

Bracknell Parent Carer Forum Newsletter



WHAT WE DO:

We liaise with Bracknell Forest Council to ensure there is a communication channel between parents/carers, children and young people with SEND, and the Local Authority.

MEETINGS

- We had an Autism event in September, well attended by parents and professionals. Representatives from Autism Berkshire, The Autism Group and Parenting Special Children came along and exchanged information.
- In January, we ran an informative meeting with speakers Chris Ray, Adult Social Care; Wendy Gower, The Autism Team; and Sharon Bowden, Signal 4 Carers.
- In March, we had an evening meeting, where Frank Glennon and Geoff King gave an update on SEND strategy reform.
- In March, our new Steering Group Committee were voted in at our AGM.

YOUR PARENT FORUM STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE

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| Sandra Beadon | Chair |
| Sarah Barnett | Vice-chair |
| Lenka Garcia | Treasurer |
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INVOLVEMENT WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY - ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ❖ We have been attending SEND strategy meetings with the LA and have been co-producing a SEND strategy report.
- ❖ We have been working with CAMHS, to improve communication between agencies and charities. Focusing on improving Autism Pathways.
- ❖ We have taken part in auditing EHC Plans for South East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.
- ❖ We met with The Local Offer team and gave suggestions on how to improve the website. RISE students also made some suggestions for improvement.
- ❖ We have got the Short Breaks newsletter reinstated on a quarterly basis.

GET INVOLVED AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

Your level of involvement is up to you: if you register with us, you can choose to provide feedback via email, facebook and/or attend meetings.