

SEND Family Voice Parent and Carer Forum, Redcar and Cleveland

As the recognised Parent and Carer Forum for Redcar and Cleveland, our aim is to reach as many parents and carers as possible to provide them with the correct information as soon as possible when they start on their SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) journey with their child or young person.

Can we help you? Yes we can, all we ask is you live in Redcar and Cleveland and your child or young person falls into one of the categories below. It does not matter if your child or young person attends a school or college outside of Redcar and Cleveland as long as you live in the Redcar and Cleveland area.

We support our parents and carers who have children who :

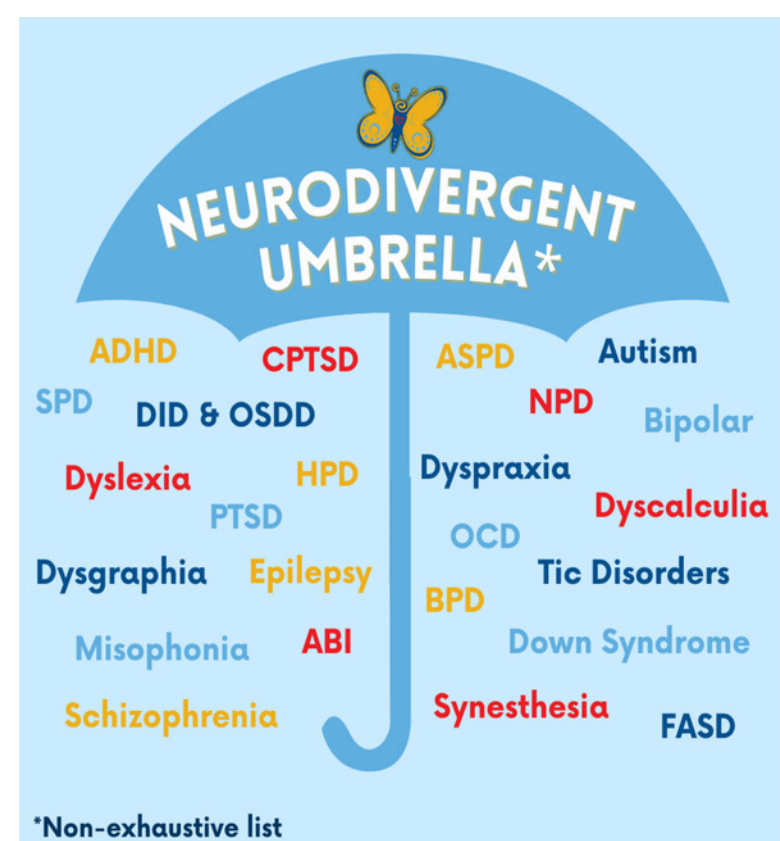
- Have a child or young person diagnosed with SEND,
- those on the pathway with Camhs, right to chose or through a private company
- or if you have any concerns around their development or behaviours at home or school.

What do we mean by SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)?

SEND is defined as “A child or young person has Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty and/or a disability that means they need special health and education support”. We shorten this to SEND. The picture below also shows the different types of SEND that we can support parents and carers with.

Parents and Carers can benefit from the following from us:

- Weekly drop in sessions to come and meet other parents
- Sensory pop up Shop with highly discounted items to purchase
- A copy of our parent guide, The SEND Guide
- Sign up for our free membership
- Receive our free monthly newsletter
- Private support group on Facebook
- Monthly Coffee Mornings both in person and online
- Specific events and Training
- Receive information from other trusted agencies and providers
- Feedback your issues via the Your Voice function on our website and receive a reply direct from the professional.



By providing information to parents and carers we are making them aware of their rights in respect of SEND, what reasonable adjustments they can ask for at school and what to expect from professionals. This will help to build their confidence to enable them to advocate for their child to achieve the best possible outcome for them.

If you would like to connect with us for support sand guidance please use the QR codes below to join our Facebook Page and Group and sign up for our free membership.



Membership



Facebook

Engage | Empower | Influence

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What is a PCF?

A parent and carer forum is made up of a group of parents and carers who have children and young people aged 0 – 25 years with SEND. Their aim is to make sure that services in their area meet the needs of children and young people with SEND and their families.

Who are SEND Family Voice?

SEND Family Voice, Redcar and Cleveland is the parent and carer forum for families in Redcar and Cleveland

We are based in the Civic Centre in Redcar opposite the swimming baths and library. We cover all of the Redcar and Cleveland area.

What is SEND?

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Who funds SEND Family Voice?

We are funded by the Department for Education and supported by the National Network of Parent Carer Forums.

We are independent and do not work for any professionals. We undertake regular training to improve our services to families in the Redcar and Cleveland area.

What do we do?

We engage with families' to find out their experiences and feedback to services and professionals to ensure the promotion of inclusive practice.

We aim to empower other families by sharing information and experience.

Influence and shape services through representations of families voices, ensuring a local offer that is shaped by the needs of children and young people with SEND.

Who can get involved?

SEND Family Voice, Redcar and Cleveland Parent and Carer Forum is always looking for new members to join us!

The forum is open to parents and carers, family members, guardians and foster parents of children and young people with SEND aged 0–25 years (no diagnosis required)

If you live in Redcar and Cleveland and have a passion for SEND we want to hear from you.

Where can you find us?

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