



SEND Family Voice

A monthly newsletter filled with news, information and events for all things SEND in the Redcar & Cleveland area.

Annual Survey Feedback

Thank you to all our families who completed our annual survey. This feedback shapes the direction of the forum and helps us ensure training and work shops we put on meet the needs of our families.

We are feeding back on some of the key topics which parents and carers have reported to us.

Membership- Some parents and carers indicated that they were not sure if they were signed up to our membership. If you receive emails from us with links to training or asking you to complete surveys, you are a member.

Areas - There are still certain areas we are not engaging with parents and carers. This highlights to us we need to work on our marketing strategy and ensure parents and carers understand our role and the services we provide.

Key Patterns Emerging

- Autism is the single most frequently mentioned need (over 30 direct mentions).
- ADHD is the second most common, often co-occurring with ASD.
- Anxiety and emotional regulation appear in a large proportion of responses.
- Sensory needs are widespread, even when not formally diagnosed.
- Several families describe significant physical/medical needs, including wheelchair use, ataxia, epilepsy, and visual impairment.
- Many parents mention being on a pathway or awaiting assessment, showing high levels of unmet diagnostic need.
- A number of responses highlight social opportunities, transition support, and community access as unmet needs.

With autism being the highest area of need, some autism training or workshops will be sourced to support parents and carers as well as the wider family.

It was also highlighted that there is an issue with communication from schools to parents, and primary to secondary school. Lots of parents reported that their child is not getting support, the support is not consistent and there is a lack of understanding from teachers. All of this information will be feedback to the appropriate professionals for discussion.

Some parents and carers reported a disconnect with support from one service to another and this is something we will address in our marketing strategy.

One area highlighted by parents and carers was strategies to support children at home and understanding emotional regulation. We have already reached out to Inside Out to source some sessions about emotional regulation strategies for parents so will keep you updated.

Parents and carers also reported some really great things happening in our area from great school staff and support, to professional services providing a consistent approach which has had a positive impact on their child and the wider family.

One of the key areas of priority for us, which was also highlighted in the survey, was our offer for working parents. We know this is an area we need to look at, but equally as volunteers we sometimes struggle with our own caring commitments to make this happen.

However, moving forward this is something we would like to address and we want to ask parents and carers would you prefer a teams or in person event and what day or time would this be better for you?

We will add a Facebook post onto our group and page and also email members to gather this feedback.

Thank you again for your support and feedback, it really does help us make our service the best it can be for our parents and carers.

Your Voice

We are keen to hear your views and opinions about the SEND services in Redcar and Cleveland. Please take a moment to complete this on the "Your Voice" section of the website. Good, bad or indifferent we want to hear from you!

<https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/your-voice/>



News & Information

Family Support Service

The Family Support Service is provided by Daisy Chain as part of the bubble of support. This service is available for all families living in Redcar and Cleveland.

Your Family Support Team can support in various different ways including developing routines, visuals, social stories,, understanding communicative behaviour, sensory strategies and regulation. We can also signpost and refer to other services that could support you.

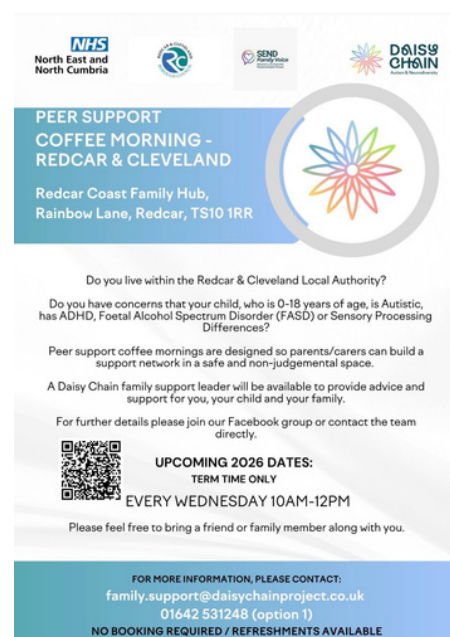
Bespoke visuals include visual timetables, now and next' boards, and social stories. These can help children and young people to feel more confident about what is happening and when it's happening throughout the day, and in turn support them to feel less worried. The visuals can support transitions from one activity to the next and increase understanding and processing of situations, events and changes to normal routines.

To speak to a member of the team and sign up for support, come along to an event as detailed on the posters below or contact the service

family.support@daisychainproject.co.uk

01642 531248 (option 1)

<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/family-support-service-contact-us/Parent/>

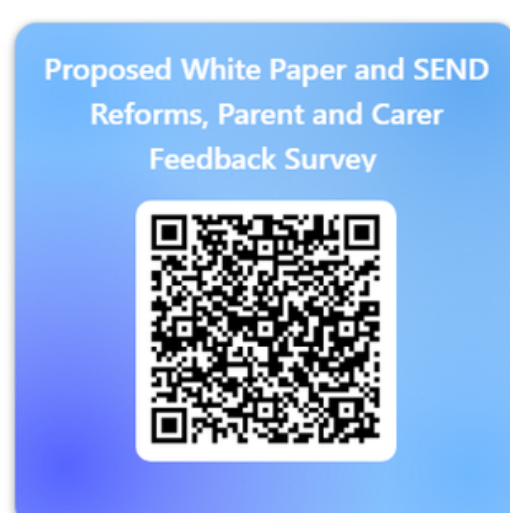


The White Paper and SEND Reforms Survey

The deadline to respond to the Governments White Paper and proposed SEND Reforms is on the 18th May, which isn't far away. We have a survey circulating and would encourage as many parents and carers to feedback their views and opinions on this. The survey results and feedback from events will be collated and SEND Family Voice will be responding to the consultation as the recognised parent and carer forum for Redcar and Cleveland.

If you would like to feedback please complete the survey using the link below, or attend our next in person event. You can also scan the QR code to complete.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=orvj0mzv_EWt3RAXiqQ-gqNlg_aZp0pBhybmKh5MThpURTJJTk9RNUxCMUo5N0w0RjkyVjBNMIBMNS4u



New Head of SEND & Inclusion at LA

A new head of SEND & Inclusion has been appointed at Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority.

Rachael Wilcox started her role on Friday 1st May but has been working hard behind the scenes for the last 7 - 8 weeks attending meetings and helping to shape and form the services for our families.

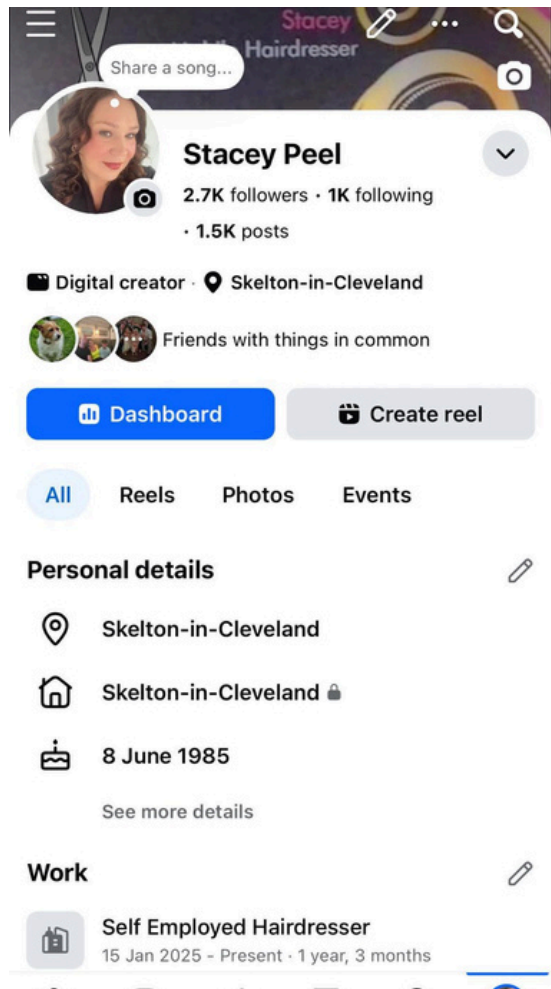
We are liaising with Rachael, who will be at our next White Paper Event, for her to come and meet families.

We will keep you updated once a date has been agreed,

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SEN Hairdresser

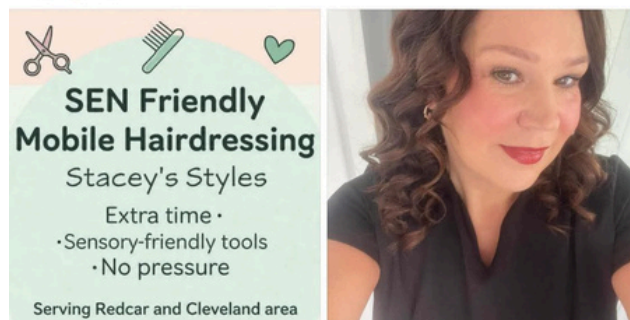
We have been contacted by Stacey Peel who offers mobile hairdressing for children who may struggle to attend a barbers or shop. Stacey has Facebook page and we have added the details below for parents and carers. If any of our parents have used Stacey it would also be great to get some feedback to let other parents and carers know.



Please share Mobile hairdressing friendly Warm & reassuring working in residential care homes and assisted living

"Did you know I also offer SEN-friendly mobile hairdressing in the Redcar and Cleveland area I provide calm, patient appointments in your own space, with extra time, sensory-friendly tools, and no pressure. We can work around routines, favourite toys, breaks — whatever helps to feel safe and comfortable group bookings also available Enhanced DBS and fully insured Call or Message me to chat about what would work best for you 07445403755

"SEN-friendly haircuts Extra time, calm approach, sensory-friendly tools No salon stress - just patience and care group bookings available in centres, care facilities



Right to Choose (RTC) Webinar

Paloma Health, are a clinically led Right to Choose provider specialising in providing NHS children's autism assessments. To support families who are considering an autism assessment for their child or young person, we are hosting a free webinar led by one of our Senior Autism Assessors to help families navigate the right to choose process.

Our goal is to give parents the tools they need to advocate for their child, including how to prepare for GP appointments when requesting Right to Choose.

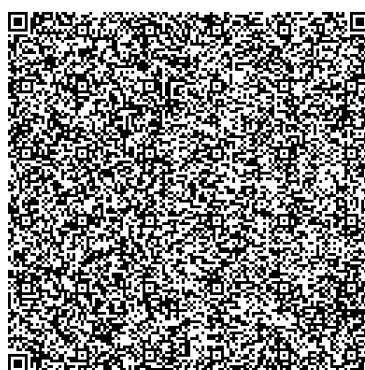
If you are considering an NHS autism assessment for your child, Paloma Health we're sharing a free, 45-minute webinar to help you find the right path.

Led by a Senior Autism Assessor, this session covers:

- How to prepare for a GP appointment to request Right to Choose.
- What the assessment journey looks like from start to finish.
- A live Q&A to get your questions answered by an expert.

Event Details:

- 📅 Date: Thursday, 7th May
- 🕒 Time: 5:00 - 5:45pm
- 🔗 Register here: <http://bit.ly/3NSgsDZ> or scan the QR code to sign up.



Important Contact Numbers

LA Sen Department - 01642 304503

Redcar & Cleveland Transport Dept - 01642 444974

LA MACH Team 01642 130700

Email - RedcarMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Camhs - 0300 013 2000

Getting Help Team (Used to be SPOC) - 0300 2000 000 (option 2)

Neurodevelopment Assessment

Autism 01642 529790

ADHD 0300 013 2000 (option 3)

Short Breaks Self referral - 01642 771247

Daisy Chain Family Support - 01642 531248 (Option 1)

Carers Together - 01642 488977

James Cook Hospital

01642 850850

NHS Service

111 or 999 in case of an emergency

Health Visiting & School Nursing Team

01642 444011

Family Hubs:

Dormanstown - 01642 492940

Grangetown - 01642 770810

Green Gates - 01642 759070

Guisborough - 01642 495357

Ormesby - 01642 513665

Loftus - 01287 640523

Redcar Coast - 01642 776030

Skelton - 01287 612333S

South Bank - 01642 457291

Our Contact Details

Office 2T Civic Centre, Ridley Street,
Redcar TS10 1TD

Email : info@sendfamilyvoicerc.com

Events



Membership QR

SEND Family Voice Events

If you wish to receive our newsletter plus links to our training and workshop offers please ensure you have signed up to become a member. Our membership is free and your details are kept safe and secure and are not disclosed to any third party. Once you are registered you will be asked to confirm your email address. Once you have done this you will receive the latest copy of our newsletter together with a copy of The SEND Guide for Parents. The link and QR Code is below:

<https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/membership/>

Weekly Drop In's - Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12pm - At our offices, Office 2T Civic Centre, Ridley Street Redcar. Opposite the Swimming baths and Redcar Library.

Tuesday 19th May - 10am - 12pm is our Adoption, Foster & SGO Group meeting at Kirkleatham Walled Gardens, Redcar.

Upcoming Member Events

Friday 8th May

A coffee morning with Alison Wombwell

Join us and Alison Wombwell, neurodiversity specialist, for a cuppa a chat about all things SEND and everything else in between.

Thursday 7th May

Discussing the White Paper with Clare Mahoney, Danielle Swainston and Rachael Wilcox from LA

Join us on a teams meeting to chat to Clare, Danielle and Rachael about the White Paper that was released in February and what this means for our children and schools.

White Paper Event

We have one more exciting events coming up where we are joined by members of the Local Authority to discuss the White Paper and proposed SEND Reforms. This is a great opportunity to find out more information about how the proposed changes will affect our families in Redcar and Cleveland. As the recognised parent and carer forum for Redcar and Cleveland we feel it is important to respond to this consultation feeding back partner and carers views. To do this we will gather feedback from the events and have circulated a survey.

If you would like to join us our next event is Wednesday 29th April at 5pm on teams. Our last ever is in person at our offices on Thursday 7th May at 1pm.

Please use the link below to secure your place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-white-paper-send-reforms-tickets-1987605312996?aff=oddtcreator>

Michaela from Middlesbrough College will be holding a sign up event at our offices for the next college course on Wednesday 20 May.

The next course she is offering is Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)

You have to be a member to sign up for these courses.

**A conversation about
The White Paper &
SEND Reforms**

Join a representative from the Local Authority and SEND Family Voice to discuss the White Paper and what this means for families in Redcar and Cleveland. A great opportunity to find the latest information and ask any questions.

Wednesday 29th April at 5pm via Teams

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/38457000116973?p=7r7jxpPiwVbVWE9o2l>

Thursday 7th May at 1pm
SEND Family Voice Offices
2T Second Floor
Civic Centre, Ridley Street
Redcar TS10 1TD

SEN Sessions

In and around the Redcar and Cleveland area.

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YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
AYTON DRIVE, REDCAR TS10 4LR

GIRLS' GROUP

FEEL EMPOWERED AND JOIN A GROUP THAT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN HAIR AND NAILS. DISCUSS WHAT'S TRENDING, PLAY HILARIOUS GAMES AND PAMPER YOURSELF.

TUESDAY EVENINGS (Term Time) 6 - 8PM

Ages 11-18 Cost: 50p per session

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Manga Art

Step in to the world of anime and create your own Manga characters by learning various drawing techniques and using a series of art & multimedia resources. Join the anime community and meet new friends!

**TUESDAY 6-8pm
THURSDAY 7-9pm (TERM TIME)**

Cost: 50p Per Session
Ages 11 - 18

All Manga characters on this poster have been created by the young people that attend the Manga art sessions!

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1 TO 1 PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS
Galley Hill Pool, Guisborough, TS14 8PF

Monday	Availability- • 7:30-8pm
Tuesday	• 2:30-3pm
Wednesday	• 3-3:30pm • 7:30-8pm
Thursday	• 3:30-4pm • 7-7:30pm

ABOUT US
8 Years of Coaching, I have coached 100s of Children & Adults in a competitive environment up to County, Regional, National & International successes in Swimming, Triathlon, Aquathlon. Previous positions of Head Coach/ Senior Swim Teacher.

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www.swimwithdan.co.uk
swimwithdant@yahoo.com

sensory play saturdays
10-11:30am
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March 7th and 21st
April 4th and 18th
May 2nd and 16th
June 6th and 20th
July 4th and 18th

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GAMES & TECHNOLOGY

Youth Club

Come along and socialise with your friends and chill out and play some board games. Prefer computer games? We have a selection of classic gaming platforms including Nintendo Wii & Xbox. We also have Pool, Ping Pong, Team Games & More...

THURSDAY EVENINGS (TERM TIME) 7 - 9pm
Ages: 11 - 18
COST: 50p Per Session

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SKITTLES LGBT+ GROUP

A Youth Group for LGBT+ & gender non-conforming young people

Wednesday Evenings
AGES 12 - 16 5pm - 7pm (Term Time)

50p per session
A safe space to be yourself! Come along & make new friends if you require more information please contact:
Helen Higgs (01642 771245) helen.higgs@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
All enquires are treated in confidence

FULLY FUNDED NEURODIVERSE FAMILY FITNESS
WEDNESDAYS 4.15-5PM

SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES WITH A CHILD ON THE PATHWAY, DIAGNOSED OR UNDIAGNOSED DELIVERED IN A SENSORY SETTING

We encourage families to attend with children who are struggling with their weight, movement and sleep patterns.

45 min sessions
Classes will rotate with BOXfit, a glow class, silent disco, BALLfit and We will Rock You Drumming Weights and Bootcamp

Purpose of these sessions is to engage, energise and encourage more movement Reduce falls and injuries Super for spacial awareness

SUPER FOR AGES 4-18 YEARS WHO MAY STRUGGLE WITH PE AT SCHOOL OR ARE HOME EDUCATED AND WOULD LIKE A COMMUNITY GROUP EXERCISE SESSION

To book- <https://bookwhen.com/senseswellbeingcentre/cic>

Senses Wellbeing Centre CIC, Unit 2, Birdswell Court, Watness Avenue, Skelton, TS12 2LL 01287 650151

WOODS & WAVES
FOREST AND BEACH SCHOOL | CIC

Providing Forest and Beach School sessions to families throughout Redcar and Cleveland.

At Woods & Waves children and young people have the opportunity to connect with nature, use tools, enjoy the warmth of a campfire, complete scavenger hunts, engage in nature-based arts and crafts and so much more. The sessions are very flexible and child-led, participants are encouraged to follow their own interests and ideas, free play and exploration are a big part of the Forest School approach. Parent/carers stay and join in the fun too.

Children with additional needs are welcome to attend any of our sessions, and we also have SEND sessions every third Saturday of the month from 16th March.

To book a place visit our Facebook page @woodswavesforestandbeachschool Or use our booking link <https://bookwhen.com/woodswaves>

In addition we also have some availability on our fully funded 10 week SEND Forest School group:

Thanks to funding from Woodsmith Foundation we are able to offer fully funded small group Forest and Beach School to children and young people. To qualify the child/YP must: Be aged 5-18 years, live in Redcar and Cleveland, and have an additional need or disability.

This is for a block of 10 sessions and we have a couple of remaining spaces for our Thursday 4pm sessions beginning in April, so you must be able to come along to Saltburn on this day and time to qualify. To express your interest in your child/young person been involved in this project please contact us: woodswaves2022@gmail.com / 07533366410

JOIN-US SENIORS!

Youth Group sessions for SEND Young People

AGES 13+ WELCOME!

TUESDAY & FRIDAY | 6PM - 8PM

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• WORK EXPERIENCE • COOKING • HAIR & BEAUTY • VOLUNTARY WORK • TRIPS

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AYTON DRIVE
REDCAR**

Email: joinushortbreaks@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
for more information or to arrange to attend.

POSTER DESIGN BY ALFIE (YOUTH GROUP MEMBER)

World of Play SEN SESSIONS

1st Sunday of every month
9.30am - 12.00pm

Come and enjoy World of Play when it's much calmer and quieter at our SEN sessions

This time is exclusively for children with disabilities and their family & friends

Full use of all our facilities is available

INCLUSIVITY

TUNED IN! 2 MUSIC

FRIDAY EVENINGS (TERM TIME) 6-8PM AGES 11 -18

VENUE: SKELTON YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
MARSE LANE, SALTBURN BY THE SEA TS12 2HA

Tuned in 2 Music is a place for young people to play, grow and thrive through music. The sessions for 11-18 year olds include a variety of music making activities including song-writing, band mentoring, 1-1 instrument tuition and performance opportunities. This project is funded by Arts Council England as part of our "Breakthrough Music" Project

For more information contact:
Youth Music, Media & Arts Co-ordinator: James Lilly @ 25k youth
& Community Centre Telephone: 01642 771243
Email: james.lilly@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TunedIn2Music

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THE JUNCTION YOUTH CLUB

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS • 6PM - 8PM
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GROVE HILL COMMUNITY HUB, MIDDLESBROUGH, TS4 2RP

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Contact: **Andy Fawcett** Phone: **07967 023888**

Email: **Andyf.spr@gmail.com**

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DISABILITY SPECIFIC 2023/24

TUESDAY
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13+ PAN 5:45pm - 6:45pm

WEDNESDAY
BOROBILITY
EAST CLEVELAND LOFTUS CRICKET CLUB
TS13 4LG
5pm - 6pm

FREE TO PLAY!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SPECIFIC EMAIL: LEVALE@NCCOUNCIL.CO.UK

FOOTBALL 4 ALL

A team specially for Neurodiverse kids aged 4-16

Every Saturday Morning:
8:30-9:00 1-1 Sessions
9:00-10:00 Main Session

For more info contact:
Paul 07519607545 - Paulc_spr@outlook.com



SEND support across Redcar and Cleveland

There is a wide range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support available across the borough, including those who do not have a formal diagnosis.

Redcar and Cleveland Local Offer

Redcar and Cleveland's Local Offer is a free information directory that shows what support or provision is available in our area for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities aged 0 – 25 years old and their families.

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/children-and-families-services/local-offer>

SENDIASS

The SENDIASS Service provides independent, impartial advice to parents/carers with a child aged 0-25 years old with special educational needs. We also provide advice to children and young people with SEN. We can help with education, health and social care.

We are open Monday - Thursday, 09:00-17:00 and Friday, 09:00-16:30.

You can reach SENDIASS by :

Kerrie Walker (SENDIASS Officer) kerrie.walker@barnardos.org.uk 07713787617

Joanne Alton (SENDIASS Officer) joanne.alton@barnardos.org.uk 07934602584

Phone: 01642 310806

Email: southteessendiass@barnardos.org.uk

Redcar and Cleveland Early Years SEND Team

The Early Years Area SENDCo coordinates the support provided by the Early Years SEND Practitioners, who were previously known as and sometimes still referred to as Portage. The team support children who have a significant delay in two or more areas of their development, from birth to school age. To access the Early Years Practitioners, SENDCO's should complete a Family Hubs Referral form

Redcar and Cleveland SEN department

The SEND Team is responsible for Education, Health, and Care Needs Assessments (working in collaboration with the family, child or young person and professionals). They also manage the placement and provision for children with Education, Health, Care Plan (EHCP) as well as annual reviews. The SEND team consists of a Statutory SEND Manager, SEND Lead Officers, PFA Coordinator, SEND Officers, Independent Travel Trainers, SEND Business and Data Officer and the SEND administration team.

To contact either:

email sen@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Telephone 01642 304503

SEND Family Voice, Parent Carer Forum

We are a Department of Education funded forum of parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Our main aim is to ensure the needs of our children are met. We bring together parent carer voices from across Redcar and Cleveland to improve engagement between services and families, to empower each other and influence policy and practice.

<https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/>

Redcar and Cleveland Family Hubs

Our Family Hubs and wider network, offer help and support to families with children aged 0-19 years (25 with SEND), across Redcar and Cleveland.

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/family-hubs>

Preparing for Adulthood

'Preparation for adulthood' is a national framework that aims to ensure that all young people with special educational needs and disabilities have the support they need to ensure they achieve their full potential and live happy, healthy lives. Schools, colleges, health and social care services work together to help plan and prepare young people in four main areas;

- continuing education, training or getting a job
- living independently
- having friends and being part of the local community
- being as healthy as possible.

<https://informationdirectory.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/local-offer-send/preparing-adulthood-14-25-years/preparation-adulthood>

Short Breaks

Short Breaks are available for children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities aged 0 - 18 years, some support may extend up to 25 years where there is an assessed need for the service to remain in place. Short Breaks support provides opportunities for parent carers to have a break from their caring responsibility while also providing fun and exciting opportunities for children and young people.

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/children-and-families-services/short-breaks-for-children-young-people-and-their-families>