Useful contact information for Hackney parents/carers of children with autism

Websites for parent carers and autistic people

ASD Friendly

www.asdfriendly.org

Long established and popular website and message board for parents and carers of people with ASC, ASD, Autism/Asperger's Syndrome, run by parents. Also has a Facebook Page Talk to other parents/carers Get useful information. Share tips. Feel less isolated and make friends. Find out about events and meet-ups. Get support

Talk about Autism

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/talk-about-autism

An online community and forum for people interested in Autism to share experiences, get support and discuss Autism. It is a popular site used by family members, professionals and people with Autism. Has Facebook page.

Autism in Hackney

www.facebook.com/groups/autismhackney

Open Facebook Page for parent/carers and adults with Autism. Just like the page and you can view posts and add your own.
Research focused websites

Autism Education Trust

[www.aettraininghubs.org.uk/parent-guide](http://www.aettraininghubs.org.uk/parent-guide)

This organisation works towards ensuring children, young people and adults with autism receive the education they need to enable them to reach their individual potential. Has Facebook page.

The Autism Research Centre

[www.autismresearchcentre.com](http://www.autismresearchcentre.com)

Based at the University of Cambridge, this is hub for scientists working on Autism. It also works closely with clinical and voluntary sector services. Visit the site for the latest research and publications on autism.

Research Autism

[http://researchautism.net/](http://researchautism.net/)

The only UK charity exclusively dedicated to research into interventions in autism. An intervention is a treatment, therapy or service designed to improve the quality of life of someone with Autism. Visit the site for a detailed information on interventions and quality research and publications. Also has Facebook Page

Courses

Early Bird

Courses for parents of children with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD), providing information and strategies for parents.

Runs twice a year in Hackney by Specialist Teachers, Educational Psychologists, Clinical Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists and Family Support Workers.

Referrals are accepted from professionals involved with the family. This is usually a member of the ASD assessment team, post-diagnosis. Where a parent or carer are interested in attending, they are advised to call the Early Bird coordinator in CAMHS Disability at Hackney Ark – Marietta Sandilands on 020 7014 7071.
Early bird plus

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Hackney Ark 020 7014 7071

Autism Resourced Provision in Hackney Schools

Tyssen Community Primary School
Oldhill Street
Hackney
London,
N16 6LR
admin@tyssen.hackney.sch.uk
020 8806 4130
www.tyssen.hackney.sch.uk

Millfields Community School
Millfields Community School
Hilsea Street
Hackney
London E5 OSH
0208 985 7898
info@millfields.hackney.sch.uk
www.millfields.hackney.sch.uk

Whitmore Primary School
113 Bridport Place, London, N1 5JN
020 7739 7973
admin@whitmore.hackney.sch.uk
www.whitmore.hackney.sch.uk

Mossbourne Community Academy (secondary)

100 Downs Park Road
London
E5 8JY
020 8525 5200
enquiries@mossbourne.hackney.sch.uk
www.mca.mossbourne.org
Autism specialist school

The Garden

Community Special School taking children 4-16 years. The intake of the school is essentially pupils with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) with the majority of pupils having a diagnosis of autism (ASD). Currently trying to find premises to open a post-16 provision.

Wordsworth Road
Hackney,
London,
N16 8BZ
slyne@horizon.hackney.sch.uk
020 72548096
www.the-garden.org.uk

Charities with helplines and useful websites

Contact a Family

Contact a Family is the only UK-wide charity providing advice, information and support to parents of all disabled children - no matter what their health condition. Has respected education and welfare phone line.

info@cafamily.org.uk
0808 808 3555
www.cafamily.org.uk

Ambitious about Autism

Large London based charity that runs schools, chatroom. Charity is involved in research and runs helpline and seminars. Also has a Facebook page

The Pears National Centre for Autism Education
Woodside Avenue
London
N10 3JA
020 8815 5444
info@ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk
www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk
National Autistic Society

Most well known autism charity in the country. Campaigns and lobbies for autistic children and young people. Runs schools and helpline. Helpline gets 80,000 calls a year. Also on Facebook. Also has an autism exclusion project.

0808 800 4104
Monday-Thursday 10am - 4pm
Friday 9am - 3pm
www.autism.org.uk

Where to get help with EHC plans & other SEND education issues

Hackney Local Offer

The Local Offer is a website that sets out information about services available for children and young people with SEN and disabilities, aged 0 to 25, including education, health, leisure and social care. It is part of the new Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice which requires local authorities to put information on all services in one place; and also to involve children, young people, parents and carers in their development.

www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk

Kids Independent Support – Hackney

Provides independent supporters for parents, children and young people in Hackney going through the EHC planning or transfer process

020 7288 7175 – ring to be referred to local service

7 - 9 Elliotts Place, London
N1 8HX is.london@kids.org.uk

Contact a Family education helpline

Freephone: 0808 808 3555 (9.30am-5pm, Monday-Friday)
Facebook: facebook.com/contactafamily (response within two working days)
Twitter: @contactafamily (response within two working days)
Email: helpline@cafamily.org.uk (response within 10 working days)

IPSEA (Independent Parental Special Education Advice)

National lawyer-led charity that provides advice to parents/carers of disabled children on education law including exclusions

Advice Line: 0800 018 4016 (often very busy and hard to get through).
Visit website to book a call – email them if you need an interpreter
www.ipsea.org.uk
Community Legal Advice helpline (formerly National Education Advice Line)

Provides education advice for those eligible for Legal Aid. Run by the Coram Children’s Legal Centre, it offers a comprehensive range of advice and information on education issues - information is based on current education law and guidance and covers state funded education for children aged 5-16 years in England only.

0845 345 4345 – for education advice
Service available Monday to Friday 9am-6pm and 9am-12pm on Saturdays

SOS!SEN
Independent charitable helpline for special education based in south west London. Helpline and monthly drop in advice sessions.

Helpline: 020 8538 3731
Waterloo walk-in advice sessions – second and fourth Thursday evening of each month. 5.30 - 7.30pm. Chaplin Close Community Hall, Gray Street, London, SE1 8TU. Hall behind security fencing. Press 39 on the entry keypad, then the call button, and ask for the SOS!SEN advice centre.

SEND Tribunal Services
General enquiries: First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) 1st Floor, Darlington Magistrates Court Parkgate Darlington DL1 1RU

Email sendistqueries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk
Telephone 01325 289 350

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