

Markfield services for children & families: Information for Professionals

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What is Markfield?: We are an independent charity and community hub in Markfield Park in Tottenham which provides a range of services for disabled children and adults and their families as well as inclusive play sessions for the whole community in our adventure playground.

Address: Markfield Community Centre, Markfield Park, Markfield Road, Tottenham, N15 4RB

Website: www.markfield.org.uk

To make a referral please contact our Family Team: email: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk or telephone: 020 3667-5233

(many of our services can be accessed directly without the need for a referral form – please see details below)

Service	Details of the service – who is it for	Cost	What day/time	How to access the service
<p>SENDIASS: Special Educational Needs Information Advice and Support Service</p> 	<p>SENDIASS offers information, advice and support for parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities from 0 to 25. Our service also directly advises young people with SEND. This impartial, confidential service includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to navigate and understand the systems and services for children with SEND • Support with engaging with the professionals, and contributing views to assessments and reviews about your child's education, health and social care needs • Help when things go wrong, including support with disagreement resolution • Support around school exclusions, and making appeals/complaints on SEND issues • Signposting parents and young people to additional support services where needed • Online training sessions and talks for parents about SEND related issues, including: applying for an EHC needs Assessment, Annual Reviews, Short Breaks 	<p>Free service for any parent of a child with SEND, or young person with SEND, who is resident in Haringey</p> <p><i>*SENDIASS is commissioned by Haringey Council</i></p>	<p>Telephone Helpline times: 9.30am to 5pm on weekdays, plus extended evening hours in school term-times: until 7pm on Wed, and until 6pm on Thurs</p> <p>Advice surgeries at Markfield Centre and outreach sessions in schools, Children's Centres and community venues. Advice DROP IN Thursdays in term-time 10am to 12 at Markfield centre</p> <p>Family Club DROP IN Monthly at Markfield Centre. 11.30am to 2.30pm on the second Saturday of each month during term-times. Play, lunch, and a chance to socialise and get help from a SENDIASS Adviser</p>	<p>Parents and young people can self refer to SENDIASS</p> <p>Professionals can refer a parent or young person with their consent</p> <p>SENDIASS Telephone Helpline: 020 8802 2611</p> <p>Email: sendiass@markfield.org.uk</p> <p>website: https://markfield.org.uk/sendiass-2/</p>

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Parent/carer Support Group	Our Parent/Carer Support Group is for all parents of children and young adults with disabilities or additional needs. We provide a friendly space to meet others, chat, make new friends, and an opportunity to speak to a Markfield Family Support Worker for information about local services. *A free crèche is provided.	Free <i>(funded by the Henry Smith Charity)</i>	Friday parents group: 10am to 12 noon during term time	DROP IN Parents/carers can just drop in, no need to book in advance, no referral form needed. For more information contact: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk Telephone: 020 3667 5233
Drop-in play sessions in Markfield's Adventure Playground	These outdoor play sessions are facilitated by playworkers and are offered to every family with children – disabled or non-disabled. We have a huge adventure playground with swings, slides, climbing structures, zip wire, bonfire pit, trampoline, bikes and trikes, arts and crafts and messy play During our Thursday Under 5s session we also use our indoor play space.	Voluntary donation: £3 per family per play session <i>(funded by BBC Children in Need)</i>	Under 5s Stay and Play: Thursdays 12 to 2.30pm during term time Saturday Open Access: 11am to 3pm (closed in December) Monday Open Access: 3.30pm to 6pm (closed in December)	DROP IN Families can just drop in, no need to book in advance, no referral form needed. Our Monday Open Access play session is for children aged 8 to 16 years only (no parents)
Stepping Stones	Our 'Stepping Stones' course is a 10-week sensory play and language programme for families with children under the age of 5 with additional needs in communication, social skills and language. The course aims to equip parents with the skills and knowledge to confidently interact with their children through play and music	Free <i>(funded by Comic Relief)</i>	Two 10 week programmes per term. Stepping Stones Markfield: Thursdays 10.30 to 12.00 Stepping Stones Outreach: Fridays 10.30 to 12.00 (at a children's centre)	To book a place on the next Stepping Stones course: email: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk Phone: 0203 667 5233 Parents can self refer
Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities	SFSC is a 12-week parenting course. Suitable for all parents of children aged 3 years + This course is accredited by the Race Equality Foundation. Markfield tailors it specifically to the needs of parents of disabled children	Free <i>(funded by Mercer's Philanthropy)</i>	One SFSC course per term. Wednesdays 10am to 2pm *Lunch and crèche provided (parents must commit to the full 12 weeks of the course)	To book a place email: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk Phone: 0203 667 5233 Parents can self refer
Parent/carer Training Workshops	For parents of children with additional needs. Workshops on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Behaviour Management • Developmental Movement Play • Understanding Autism • Guide to Disability Living Allowance (DLA) • Guide to Personal Independence Payments (PIP) • SENDIASS information sessions 	Free for parents Professionals can also attend some of these training sessions – please contact us for prices	Please see this term's timetable on our website: https://markfield.org.uk/for-parentscarers/	To book a place on a training workshop email: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk Phone: 0203 667 5233 Parents can self refer There are no waiting lists

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After-school Clubs and Holiday Playschemes	Our after school clubs and holiday playschemes are for disabled children who may struggle to access mainstream play provision Also for siblings of disabled children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After-school and evening clubs for 6 to 12 year olds, 12 to 17 year olds, and 16 to 25 year olds Holiday playschemes for 6 to 19 year olds 	Fees vary based on the child's support needs funded by Short Breaks Personal Budgets. *Free siblings places (funded by Tottenham Grammar Foundation)	Afterschool sessions are from 4pm to 6:30pm from Tuesday to Friday. Evening sessions are from 6:30 to 9pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.	For more information or to book contact the Play & Youth Services Manager Robin Walton. Email: rwalton@markfield.org.uk Phone: 0203 667 5232 Parents can self refer.
Help with claims for DLA and PIP	We provide two online information sessions per term (see above) and one-to-one advice sessions for parents of disabled children for help to complete DLA and PIP applications. <i>Please note we cannot help with PIP applications for people over 25 years old. Please contact Haringey Citizens Advice for this.</i>	Free (funded by Henry Smith Charity)	Appointments on Monday afternoons and Wednesdays during term time. Appointments must be booked in advance.	To book an appointment email: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk Phone: 0203 667 5233 Parents can self refer.
Educational Psychologist Consultations	Haringey Council's Educational Psychology Team offers free 40-minute consultations to parents and carers to discuss concerns about their child's education in face to face meetings at Markfield or via telephone consultation.	Free provided by Haringey Council	Monthly appointments at Markfield on Wednesdays or telephone consultations during term time.	To book an appointment email: familyadmin@markfield.org.uk Parents can self refer. Please include full name and contact telephone number in email.
Befriending Service	Our Befriending Service matches trained, supervised volunteers with families who have a disabled child to provide weekly visits for play at home, help to get out to local parks, and a listening ear.	Free (funded by Henry Smith Charity)	Weekly visits from matched volunteer befriender arranged to suit families	For more information contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator volunteer@markfield.org.uk

Key contacts at Markfield

Main reception		020 8800 4134	enquiries@markfield.org.uk
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