, doctor, date of birth and details of the difficulties you are experiencing in your home. You will be visited by an Occupational Therapist from the Adaptations Team, who will help assess your needs around your home.

If you require major adaptations to your home, they will agree to refer your case for a Disabled Facility Grant.

You can contact Family Services Adaptation Service on 01924 304550.

Television License Discount

If you are registered blind, you can get a 50 per cent discount on the cost of a TV license. To claim the TV license concession for blind people, you will need to provide a photocopy of the certificate from your local authority or ophthalmologist stating that you are registered blind or severely sight impaired. Post this certificate along with your license renewal notice, if you have one, and a cheque or postal order for the license to:
TV Licensing, Blind Concession Group, Bristol, BS98 1TL
Remember to include your name, address, phone number and TV licence number, if you have one.

Blind Person’s Allowance

The Blind Person’s Allowance allows you to receive an amount of income without having to pay tax. It is added to your personal tax allowance. You can apply for Blind Person’s Allowance by contacting:

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC): 0845 3667887

Disabled Students’ Allowance

Disabled Students’ Allowance provides help for students in higher education who, because of their disability, have additional costs. Things it helps pay for includes specialist equipment plus non-medical personal assistance. You can apply for the Disabled Students’ Allowance:

Online at: www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/EducationAndTraining/HigherEducation/DG_10034900

Education Maintenance Allowance

If you’re aged between 16 and 19 years and think you might struggle with the costs for full-time education or training you may receive a bursary. Students most in need will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 a year. This group includes: disabled young people who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

For advice speak to student support services or your tutor at your place of learning or for more information

phone: 0800 1218989.

Blue Badge Parking Scheme

Wakefield Council’s Car Badge Unit can issue car-parking concessions, (known as blue badges), to help people whose disability makes it impossible to visit shops, public buildings and other places unless they are allowed to park close to their destination.

Blue Badges can only be used in a vehicle when the person it is allocated to is travelling.

Phone: Customer Contact Centre: 0845 8506506
Online: http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/HealthAndSocialCare/CommunityTransport/BlueBadge/OnlineServices/carBadge.htm

The Motability Scheme

The Motability Scheme can help you with leasing or buying a car, powered wheelchair or scooter, if you are getting the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance. The leasing or hiring of certain equipment and vehicles may qualify for Value Added Tax (VAT) ‘relief’. (please see the section on Value Added Tax relief on equipment and services).
You can apply for the Motability Scheme by contacting:

General enquiries 01279 635 999
Car, Wheelchair & Scooter Schemes 0845 4564566
Minicom, General enquiries: 01279 632213
Car, Wheelchair & Scooter Minicom 0845 6750009
Website: www.motability.co.uk

Vehicle Tax Exemption

You can apply for exemption from paying vehicle tax if you receive the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance. Before you can get a free tax disc, you’ll need to apply for an exemption certificate from the agency that issues your benefit. The exemption certificate will show your name and that of the nominee if you have nominated someone to drive for you. Contact the Disability Living Allowance Unit and ask for exemption certificate DLA 404.

Phone: 0845 712 3456
Textphone: 0845 722 4433

Use your Exemption Certificate with your Registration Certificate to tax in person or by post at a Post Office that issues tax discs. If you’ve just bought the vehicle and have a New Keeper Supplement, you can use this with your exemption certificate to tax in person, by post, at your nearest DVLA local office, online, or over the phone. Motability contract hire vehicles don’t need an Exemption Certificate. Motability will arrange to tax your vehicle each year and send a tax disc directly to you.

More information can be found online at: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/

MotoringAndTransport/Yourvehicleandlicence/DG_10028003

Access Bus

AccessBus is a dial-a-ride local bus service providing door-to-door local transport aimed at people who are unable to use conventional bus services. The buses are all low floor, easy access minibuses fitted with the most up-to-date safety equipment. AccessBus operates every day between 9am and 5pm. AccessBus serves certain areas on set days, allocating places to registered customers to travel on the day when the bus is in their area.

You can register for AccessBus by phone: 0113 3481903
Website: www.wymetro.com/BusTravel/accessrural/AccessBus.htm

Disabled Person’s Bus Pass

A Disabled Person’s Bus Pass entitles you to free, off-peak bus travel throughout England. If you are unable to travel conveniently alone, you may be entitled to a special pass entitling a companion to the same concessions, when travelling with you within West Yorkshire. Your companion does not need to be the same person for every journey.

You can apply for a Disabled Persons Bus Pass by contacting the freephone hotline: 08458 506506
Online:http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/HealthAndSocialCare/CommunityTransport/DisabledBusPass/default.htm
Please note that the return address on the application form is out of date. The service has recently moved and all forms should now be posted to: PO Box 208, Pontefract, WF8 1WS

Disabled Person’s Railcard

The Disabled Person’s Railcard allows you to buy rail tickets at a discount of up to a third. If another adult is travelling with you they can also travel at the same discounted fare. Children aged from 5 to 16 may also be eligible for a Disabled Person’s Railcard. While they pay the normal child’s fare, an adult can travel with them at the rate of one third off the adult fare. You can apply for a Disabled Person’s Railcard by contacting:

Disabled Persons Railcard Office, PO Box 11631, Laurencekirk, AB30 9AA

Phone: 0845 6050525
Textphone: 0845 6010132
Online: www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk
E-mail: disability@atoc.org

The Cinema Exhibitors’ Association Card

The Cinema Exhibitors’ Association, (CEA), Card is a national card for disabled people which entitles the holder to one free ticket for a person accompanying them to the cinema. To be eligible, the holder must receive Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or be registered blind.

You can apply for the Cinema Exhibitors’ Association Card by collecting an application from any participating cinema or by contacting:

The Card Network, Network House, St Ives Way, Sandycroft, CH5 2QS

Phone: 0845 1231292
Minicom: 0845 1231297
Fax: 0845 1231296
Online: www.ceacard.co.uk
E-mail: info@ceacard.co.uk
Equipment And Housing

**Housing**

Referrals can be made by individuals where housing is required for people who have disabilities.

**Sarah Machin Specialist Accommodation Officer:** 01924 304366
Open Door, Queens Row, Market Street, Wakefield, WF1 1DF

**Housing/Aids And Adaptations**

The Adaptations Assessment Team helps with major alterations to homes, this can be both for private and council housing, but not Wakefield District Housing tenants. For children the Adaptations Assessment Team will also deal with some minor adaptation.

**Phone:** 01924 304550

**Wheelchair Services**

Provides manual, power chairs and seating to GP registered populations who meet the eligibility criteria.

**Phone:** 01924 327133

**Personal Equipment, Prescriptions And Hospital Travel**

You may be entitled to help towards health costs such as free NHS prescriptions, dental care, hospital travel costs, plus equipment such as wheelchairs and hearing aids. Equipment may be available on prescription from your GP, from your Health Visitor or Social Services. You can ask your Health Visitor to do a Continence Assessment if your child is over 3 years old and has additional needs – this may enable you to receive free nappies or continence products.

Forms for reclaiming hospital travel costs can be obtained and submitted at the Cashiers Office at the hospital where you attend an appointment. You have to get the form signed by the Consultant when you attend the appointment and there are certain criteria to meet for claims – these are detailed in the booklet HC11 “Help with health costs”.

If the hospital doesn’t have a Cashiers Office you can send your receipts with a HC5(T) “Refund claim form” (you can get this from the hospital). The booklet HC11 ‘Help with health costs’ is a useful and detailed source of information. It is available from Jobcentre Plus offices or NHS hospitals. Your local doctor, dentist, pharmacist and optician might also have a copy. You can also order a copy via the NHS forms order line:

**Phone:** 0845 6101112 quote the reference HC11.

**Wakefield City & District Society For Deaf People Technical Service**

Provide technical aids and information to people with hearing impairments, to improve independence and access to their home.

7 South Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LR
**Phone:** Val Pratt 01924 375958
E-mail: enquires@wakefielddeaf.org.uk
Website: www.wakefielddeaf.org.uk
Value Added Tax (Vat) Relief On Equipment And Services

Some goods may qualify for VAT relief, if the item has been designed, or adapted solely for a disabled person's use. This includes some medical appliances, certain adjustable beds and hoists and some adapted vehicles. Services that may qualify for relief include installation of equipment, adaptation of equipment and certain building alterations.

Before you pay for any product or service, check that it qualifies for zero-rating and that the supplier is registered for VAT. When you buy a zero-rated product or service, you may have to sign a form declaring that you have a chronic illness or disability and what it is. You must also declare that the product or service is for your own 'personal or domestic use'. The supplier should have copies of this form. You can then buy the product or service at a price that excludes VAT. You do not have to pay VAT and then reclaim it from the Government, it will be taken off the purchase price before you pay.

**Phone: Charities Helpline 0845 3020203**
Website: www.hmrc.gov.uk

**Asksara**
An online tool that asks a series of questions and then provides you with advice and an equipment solution to meet your needs.

Website: www.asksara.org.uk

WeSail, Wakefield Council and NHS Wakefield District do not endorse or favour any suppliers of equipment. Those listed in this directory are purely to guide families as to where they may be able to purchase specialist equipment from.

**Fledglings**
Fledglings is a charity which helps parents and carers of disabled children and those with special needs to find solutions to practical problems of everyday living. Fledglings identifies, sources and supplies affordable products to address every day issues. Contact Fledglings for a product brochure.

Phone: 0845 4581124
Fax: 0845 2801530
E-mail: enquiries@fledglings.org.uk
Website: www.fledglings.org.uk

**Better Life Healthcare**
A retailer which supplies a wide range of equipment for individuals with disabilities and additional needs.

Phone: 0800 3289338
Fax: 01772 644280
E-mail: info@betterlifehealthcare.com
Website: www.betterlifehealthcare.com

**The Disabled Shop**
A retailer which supplies mobility aids and equipment for disabled people and those with additional needs.

Website: www.thedisabledshop.com
Racketys

A retailer of specialised clothing for families of disabled children.

Phone: 01538 381430
E-mail: sales@racketys.com
Website: www.racketys.com

Seenin

Seenin designs and manufactures stylish solutions for special needs. With a wide range of products for both adults and children, Seenin offers feeding aprons, kerchiefs, changing mats, wheelchair covers, seam free AFO socks and much more. We also have a new practical and cosy sleepwear range.

Phone: 01434 634457
Fax: 01434 632849
Email: info@seenin.co.uk
Website: www.seenin.co.uk

Liberator

Offer a variety of communication aids which support a wide range of language solutions. In addition to our comprehensive range of communication aids we also offer adapted toys, learning and inclusion aids, switches, computer access, software and accessories.

Visit www.liberator.co.uk/support/training for our free training or www.aaclanguagelab.com to see the free resources available.

Quote KIDS at the time of ordering to receive free shipping on orders of over £100.

Phone: 01733 374990
Fax: 01733 391939
Website: www.liberator.co.uk

TFH

Offer a wide range of special needs toys, from mobile multi-sensory, to swings, trampolines and other sensory toys.

Quote KIDS Wakefield when ordering for free delivery.

TFH Special Needs Toys, 5-7 Severnside Business Park, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 9HT

Phone: 01299 827820
Fax: 01299 827035
Website: www.specialneedstoys.com/uk

The William Merritt Disabled Living Centre And Mobility Service

Provides access and information to service users about all kinds of mobility equipment. Under guidance and support, can provide familiarisation with wheelchairs and scooters.

St Mary’s Hospital, Greenhill Road, Armley, Leeds, LS12 3QE

Phone: 0113 3055332
E-mail: thewilliammerritt.dlc@nhs.net
Website: www.williammerrittleeds.org
**Family Fund**

The Family Fund helps families with severely disabled children and young people under the age of 18. The family fund gives grants for things that make life easier and more enjoyable for the disabled child or young person and their family.

Contact: 4 Alpha Court, Monks Cross Drive, York, YO32 9WN

Phone: 0845 1304542
Textphone: 01904 658085
E-mail: info@familyfund.org.uk
Website: www.familyfund.org.uk

**Dogs For The Disabled**

Dogs for the Disabled is a national charity which trains assistance dogs to help disabled children and adult's live more independent lives. In the Wakefield area they work with children and young people aged 6-16.

Contact: Miss Rowan Martin: The Gillow Suite, Nostell Estate Yard, Nostell, Wakefield, WF4 1AB

Phone: 01924 860699
Website: www.dogsforthedisabled.org

**Disabled Information And Advice Line (Dial)**

Disabled people, their carers and families may contact DIAL for anything directly relating to disability and/or caring.

Highfield House Resource Centre, Love Lane, Castleford WF10 5RT.

Phone: 01977 723933
Fax: 01977 724081
E-mail: advice@dialwakefield.co.uk

**Spring Advice Centre**

Provide advice on welfare benefits and housing related debts e.g. Rent, Mortgage etc.

Phone: 01924 302085

**West Yorkshire Adhd Support Group**

The group is open to parents, individuals with ADHD and professionals. The group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 7:30pm to 10pm at the New Pinderfields Hospital, Floor D, Gate 36, Room 001.

For more information contact:-

Brenda Maw: 01924 373530

**Citizens Advice Bureau**

Provides advice and information on a range of services including benefits and debt advice, housing, employment, legal and family problems.

There are offices in Wakefield, South Elmsall and Pontefract. For details of location and opening times contact:-

Phone: 0844 4994138
Monday to Friday 10am-5pm
Website: www.wakefielddistrictcab.co.uk

**Carers Wakefield District**

Offers support to all parents/carers in the Wakefield area.

25 Kings Street, Wakefield, WF1 2SR

Phone: 01924 305544
E-mail: info@carerswakefield.org.uk
Website: www.carerswakefield.org.uk
Parents Reference Group (Carers Wakefield & District)

The Parents Reference Group meet every 6 weeks to steer the way we involve parents in service monitoring and development and to discuss the issues that are important as a parent/carer of a disabled child/young person in the Wakefield District. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas.

For more information on the Parents Reference Group please contact WeSail on 01924 379015

The Wakefield Autism Support Group

The Wakefield Autism Support Group is run by parents and carers. The group runs various activities for different age groups. The youth group is for 11-19 year olds and meets every other week on a Tuesday.

Contact: Gail Moorby 07877 464012
Website: www.wakefieldautism.co.uk

The National Autistic Society

Are the leading UK charity for people with autism, (including Asperger syndrome), and their families. Provide information, support and pioneering services and campaign for a better world for people with autism.

Phone: 0207 8332299
E-mail: nas@nas.org.uk
Website: www.autism.org.uk

Wakefield Society For The Blind

Provide information and advice and offer equipment and aids on a permanent loan.

Contact: Mrs Nixon 01924 262643

Young Carer’s

A support service for carers aged 5 to 19 within the Wakefield District. The main purpose of the service is to support young carers whose caring responsibilities impact on them.

The Base, Green Lane, Carleton, Pontefract, WF8 3NW

Phone: Kerry Mckenna 01977 722860

Downs Syndrome Support Group

Provides advice, support and activities for families including a Saturday club which meets on the first Saturday of the month at Sunbeams Children Centre, from 10am-12pm.

Phone: Amanda Courtman 07956 869952
E-mail: downsgroup@googlemail.com

Wakefield City And District Society For Deaf People

7 South Parade, (back of George Street), Wakefield, WF1 1LR

Phone: 01924 375958
Minicom: 01924 371106
Fax: 01924 239828
Email: enquiries@wakefielddeaf.org.uk
Kidz Aware

Self help and support group for parents/carers of children with special needs.

Jubilee Hall Community Centre, 5 Road Ends, Townley, Wakefield, WF2 8NF

Phone: 01924 385977
E-mail: kidzaware@hotmail.com
Website: www.kidzaware.co.uk and www.specialabilities.co.uk

Gosh Learning Disabilities

A support group for families and carers of people with Learning disabilities, who live in the Ossett, Silston and Horbury areas. The group offers support and information and meets on the first Monday of each month, (except August), from 10am to 12pm.

Ossett Health Centre, New Street, Ossett

Phone: Margaret Sparks
mags@gp-web.co.uk

National Federation Of The Blind

A charity that campaigns for better service provision and quality of life for all blind and partially sighted people.

Sir John Wilson House, 215 Kirkgate, Wakefield, WF1 1JG

Phone: 01924 291313
E-mail: nbuk@nfbuk.org
Website: www.nfbuk.org

Wakefield & District Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Support Group

Promote awareness and give support to people/carers or anyone affected by Spina Bifida and or Hydrocephalus.

Phone: Tony Howell
01226 717396
E-mail: wakefieldspinabifidasupportgroup@sky.com

Child Law Advice Line

Operate a telephone helpline for users to contact a legal adviser as well as digital services. We offer advice on all areas of family, child and education law. This includes issues for children with disabilities/additional needs, plus legal issues relating to special educational provision, transport, learning difficulties and education tribunals. The instant messaging facilities are available from 9am until 6pm, Monday to Friday at

www.childrenslegalcentre.com

The advice line is staffed 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday and a voicemail facility is available outside of these hours on Freephone 0808 8020008.

Samaritans

A confidential 24 hour listening service, available to people experiencing any emotional difficulties. Telephone, E-mail or personal appointments are available.

37-39A Charlotte Street, Wakefield, WF1 1UL

Phone: 01924 377011
Website: www.samaritans.org.uk
Community Teams For Learning Disability

There are four locality based CTLD teams who work with adults with learning disabilities and their families. The team undertake community care assessments to identify needs and provide services to meet them. All referrals are via Social Care Direct:

Phone: 0845 8503503

Vulnerable In-Patient (VIP) Card

VIP cards are for adults with learning difficulties and contain essential information that would be needed at a medical emergency. The VIP Cards are to be offered to young people at transitional annual review at both specialist High Schools in the District. The VIP card should be carried at all times.

Contact: PALS: 0800 5872108 or 01484 466172

Horizon Centre

The Horizon Centre is an assessment and treatment service for people with a learning disability aged 18 and over. The Horizon Centre has specialists in; psychology, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, sensory issues and occupational therapy as well as having nurses and doctors.

Referral to the Horizon Centre is via Social Care Direct:

Phone: 0845 8503503

Connexions

Connexions is a service providing advice, guidance, support and personal development services for all 13-19 year olds, (or up to 25 for people with learning difficulties.) Information and advice for adults is also offered through the nextstep contract.

Wakefield Connexions Centre
17-19 Cross Street, WF1 3BW
Opening times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am-5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 1pm-5pm
Phone: 01924 371579

Castleford Connexions Centre
Centre X1, Ferrybridge Road, Castleford, WF10 4JQ
Opening Times Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-4:30pm
Phone: 01977 723943

Wakefield Early Support Advice Information Liaison Service (WeSail).

Has a Connexions worker based within the service to offer advice and support to young people with a disability or additional needs aged 18-25 particularly in relation to transition or those at risk of disengaging from education or employment.

Phone: 01924 379015
Fax: 01924 377323
E-mail: wesail@kids.org.uk
Website: www.kids.org.uk
**Wakefield College**

Wakefield College offers a Foundation Learning Tier across its three sites at Margaret Street and Thornes Park in Wakefield and The Skills Exchange at Glasshoughton, Castleford.

**Phone:** 01924 789789  
**Website:** www.wakefield.ac.uk

**The Additional Support Service at Wakefield College**

Wakefield College also has several support tutors who specialise in particular aspect of support. For more information please contact:

**Phone:** 01924 789120 or 01924 789239

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**Pennine Camphill Community**

Pennine Camphill is a specialist college offering further education, training and support for young people with special needs, learning, emotional and behaviour difficulties.

Wood Lane, Chapelthorpe, Wakefield, WF4 3JL

**Phone:** Admissions 01924 255281  
**Website:** www.pennine.org.uk

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**Post 16/19 Home To School Transport**

Where a learner has a statement of special educational needs and continues in full time education, assistance will continue if the Year 11 review clearly indicates that transport is an integral part of the statement. For learners who continue to receive transport for post 16 learning, they will be expected to pay a charge at the end of each term.

Room 60, County Hall, Wakefield, WF1 2QL

**Phone:** 01924 306980  
**Fax:** 01924 305611  
**E-mail:** hst@wakefield.gov.uk

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**Access to Work**

Access to Work is help you can get from Jobcentre Plus to do your job.

You can get this help if you are disabled or need support with your health condition. Access to Work can also give advice to your employer. The scheme can help pay for equipment to help you do your job and make things easier, changes to equipment to make it easier to use, travel to work if you cannot use public transport, an advocate or a job coach. For more information contact:-

**Phone:** 0141 9505327  
**Textphone:** 0845 6025850

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**Job Centre Plus (Disability Employment Adviser)**

Disability Employment Advisers (DEAs) are based in Job centres. DEAs provide help and advice to people who are disabled and can advise you on; WorkPath programmes, access to work and finding training or work experience.

**Phone:** 0845 6043719  
**Website:** www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk
Back In Touch

The Back in Touch service supports individuals with mental health needs, learning disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions and other hidden disabilities, e.g. ADHD and dyslexia, to gain and retain employment.

The Old Town Hall, Crown Court, Wakefield, WF1 2SU

Phone: Julie Darnbrough or Sarah Aucott 01924 339345
E-mail: bit@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk

Back On Track

Support people aged 18+ with low to moderate mental health issues, (this including possibly autism, ADHD and learning difficulties - assessment on referral). They offer one to one support but also have a service user group which helps to build confidence with trips and activities. They help support people back into work with building self confidence, help with interviews, travel training, helping with voluntary work and finding suitable employers etc. For more information contact:-

Stephanie Duggan 01924 372853
E-mail: Stephanie.Duggan@rethink.org

Your Voice Advocacy Project

This is an independent project supported by Cloverleaf Advocacy. It works with adults with learning disabilities and encourages them to speak up for themselves and make their voices heard.

4 Harropwell Lane, Pontefract, WF8 1QY.

Phone: 01977 705437
E-mail: scott.williams@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk
Website: www.cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk

Further information can be found in The Signpost. The directory of services in the Wakefield District for adults with learning disabilities and their carers. To request a copy contact the Communication and Information Team on 01924 305669.
Irwin Mitchell is proud to support KIDS charity

At Irwin Mitchell we are renowned for our understanding of the issues affecting the families of disabled children and how the law may provide a remedy. Irwin Mitchell knows how important it is for families to receive the highest quality of information about legal services and resources to support them. Our lawyers offer the highest levels of professionalism and expertise, combined with dedication and sensitivity, and we know what positive action to take to make a difference.

“We found you very professional as well as approachable, helpful and caring. We can now move on and look forward to a more stable and secure future. I am sure that this would not have happened without Irwin Mitchell being involved.” Jayne

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