

Supporting parents and carers of children with special educational needs



Norfolk Parent
Partnership

The Independent Parental Supporter



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How can an Independent Parental Supporter (IPS) help parents?

If you are a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs, an IPS can:

- ◆ Help with issues related to your child's education
- ◆ Help you to be fully involved as a partner in your child's education
- ◆ Listen to your concerns and help you to express your views
- ◆ Help you to access relevant and up-to-date information
- ◆ Explain procedures and choices
- ◆ Explain about assessment and statementing
- ◆ Help you to fill in forms, write letters and reports
- ◆ Go with you to meetings.



Norfolk Parent Partnership has a team of Independent Parental Supporters

They:

- ◆ are volunteers
- ◆ have initial training accredited by the Open College Network
- ◆ get ongoing training and support from the Norfolk Parent Partnership team.

Please telephone the Parent Partnership office on 01603 704070 if you would like to talk about getting support from one of our volunteers.

Some voluntary organisations and parent support groups also offer similar advice and support.

If you know a parent or carer who would like our help, please pass on this leaflet.



Booklets available for parents and carers of children with special educational needs

- ◆ Norfolk Parent Partnership
- ◆ Information and support for parents and carers
- ◆ The Independent Parental Supporter
- ◆ Helping children in pre-school, nursery and playgroup
- ◆ Finding out about a school
- ◆ Helping children in school
- ◆ Working together to help your child
- ◆ Statutory Assessment and Statements
- ◆ Annual Reviews
- ◆ What if we cannot agree?
- ◆ Jargon Buster
- ◆ Useful Contacts
- ◆ Funding in mainstream school
- ◆ Exclusions from School
- ◆ Parent Partnership Management Group
- ◆ Volunteers Needed
- ◆ IPS at Meetings

If you would like this booklet in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language please contact us at Parent Partnership and we will do our best to help you.

**For more information about anything in this booklet, or copies of any of the above titles please contact:
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