

Dear Parent/Carer

We are really keen to develop more ways for parents to be involved in BPCF and for parents to be better signposted, informed and supported to navigate the journey we have to make as parents of a child or young person with SEND.

We are keen to support schools to better equip parents as they work their way through the world of SEND.

As a Parent Carer Forum we aim to

1. Ensure that we have effective mechanisms to reach families that represents the diverse and social and economic and lived experiences of families in Brent
1. Work closely with all known groups and schools to ensure that those parents/carers who are seldom heard/harder to reach are given the opportunity to have a voice
2. Ensure that equal regard is given to seeking the views of parents/carers whose children may be accessing mainstream and special school/ settings being supported on SEN support or with EHCP

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer->

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[BRENT PARENT CARERS CIC \(brentpcf.org\)](https://brentpcf.org)

As a strategic group we want to use parents direct experience of receiving services and living with SEND, so that Parent Carer Forums can help set the agenda and highlight where local services, processes, and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

Parent Carer Forums work in a solution-focused way with their local partners to find the best possible outcomes and solutions for local families, with the resources that are available – and if those resources are inadequate, they are perfectly within their rights to challenge this

We are keen to visit schools to tell you and your parents about our role and would really love to invite interested parents to become a SEND parent Champion for their school or within the local community

We are looking for parent/carers who would be willing to volunteer a few hours a week and meet with other parents telling them about services for children and young people with SEND through a range of different avenues . In areas such as:

- Brent Carer Parent Forum—official strategic voice in Brent
- Brent 's Local Offer
- Access to short breaks
- Education and social care
- Health services and key messages
- Childcare and parenting support

**What are the benefits for SEND parent champions?**

- **Opportunity to meet with other parents/carers**
- **Training to assist you to move toward developing your confidence and skills**
- **Experience that will support you toward new goals and employment**
- **You will become better informed and equipped in your own role as parents**
- **You will receive regular support and supervision.**

If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a parent champion or if you as school would like to meet us to tell you and or parents about our role – Please call Carol on 07852101492 or email Meetal on [admin@brentpcf.org](mailto:admin@brentpcf.org)

**Supporting deaf parent – To all deaf parents**

**Deaf Parents support group monthly**

BPCF received a small pot of money to host a support group for deaf parents who have a child with SEND , who are either deaf themselves or hearing with additional needs such as ASD . This group of parents meet monthly on Mondays with access to a interpreter to receive information about services in Brent and to share experiences of accessing council services, attending A and E visiting their GP , trying to gain support for their children with home work support , behaviour support and communicating with schools . This Group has been meeting now for 18 months and as a result we are very pleased to have made important changes all influenced by deaf parents.

**Dates of Monthly support group text and we can add you to out whats app group.**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> feb deaf parents support group 10 45 -12pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March deaf parents support group 10 45-12pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April deaf parents support group 10.45-12.pm( later due to easter )

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May deaf parents support group 10-12.45 ( later to do BH and half term)

Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> June deaf parents support group 10.45-12.pm

Monday 10<sup>TH</sup> July deaf parents support group 10.45 12.pm

**Home work Club on Mondays 4.30-6.30pm ( term time ) -at Brent Civic Centre ( in a room above the library )**

**Open to all hearing and deaf children to come who have deaf parents.- Parents need to stay.**

1. Allow hearing children to meet each other as coders
2. Get support for home work in a more fun way that could support where parents are raising examples where they aren't able to support their children.
3. Deaf parents have a chance to meet together and learn basic English and maths if needed.

We are supported by Brent Adult Education and Brent Inclusion service who fund a tutor and interpreter . We have seen the children attending make friends and develop their confidence and actually begin to enjoy home work !

If you are interested or as a school know of a family who may be interested Please call Carol on 07852101492 or email Meetal on [admin@brentpcf.org](mailto:admin@brentpcf.org)

**Brent Hubs Advice and Support for Deaf Residents.**

We are currently working in partnership with Brent Hubs to trail one to one appointments for deaf residents living in Brent.

We have access to a hub advisor and interpreter . These sessions are monthly and **need to be booked in advance** only have 3-4 slots a session to allow time for all to be supported appropriately.

The dates are below and the venue is **Willow Family Wellbeing Centre, Barnhill Road ,Wembley,HA9 9DF**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March advice and support sessions for Deaf people 9am -1pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10 advice and support sessions for Deaf people 9am 1pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May -advice and support sessions for Deaf people. 9am 1PM

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June advice and support sessions for Deaf people 9am -1pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July advice and support sessions for Deaf people 9am -1pm

If you know of deaf parents or are deaf – To book a date and appointment time please text Carol 07852101492 with

1. Your name and initial enquiry (times will be offered on a first come first serviced basis. If these sessions become successful we will look to increase .

With best wishes Carol

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