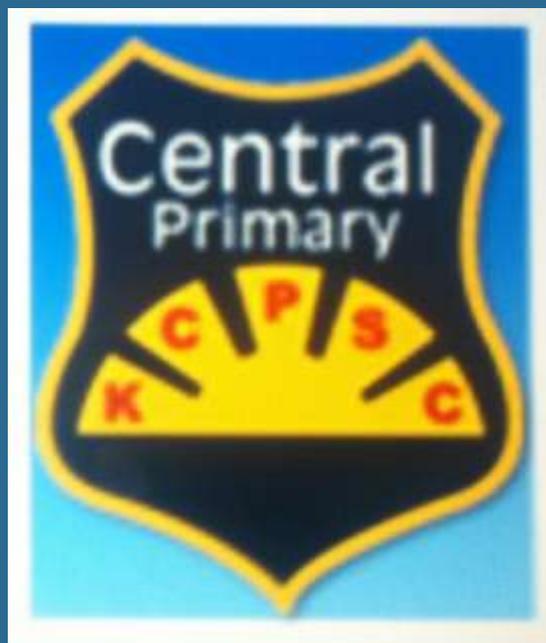


# WELCOME PACK

WRITTEN BY THE SHARE GROUP



Knowsley central primary support centre  
*"Everybody is a star and can shine  
in our learning community"*

## Welcome to Knowsley central primary support centre

This pack has been written and produced by the share group. We are a friendly group of parents who meet every week on a Monday morning at school between 930-1030.

All parents are welcome to come along to our share group where we chat over a drink and biscuit in a relaxed atmosphere.

We have introduced this pack for parents to give information on what is available to access in Knowsley.

We hope you find it useful and can get something from it.



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# Support Groups

## LITTLE STARS KNOWSLEY

Support group for parents or carers of children aged 0-6 with learning or social communication difficulties

Meet every other Thursday 9.30-11.30

Hilltops children's centre

littlestars-knowsley@gmail.com

Contact Diane or Michelle 07407199616



## MOONBEAMS

Support group for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

Meet every first Tuesday of the month

The robins children's centre

moonbeams2011@hotmail.co.uk

Contact Yvonne

07790096997

## SAL4KIDS

A support group open to all parents and carers of children with a speech and language impairment.

Regular meetings, day trips and leisure activities.

Contact Margaret 07709245770



## PORTAGE

Early Years Portage is a pre-school home teaching service for children with additional needs, aged 0-5. Staff work in partnership with the child, parents/carers and other professionals to support the child.

Contact Sheila Denson 01514435631 / 07825112439

### JUSKIDZ

Run a Saturday club for disabled children and their siblings, based in tower hill community centre in Kirkby

Runs 50 Saturdays of the year 12-4

Also runs the Friday nite project for people with disabilities and their friends and siblings aged over 11, this is based @ cophorne adventure playground, Westvale, Kirkby

Runs 50 Fridays of the year 630-930

Jus kidz also provide clubs during the school holidays

Contact Cathy Manley 01515463622



### SPEAK

Registered charity and support group run by parents for parents, carers and families of children with disabilities in Knowsley

Monthly meetings, coffee mornings, day trips, holidays and stay and play sessions

[speakknowsley@googlemail.com](mailto:speakknowsley@googlemail.com)

[www.speakknowsley.co.uk](http://www.speakknowsley.co.uk)

Contact Michelle 07772739625

Lexley 07432721601

Jacqueline 07932086841

### SUNRISE CLUB

support group for parents of disabled children and their children

Meet every Tuesday 11-1 @

Cherry tree children's centre

Sunrise also run a summer club in school holidays.

[sunriseclub2010@gmail.com](mailto:sunriseclub2010@gmail.com)

Contact Leanne, Angela or Carole on 07771517791

### EXTRA SPECIAL PEOPLE (ESP)

Family support group that meet every other Thursday

@ Knowsley carers centre in Kirkby from 930-1130

Contact Helen on 07979544714

# useful information

## CINEMA CARD

A card to get free ticket for accompanying carer for people who receive DLA or are registered blind

Available from [www.ceacard.co.uk](http://www.ceacard.co.uk)

Cards cost £5.50

## UTILITIES

Some utility companies have a scheme that gives you a discount on your utility bills if a disabled person lives in the property,, you must be on a low income & conditions apply  
Contact your supplier.

## RADDAR

Key to access disabled toilets, not just for wheelchair users but for people with all types of disability. Available from [www.radar-shop.org.uk](http://www.radar-shop.org.uk)

Keys cost £2.25 + £1.75 p&p

## VAT

If you have a long-term illness or you're disabled, you don't have to pay VAT on certain goods and services that you buy or bring into the UK.

Covered by this scheme are things that are of practical help to you because of your illness or disability.

[www.medpage-ltd.com/VAT%20EXEMPTION%20CERTIFICATE-2.doc](http://www.medpage-ltd.com/VAT%20EXEMPTION%20CERTIFICATE-2.doc)

## TRAIN TRAVEL

If you receive the mobility component of DLA or the higher or middle rate care component DLA you can apply for a disabled persons railcard

[www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk](http://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk)

## COUNCIL TAX DISABLED RELIEF

If there is a disabled person living in a house it may be possible to get a discount  
Conditions apply

[www.knowsley.gov.uk/pdf/disabled\\_relief.pdf](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/pdf/disabled_relief.pdf)

### DAYS OUT

most places will offer a disabled person a free or reduced carer entry to their facilities. Most except DLA reward letter or blue badge as proof. It's worth asking wherever you go, including theme parks & football matches.

Some places will also offer a service to disabled people so that they can avoid long queuing including Disney land & Drayton manor

### KNOWSLEY CARERS CENTRE

Offering support advice and services to carers including parent carers. Registering with the carers centre is free and you can then access their services including benefits check, coffee mornings, therapies and counselling.

### BLUE BADGE SCHEME

Some disabled people are entitled to a blue badge to enable them to park in suitable places when out and about. Conditions apply, but if you receive certain benefits or either receive the high rate for the mobility component of DLA or if you are registered blind or have a permanent and substantial disability which means you are unable to or have difficulty walking then you meet the blue badge criteria.

For info and application form visit your local one stop shop or [www.knowsley.gov.uk/files/Full-Blue-Badge-application.rft](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/files/Full-Blue-Badge-application.rft)

# Glossary of common words

## SEN/SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The term 'special educational needs' (SEN) has a legal definition, referring to children who have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn or access education than most children of the same age.

## SENCO/SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CO-ORDINATOR

The SENCO co-ordinates additional support for pupils with SEN and liaise with their parents, teachers and other professionals who are involved with them. The SENCO has responsibility for requesting the involvement of an Educational Psychologist and other external services particularly for children receiving support at School Action and School Action Plus. This also includes general SEN assessments, administration and parental support.

## EARLY YEARS ACTION

Formal term used to describe the levels of extra help that are given when an early years setting (nursery) decides that's a child has special educational needs. The child will have a key worker or SENCO to plan a programme of support set out and recorded in the IEP

## EARLY YEARS ACTION PLUS

The next stage when a child doesn't make enough progress on EYA. The SENCO or key worker will bring in help from outside agencies, this could be a specialist teacher, educational psychologist, speech and language therapist, health professionals, sensory specialist or behaviour specialist.

## STATEMENT/STATEMENT OF SEN

A statement of special educational needs (SEN) sets out your child's needs and the help they should have. It is reviewed annually to ensure that any extra support given continues to meet your child's needs.

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Parent Partnership Services (PPS) are statutory services offering information advice and support to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs (SEN). They also have a role in making sure that parents' views are heard and understood and that these views inform local policy

#### **P. SCALE (P1-P8)**

For recording the achievement of pupils with SEN who are working towards the first level of the National Curriculum (level 1).

#### **CAF**

The Common assessment framework is used to encourage services to work together to best meet the needs of a child with additional needs and their family.

#### **IEP/INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN**

Your child's teacher may decide to write down actions of help for your child in an Individual Education Plan (IEP). This will detail targets and progress.

#### **SALT**

Speech and language therapists work to assess and treat speech and communication problems in people of all ages to help them communicate in the best way they can. Also help if people have swallowing difficulties.

#### **OT**

Occupational therapists work to use specific, purposeful activities to prevent disability and to promote independent function in all aspects of daily life.

#### **PHYSIO**

Physiotherapy is the process by which ill, injured or disabled people are helped to recover their movement and function to full potential.

#### **ORTHOTIC**

The Orthotic department specialises in the provision of externally worn devices (orthoses) which are designed to assist in the treatment and management of a wide range of paediatric conditions. Most common is footwear and inner soles.

#### **SOCIAL WORKER**

As a parent, you have the right to ask for your child's needs to be assessed by the social services department. You also have the right to ask for an assessment for yourself. An assessment could lead to services for your disabled child being provided, or services to help you as their care.

### OUTREACH

This provides short breaks for children and young people between 7 to 18 years old. For residential outreach children are housed in a comfortable and well equipped four bedroom bungalow. Outreach can also be community based with outreach workers supporting children and young people by helping them access local youth clubs, voluntary groups, and outdoor activities. Your child needs a social worker to access outreach.

### CAMHS/CHILD & ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Support and help young people and their families. In CAMHS we specialise in providing help and treatment for children and young people with emotional, behavioural and mental health difficulties. CAMHS also assess as part of the ASC pathway.

### ED PSYCH/EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Educational psychologists are applied psychologists working both within the educational system and in the community. They are concerned with children's learning, well-being and development. Much of the work of educational psychologists is with children and young people from 0-19 years in different educational contexts though they also work extensively with parents/ carers, teachers and other professionals.

## Useful contacts

Knowsley central primary support centre  
01514778450

Knowsley Carers Centre  
Offering support, advice and advocacy to carers, including parent carers. Access to emergency care and the carers contact card.  
Treatments, courses and coffee mornings. For info or to register call  
0151 549 1412

knowsley children's with disability social work team  
To request an assessment call  
0151 443 4822

Sheila Denson  
For information and access to portage and short breaks in Knowsley.  
01514435630 or 07825112439

Danielle Hogan  
To access short breaks in Knowsley call  
0151 443 5601 or 07795497434

Star swimming  
Offering swimming lessons to children with additional needs in Huyton (sat) Kirkeby (thurs) and Halewood (tue)  
For info and availability of places call will  
01704 570 487

Parent partnership  
Provide support and information to parents of children with additional needs regarding education.  
[parentpartnership@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:parentpartnership@knowsley.gov.uk)  
[www.knowsleyparentpartnership.co.uk](http://www.knowsleyparentpartnership.co.uk)  
01514433283

Merseyside Partners in policy making  
Offering training and seminars for disabled people their parents, carers and professionals.  
01512877977  
[mpip@btconnect.com](mailto:mpip@btconnect.com)