

Links to National Websites

Advisory Centre for Education – a national charity that provides advice, information and support to the parents of all disabled children –
www.ace-ed.org.uk

ADDISS – provides information & resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder - www.addiss.co.uk

Afasic – a UK charity representing children and young adults with communication impairments and working for their inclusion in society –
www.afasic.org.uk

Aldershot Garrison Special Needs Group – provides a meeting place and support group for parents and carers of special needs children; also arranges trips and special events –
www.aldershotspecialneedsgroup.hampshire.org.uk

Allergy UK is a leading medical charity providing up to date information on all aspects of allergy, food intolerance and chemical sensitivity –
www.allergyuk.org

Autism Services Directory – provides a comprehensive directory of services and events for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, their families and people that work with them –
www.info.autism.org.uk

Birth Defects Research for Children Inc (BDRC) is a non-profit organisation that provides parents and expectant parents with information about birth defects and support services for their children. BDRC has a parent matching service that links families who have children with similar birth defects –
www.birthdefects.org

British Dyslexic Association –
www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

British Epilepsy Association –
www.epilepsy.org.uk

British Institute of Learning Disabilities – a non-profit organisation that works to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities –

www.bild.org.uk

Bullying UK provides information and advice about bullying and how to deal with it –

www.bullying.co.uk

Carers Direct provides confidential and free advice to help you as a carer –

www.nhs.uk/carersdirect

Children's Education Advisory Service – provides information and support to Service families and eligible MOD civilians on all aspects of the education of their children in the UK and overseas –

www.ceas.mod.uk

Children Living with Metabolic Diseases – provides information and support on all metabolic diseases –

www.climb.org.uk

Connexions offers advice and information for 13-19 year olds, on career pathways/options –

www.connexions.gov.uk

The Department for Children, Schools and Families – this site links to their SEN information –

www.dcsf.gov.uk/SEN

Disability Living Allowance - sometimes referred to as DLA - is a tax-free benefit for children and adults who need help with personal care or have walking difficulties because they are physically or mentally disabled –

www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/FinancialSupport/DG_10011731

Downs Syndrome Association, the only organisation in the UK focusing solely on all aspects of living successfully with Down's Syndrome –

www.downsyndrome.org.uk

The Dyspraxia Foundation –

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

Early Support – the government initiative to improve services for disabled children under three and their families –

www.earlysupport.org.uk

Extra Special Parents is a charity for parents and carers of children with all kinds of additional needs. It provides information and support to parents, children and carers –

www.extra-special-parents.org

Face2Face – a free confidential befriending service for any parent who has recently learnt or is discovering their child has a disability –

www.face2facenetwork.org.uk

The Family Fund Trust helps families of disabled and seriously ill children under the age of 16. It gives grants and information related to the care of the child. The range of grants available includes holidays, leisure, laundry equipment, driving lessons and lots more –

www.familyfundtrust.org.uk

Hemihelp – a charity providing information and support to children and young people with hemiplegia (associated with cerebral palsy) and their families –

www.hemihelp.org.uk

The Hyperactivity Children's Support Group –

www.hacsg.org.uk

I CAN is a charity that supports children with speech and language difficulties across the UK –

www.ican.org.uk

ISpeak – a company producing visual resources for people with autism, to help communication –

www.ispeak.co.uk

Mencap provide residential, education and employment services, leisure opportunities and individual support and advice for people with a learning disability, their families and carers –

www.mencap.org.uk

Muscular Dystrophy Campaign - provides practical, medical and emotional support to people affected by the condition –

www.muscular-dystrophy.org

Mutual Support – The Armed Forces National Support Group of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain & Northern Ireland –

www.mutualsupport.org.uk

My Child is the parenting website for parents and provides information on children's education, health and well-being –
www.mychild.co.uk

National Association for Gifted Children –
www.nagcbrtain.org.uk

National Autistic Society – provides information about Autism and Aspergers Syndrome and the support and services available in the UK –
www.nas.org.uk

National Blind Children's Society – provides advice and information to enable blind and partially sighted children to achieve their recreational and educational goals –
www.nbcs.org.uk

National Deaf Children's Society – provides information, advice and support to families and carers of children that are deaf or hearing impaired. Has a youth section for children to interact with other children –
www.ndcs.org.uk

National Parent Partnership Network – provides information on the work of the service and also how to contact a local parent partnership service –
www.parentpartnership.org.uk

NCH run more than 500 projects for some of the UK's most vulnerable and excluded children and their families. They provide community centres, children's services in rural areas, services for disabled children and children leaving care –
www.nch.org.uk

Network 81 is a national network of parents working towards properly resourced inclusive education for children with special educational needs –
www.network81.org

Parent+ – provides practical information on teaching children a range of skills, from pre-school through to FE and University –
www.parent-plus.org

Parents for Inclusion – parents helping parents so their disabled children can learn, make friends, and have a voice in ordinary schools and throughout life –
www.parentsforinclusion.org

Scope is a disability organisation in England and Wales whose focus is people with cerebral palsy, their families and carers –
www.scope.org.uk

Service Children's Education is an agency of the MOD dedicated to education of the children of Service families and MOD personnel serving outside of the UK –
www.sceschols.com

Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal – The Tribunal operates an independent appeals system for parents of children with a statement of special educational needs. Parents can lodge an appeal if they do not agree with the LA about meeting their child's special educational needs. The tribunal also hears appeals on disability discrimination matters –
www.sendist.gov.uk

SOS! SEN – an independent helpline for SEN –
www.special-educational-needs.co.uk

Talking Point - Information about speech, language and communication difficulties in children with practical activities to support children's communication skills –
www.ican.org.uk/talkingpoint/Home.aspx

Tourettes Action – provides advice and information on Tourettes Syndrome –
www.tourettes-action.org.uk

Transition Information Network – a website for teenagers and young people in the UK who have an impairment or disability and are wondering about opportunities and services there will be when they leave school. Also provides useful information for parents and professionals –
www.after16.org.uk

The Transporters – they have developed a DVD to help children with autism recognise emotions and understand facial expressions –
www.transporters.com

Young Minds – a leading charity that is committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people –
www.youngminds.org.uk

4Children – a national charity dedicated to creating opportunities and building futures for all children to ensure families and children get the support they need in their community –
www.4children.org.uk

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