



Growing at Meadowside Primary School

## **Useful Links to National and Local Organisations to help support families with SEN Children**



**[Autism East Midlands -https://www.autismeastmidlands.org.uk/](https://www.autismeastmidlands.org.uk/)**

### **About Autism East Midlands**

As a leading autism charity we exist to ensure autistic people can live their lives with dignity, choice and independence.

Autism East Midlands was started on the initiative of a group of parents in 1968. Today we are still led by the parents and friends of autistic people. Autism is a complex, life-long disability which affects the development of communication, social and life skills.



**National Autistic Society – <https://www.autism.org.uk/>**

**What we do** - We're here to help the 700,000 autistic people in the UK and their families. Be it running specialist schools, campaigning for improved rights or training companies on being more autism-friendly, we are dedicated to transforming lives and changing attitudes.



**The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service - <http://www.addiss.co.uk/>**

**What we do** - We provide people-friendly information and resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to anyone who needs assistance - parents, sufferers, teachers or health professionals. Whatever you're looking for in ADHD, we'll do our best to help.

ADDISS provides information, training and support for parents, sufferers and professionals in the fields of ADHD and related learning and behavioural difficulties. All our activity is supported by our Professional Board of expert advisers.



**<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/send-support-for-children/Pages/special-needs-index.aspx>**

### **SNIX newsletter**

The SNIX newsletter comes out three times a year and provides news, events and supporting information.

- SNIX Newsletter - Autumn 2020 - please contact the Local Offer team if you require an electronic version of the autumn edition.
-  [SNIX Newsletter - Summer 2020 \(PDF 3MB\)](#)
-  [SNIX Newsletter - Spring 2020 \(PDF 7MB\)](#)



**IASS - <http://www.iassnorthants.co.uk/Pages/home.aspx>**

### **About the IASS**

Northamptonshire's Information, Advice and Support Service is a statutory service which is run at 'arm's length' from the Local Authority and provides free, confidential, impartial advice, guidance and support to parents of children with special educational needs and children and young people with SEND.

It aims to promote good working relationships between children, young people, parents, education settings and the LA, whilst seeking to empower them to play an active and informed role in their child's education.

We can support parents, carers, children and young people in a number of ways. We provide a range of flexible services which include training, referral to other statutory and voluntary agencies, access to local and national support groups, telephone support and face to face meetings.



**autismlinks**

**Autism Links - <https://www.autismlinks.co.uk/support-groups/group-support-east-midlands/northamptonshire-parent-partnership-service?region=>**

### **About Autism Links**

Dedicated to making those helpful and sometimes vital links, it covers who to talk to, where to go and contains lots of helpful advice all in one place.



**National Portage Association - <https://www.portage.org.uk/northamptonshire-portage-sen-early-years-service>**

### **About NPA**

Northamptonshire Portage and SEND Early Years Team is managed within Northamptonshire County Council. We offer support to families and carers through home teaching and also offer support and advice to early year's education settings who are supporting children with additional needs.



**Jogo Behaviour - <https://www.jogobehavioursupport.com/family-support.php>**

### **About Jogo behaviour support**

**Jogo Behaviour Support** is your 'one-stop shop' as our multi-disciplinary team can offer a range of services to meet multiple needs.

**Jogo Behaviour Support's** strengths lie in both the expert knowledge and experience of our team, and also the content of the support and training we provide. All of our team have spent their careers supporting and succeeding with children, young people and families that are experiencing issues around social, emotional, mental health and behaviour.

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**UPS n DOWNS**  
Celebrating, Educating and Supporting

**UPS n DOWNS - <https://www.upsndowns.co.uk/>**

### **About UPS n DOWNS**

Ups n Downs provides support and advice for children, adults and families affected by Down's syndrome in Northamptonshire. We work to increase awareness of Down's syndrome and to promote positive attitudes and approaches within the local and wider community.



The Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire Dyslexia Association - <https://nbda.org.uk/>

### **About NBDA**

The Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire Dyslexia Association (NBDA) is a dyslexia-friendly society that enables all dyslexics to reach their potential

They aim to support the needs of dyslexic children and young people in education and adults in the workplace. To achieve this, they raise public and professional awareness of dyslexia and campaign for appropriate provision for dyslexics in local schools and colleges and appropriate support in the workplace for adults.



The Dyspraxia Foundation - <https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/>

### **About The Dyspraxia Foundation**

The Dyspraxia Foundation is a membership organisation that provides information and support to individuals and families affected by dyspraxia. It has a network of local support groups in England and Wales.



Deaf Connect - <https://www.deafconnect.org.uk/>

### **About Deaf Connect**

Deafconnect is an organisation that empowers Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing, and Deafblind people to achieve their full potential and become fully-included members of the wider community. Their services include:

- [Support for Adults](#)
- [Support for Children and Families](#)
- [Communication Services](#)
- [Training](#)



National Deaf Children's Society - <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/>

### **About NDCS**

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) is a charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for every deaf child. They provide free impartial and unbiased information to families, empowering them to make informed choices.

NDCS support families in a range of ways including through a their helpline, specialist advisors, publications, family events, and web forums. Their useful resources include:

- [The Buzz](#) - a dedicated website for children and young people
- Resources for parents who find that their [baby has a hearing loss](#)
- Information and videos about [using sign language](#)
- information about [children's hearing tests](#)
- Information about [hearing aids](#)

### **About NAB**

As Northamptonshire's local sight loss charity, NAB provides advice, support and products to help visually impaired people live life to the full. They are the only local sight support charity that will visit people in the comfort of their own homes, providing emotional and practical support, helping people adjust to living with sight loss. Their services include:

- Advice and Support
- Aids and Equipment
- Mobile Sight Centre
- Children and Families Service
- Social and Interest Groups
- Local Branches
- Education and Training



Speechlink - <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

### **About Speechlink**

Parent support site for children with speech and language difficulties, where parents can access free resources.



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