



March 2019

Dear All

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the half break with your children.

1) Capital Grant SEND

You may have heard that Local Authorities have had an increase in the amount of money allocated to them to have with their 'capital' spend, which is money for adaptations to buildings such as schools. You can see Haringey's plans to date which are published on our local offer, and due to be updated in May 2019. The grant can be used to update existing school provisions or open new provision, but it is not exclusively for school places. So far we have used the grant to help us provide enough school places in the local special schools for children with complex needs

- ▶ 6 places The Vale (complex physical needs and autism, co-located sites with mainstream schools)
- ▶ 8 places at The Brook (Complex Needs and Autism)
- ▶ 12 places at Riverside School and Riverside post 16 learning centre (complex needs, autism and challenging behaviour)
- ▶ New college places at Haringey 6th form both in and out of the entry and foundation setting, also new level 1 courses
- ▶ 65 places this year at The Grove Special School (autism and also academically able students with autism)
- ▶ 8 places Harrington's scheme (Post 18 setting for people with learning difficulties)
- ▶ We are also supporting Haringey 6th form, Conel and Harrington's scheme to extend their offer for supported internships
- ▶ We also know we need to update the accommodation for:
 - ▶ The Vale
 - ▶ The Tuition Centre for children with medical needs and or mental health needs

The grant can also be used to improve access to local facilities such a respite and support settings or in other local areas. I asked the parent groups to ask you "what would you do if you had £15,000 to improve the offer for your child with disabilities". To date we have had the following responses:

- Accessible toilets in parks
- The doors and hoist at Markfield respite centre
- Adaptations to Step by Step after school and respite setting

If you have other view's please do let us know by emailing Haringey Involve on:

Haringey Involve <info@haringeyinvolve.com>

2) Transport Applications

Please remember to make your transport applications for your child's transport offer for **September 2019**, once you have the new destination for your child. You can start applying after half term. The link to apply for transport is:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer/5-15-year-olds/school-transport>

On the application do not forget to state any difficulties your child may have that are specific to transport e.g. motion sickness, needing to sit in a certain place on the bus. You do not need to attach your child's EHCP to these applications as these will be provided by the SEND team for any applications that are made. You can also ask for travel training or travel buddying on this form.

Please make sure you state your child's current school, and also **the school they are attending in September 2019**. If you have specific difficulties with the applications, you can ask for help from the Markfield Project who run transport clinics. The transport clinics are run every Friday during June and July 2019 10am until 12pm.

You can call the Markfield for more advice on: T: **020 8800 4134 Ext 5226**

or email them on: <http://www.markfield.org.uk/>

3) Transition to Adulthood

Event: Post 16 options for young people with special educational needs and disabilities

This event was held on 30 January 2019 in Tottenham and was attended by more than 60 families. There were guest speakers, 17 information stalls with information and advice on health and wellbeing, community activities, post 16 options, education, social care and work. Families had an opportunity to network and speak with professionals on the things that matter to them.

Presentations can be downloaded below.

- [Preparing for Adulthood - Presentation by Linda Jordan \(PDF, 355KB\)](#)
- [Post 16 Choices \(PDF, 1MB\)](#)
- [Preparing for Adulthood pathway guide \(PDF, 481KB\)](#)
- [Transitions achievements 2019 \(PDF, 202KB\)](#)

4) **CYPS children and families offer for children with SEND, including Disabled Children's Social Work Team**

Children and their families can be eligible for funded short breaks - including direct payments - through the Disabled Children's Social Work Team. The Disabled Children's Social Work Team work with children who have complex disabilities, where the impact of the child's needs on their access to day to day activities for themselves and their family would be severely to profoundly restricted without specialist support. To see more about the Children and Families Service Offer for Children with SEND, and consider what service may help support you with your child, please refer to [The Children and Families Service Offer for Children with SEND \(PDF, 403KB\)](#).

If you would like to comment on the new document 'The Children and Families Service Offer for Children with SEND' you can leave a comment on our Local Offer Survey section and we will get back to you.

There was a recent legal case brought under the Equality Act 2010 and Human Rights Act 1998 against the London Borough of Haringey by a child with autism and his mother in 2016. The case brought to light the need to review our approach to the assessment of and provision of support for disabled children and young people within the borough.

As a result of this case we have amended our policies for the assessment of and provision of services to children. We want to ensure that Haringey provides services and support fairly to all disabled children and young people, no matter what type of disability they have or how their needs present. Haringey has withdrawn its policies - 'Threshold Criteria for Disabled Children Services' and 'Integrated Service Special Needs and Disabilities: Eligibility Criteria Personal Budgets' - as a result of this case and has brought a new policy: 'The Children and Family's Service Offer for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Haringey'.

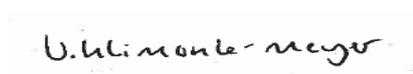
We have also audited the outcomes for children and young people for whom it was originally determined that they did not have the level of need to meet the threshold for a service within the Disabled Children's Team. We audited from January 2016 to January 2018 using the previous eligibility document.

Of the children's referrals audited with the new Guide to Services document, fewer than five children and young people were assessed as now having the level of need that met the threshold for the Disabled Children's Team. The children and families have all been contacted and a child and families assessment carried out.

If you would like to talk to us about Haringey's offer for children with SEND, Respite and Support or Direct payments you can email us on sen@haringey.gov.uk. There will be information in the next newsletter about workshops to improve the current process for direct payments,

Please note that this newsletter will be published on our website

Best Wishes



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