



Early Years and Childcare Service

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND LEARNING

General Guidance:

Bristol Local Offer: Latest advice and information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) including a learning resources directory that you can use to support home learning:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-need-to-know>

Additional Information about COVID-19 for Families of children with SEND:

Contact for families with disabled children: <https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/coronavirus-information-for-families-with-disabled-children/>

Council for disabled children: <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news-opinion/news/covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Who is available to help:

Our Early Years Portage and Inclusion team is available for families, childminders and Early Years SENDCos via email and phone: providing advice on strategies to support children; advising on processes and completion of individual plans and other documents; and acting as a point of contact for queries.

E&C: sarah.swann@bristol.gov.uk 07775 220622 / dawn.harrison@bristol.gov.uk 07717704747

South: margaret.pavey@bristol.gov.uk 07827979578

North: katie.duncan@bristol.gov.uk 07584 889436 / sarah.swann@bristol.gov.uk 07775 220622

Inclusion Support for Childminders: The Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) for the Childminding Network, Rachael Clelland, is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays to provide advice on supporting children with SEND. Tel: 07827979623 or email rachael.clelland@bristol.gov.uk

Early Years Bristol Autism Team continue to provide support to families and settings:

Carmen Bayandor: carmen.bayandor@bristol.gov.uk 07789924966

Rachel Ferrand: rachel.ferrand@bristol.gov.uk 07789924973

Family Support Services in Bristol Children's Centres:

North: www.northbristolcc.org.uk Tel: Long Cross - 0117 9030740 Filton Avenue - 0117 3772685
Facebook 'northbristolcc'

East: <https://www.eastbristolchildrenscentre.co.uk> Tel: 0117 3532899

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eastbristolchildrenscentres>

Central: <http://stpaulschildrenscentre.co.uk/> Tel: 0117 9030337

South: <https://www.southbristolcc.org.uk> Tel: 07795952621

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthBristolChildrenCentreHub>

Please also consider signing up to SENCO Forum on the SEND Gateway which has a special Early Years area. You can post ideas, ask and answer questions or just keep in contact with other Early Years SENDCos in settings across the country: Sign-up: <https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/whole-school-send/send-forums.html> Link to the Early Years area: <https://www.thesendforums.org.uk/category/early-years>



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Making Resources

- **Boardmaker:** free trial at <https://www.boardmakeronline.com/Login.aspx>
- **Twinkl:** have created a free SEND school closure home learning resource pack. They are also giving away a free month of premium content. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer> (promo code CVDTWINKLHELPS)

Supporting Professional Development:

- **nasen:** <https://nasen.org.uk/training-and-cpd/early-years.html> offers a range of training and resources. Please also look at the nasen awards: <https://nasen.org.uk/event-listing/nasen-awards.html>
- **Attention Autism:** see activities above.
- **The National Autistic Society:** NAS provides a range of online training modules: <https://www.autism.org.uk/professionals/training-consultancy/online.aspx>
- **Makaton:** Makaton have adapted their service to enable Makaton workshops to be delivered online by licensed Makaton Tutors <https://www.makaton.org/training/OnlineWorkshops>

Activities:

Bristol Learning City has started to curate a number of resources that are suitable for home-learning, including children with SEND. <https://www.bristollearningcity.com/directory/>

Communication and Interaction:

- **The Makaton Charity** <https://www.makaton.org/> includes an option to sign up to 'sign of the week' and be emailed a video (<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>). You can also 'like' The Makaton Charity or Singing Hands (<https://singinghands.co.uk>) Facebook pages for more videos and signs.
- **Sing and learn** with Mr Tumble: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/something-special>
- **Attention Autism** (suitable for all children): <http://ginadavies.co.uk> - Gina Davies is demonstrating her methods through video. She also has a facebook page which is updated daily with further ideas.

Physical activities:

- **Bristol Bears** often support our Rainbows groups and are providing weekly videos for children and young people with SEND to keep active: <https://www.bristollearningcity.com/resource/spectrum-bristol-bears-community-foundation-online-videos/>
- **Flamingo chicks:** dance school for children with a range of disabilities: <https://flamingochicks.org/athome2/>
- **cosmic kids yoga** <https://www.cosmickids.com/about>
 - We're going on a bear hunt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAT5NiWHFIU>
 - The very hungry caterpillar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrC1Y>

Activities for home and garden:

- **Forestry England** have some activity sheets to try at home: <https://www.forestryengland.uk/blog/10-ways-keep-the-kids-entertained-through-covid-19>
- **Zero to Three:** Play ideas for 12-24 month olds <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/167-play-activities-for-12-to-24-months>