

Education Inclusion Services
Social Communication and Interaction Team
Training Events 2023-2024

Parent/Carers of children and young people with social communication and interaction (SCI) needs, a diagnosis of Autism or are on the Autism Pathway (ASDAT), we welcome you to attend the following courses

First Steps

A workshop for parents and carers whose child has received an autism diagnosis.
Please contact melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk for further information.

Cygnets

6 week block of online materials and TEAMS discussion sessions for parents whose child/young person (aged 5-18) has received a diagnosis of autism.
Please contact louisestringer@barnsley.gov.uk for further information.

Thinking Differently

A workshop specifically designed to support the families of pupils who have social communication and interaction needs.
Please contact melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk for further information.

Supporting Key Transitions for Children with SCI Needs/Autism (parents) Yr 5, 6, 10 and 11 parents

Looking at ways of effectively supporting key transitions for pupils identified with SCI Needs/Autism.
Parents/Carers book by emailing: louisestringer@barnsley.gov.uk

Makaton Taster

A workshop for parent/carers of children with communication needs. A general introduction into what Makaton is, and who uses it, with the opportunity to learn a few signs and symbols too.
Please contact gemmawhitfield@barnsley.gov.uk for dates and further information.

Makaton Signing for Babies and Families

A series of sessions designed to encourage the development of communication and language skills. All the sessions are fun and interactive for you and your child to learn together. You will learn approximately 100 signs and symbols using songs, games and activities.
Please contact gemmawhitfield@barnsley.gov.uk for dates and further information.

Early identification of SCI needs (Microsoft Teams course)

Helping practitioners and teachers to identify SCI needs in children and young people at the earliest opportunity and offering strategies that can be used to support the child or young person in the classroom and/or setting.

Monday 19 February 2024, 1pm to 3pm **OR**

Tuesday 14 May 2024, 9.30am to 11.30 am

Parents/Carers book by emailing: hayleyaudin@barnsley.gov.uk

An Introduction to Autism

This course introduces an understanding to Autism. You will take away strategies that can be used to support and meet the needs of children and young people with Autism.

Monday 24 June, 9.30am to-12.30pm, Barnsley Town Hall

Book by emailing: christophergoodchild@barnsley.gov.uk

Autism and Girls

The aims of the session are to be aware of how girls with Autism may present.

To recognise how their differences impact them in setting and to be able to use strategies that will help staff to support girls with autism in setting.

Tuesday 27 February 2024, 9.30am to 11.30am, Barnsley Town Hall

Book by emailing: loramoore@barnsley.gov.uk

Analysing and Managing behaviour for children with SCI needs

This workshop will offer you the opportunity to look at behaviour, to step back and look at those essential underlying reasons 'Why' and the function of a behaviour – before you then look at 'How' we can implement strategies to support the child or young person. Tools include using the STAR, ABC and Iceberg.

Tuesday 30 January 2024 9.30am to 12 noon (Barnsley Town Hall) OR

Tuesday 7 May 2024 9.30am to 12 noon (Microsoft Teams)

Book by emailing: melaniebooth@barnsley.gov.uk

Understanding and using visual structure to support children with SCI needs in the early years and schools

Is your child using any visual supports in nursery or at school? (Objects of Reference, First and Then boards, choice boards, Visual Timetables and Work Stations). This workshop will offer you the opportunity to look at why visual supports are important and help you to understand how they are used in our settings and help you to use and embed them at home.

Wednesday 28 February 2024 (Barnsley, Town Hall) OR

Wednesday 3 July 2024 9.30am to 2.30pm (Barnsley, Town Hall)

Book by emailing: gemmawhitfield@barnsley.gov.uk

An overview of Music Interaction

Is your child currently accessing Music Interaction in nursery or at school? This workshop will provide you with an overview of 'Music Interaction' which is an interactive approach primarily for developing children's social communication and interaction skills.

Wednesday 13 March 2024, 1pm to 3.30pm, Barnsley, Town Hall OR

Wednesday 26 June 2024, 1pm to 3.30pm, Barnsley, Town Hall

Book by emailing: lucyshea@barnsley.gov.uk

An overview of using Social Stories and Comic Strip Conversations (Microsoft Team course)

An introduction to how and why using comic strip conversations and social stories can support children and young people with SCI needs. Learn how to write meaningful social stories within the session.

Thursday 25 April 2024, 1pm to 3pm.

Book by emailing: loramoore@barnsley.gov.uk

Lego Therapy

Is your child currently accessing Lego therapy at school? Find out how using Lego can help develop a child's knowledge, understanding and application of social skills and problem solving.

Wednesday 31 January 2024, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Barnsley Library @ the Lightbox OR

Thursday 20 June 2024, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Barnsley Library @ the Lightbox

Book by emailing: louisestringer@barnsley.gov.uk