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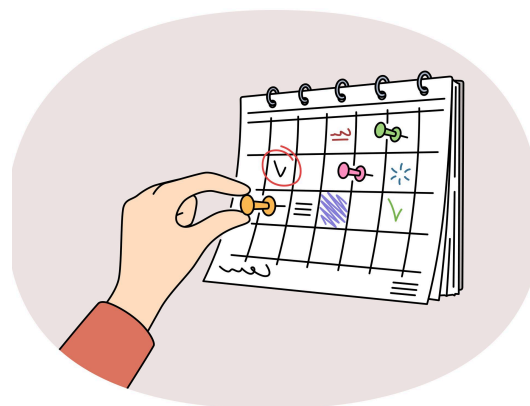
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and much more

Save the date for our 2025 Inclusion Summit

Our sixth Inclusion Summit will be held in May 2025 (date to be confirmed). In February 2024, the Summit was an amazing opportunity for professionals in education, health and the voluntary sector to come together with parents and carers to discuss the progress and steps we can take to make the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM), a place of inclusion for all children and young people (0 to 25) with special educational needs and disabilities. You can see some pictures from February below.



The sixth Summit will include:

- workshops
- marketplace full of various stalls



Events from GEMS, the autism and ADHD support service for East Berkshire

- Virtual coffee morning and informal discussion on 20 September, between 10-11.15am, on the topic of eating and food.
- Informal discussion on 25 October, between 10-11.15am, on how you can support your child through the winter season.

Please note that both of these events have limited spaces.

These events are open to families who reside in or have a GP in East Berkshire, and whose child is autistic or has ADHD. This can be suspected, on the pathway or diagnosed.

Full information can be found in the posters, provided by GEMS, below.



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Virtual Coffee Morning - Eating and food (Autism and/or ADHD)

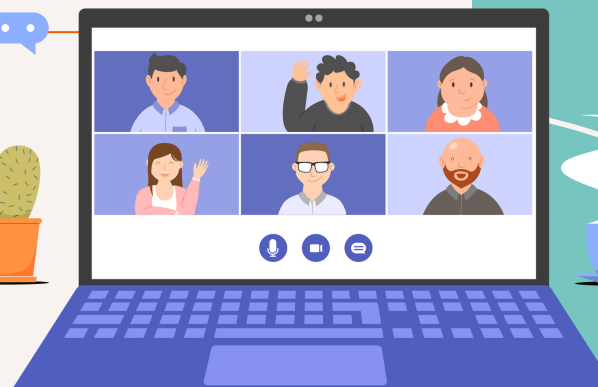
**Friday 20th September -
10am to 11.15am**

**25 spaces
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- What works for your family at meal times?
- What are problematic areas around eating?
- How do you support your child with eating?

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

How to support your Child through Winter (Autism and/or ADHD)

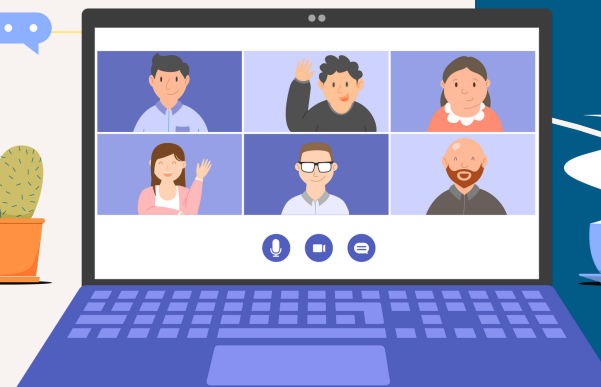
**Friday 25th October - 10am
to 11.15am**

**25 spaces
available!**

Join our online informal discussion to cover the
following areas:

- Holidays and being out of routine.
- Family events
- Crowds
- A change in their wardrobe - moving from summer to winter clothes.

Please note this is not a workshop but
support group for parent/carers and
any medical advice should be sought
from your medical practitioner.



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Missing school supplies? Why not try the stores below:

Store, website and discount	Location	Type of supplies
WHSmith - 10% off for students. (Please check the terms and conditions .)	10 Princess Square, Bracknell, RG12 1XW 16 - 22 Nicholson Shopping Centre, Nicholsons Walk, Maidenhead, SL6 1LB 19 High Street, Marlow, SL7 1AU 6 Thames Street, Windsor, SL4 1PW 39 High Street, Ascot, SL5 7HG	Pens, pencils, notebooks, pads, calculators, stationary, folders, files and pencil cases.
Ryman - reduced prices	55-57 Nicholsons Walk, Maidenhead SL6 1LL 107 Peascod Street Windsor, SL4 1DN 49 High Street Bracknell, RG12 1EA	Pens, pencils, notebooks, pads, calculators, stationary, folders, files, school bags, lunchboxes, revision guides and pencil cases.
Argos - reduced prices	Order online. Collection addresses below: Sainsbury's, Providence Place, Maidenhead, SL6 8AG Sainsbury's, Lake End Road, Taplow, SL6 0QH Sainsbury's, 14-22 West Street, Marlow, SL7 2NB Sainsbury's, Maxwell Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 1QH	Stationery, backpacks, water bottles, lunchboxes, uniform items (details below) and technology. Uniforms Gingham dresses, trousers, shorts, skirts, polos, PE kits, school shoes, socks and tights.

	Sainsbury's, Uxbridge Road, Slough, SL1 1SU Other address available	
Goyals	28 Bridge Street, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 8BJ	Uniforms Polos, t-shirts, cardigans, PE joggers, PE shorts and sweatshirts.
Marks and Spencer	130 Peascod Street, Windsor, United Kingdom, SL4 1DN 60 High Street, Maidenhead, United Kingdom, SL6 1PY 22-26 Spittal Street, Marlow, United Kingdom, SL7 1DB 293 - 299 Bath Road, Slough, United Kingdom, SL1 5PR - collection only	Uniforms Sweatshirts, cardigans, dresses, trousers, shorts, skirts, polos, PE kits, school shoes, socks and tights.
B&M - prices from £1.35	Slough Trading Estate, 417 Montrose Ave, Berkshire SL1 4XP 9-10 High St, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 2AZ	Pens, pencils, notebooks, pads, calculators, stationary, folders, files, school bags, lunchboxes, revision guides and pencil cases.
Tesco	Taplow Tesco Superstore, Bath Road, SL6 0NX Windsor Tesco Superstore, Dedworth Road, SL4 4JT Slough Tesco Extra, Brunel Way, SL1 1XW	Uniforms Sweatshirts, cardigans, dresses, trousers, shorts, skirts, polos, PE kits, school shoes, socks and tights. (Most items come in packs of two.)
Asda	Telford Drive, Slough, SL1 9LA Holmers Farm Way, High Wycombe, HP12 4NU	Uniforms Sweatshirts, cardigans, dresses, trousers, shorts, skirts, polos, PE kits, school shoes, socks and tights. (Most items come in packs of two.)

<p>Sainsbury's</p>	<p>Providence Place, Maidenhead, SL6 8AG - collection only</p> <p>Uxbridge Road, Slough, SL1 1SU - collection only</p>	<p>Uniforms Sweatshirts, cardigans, dresses, trousers, shorts, skirts, polos, PE kits, school shoes, socks and tights.</p> <p>(Most items come in packs of two.)</p>
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Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Service coffee mornings

Thursday 26 September, 10-11am

- Session with Shameem Hejazi, Benefits Adviser, as well as coffee morning drop-in
- Windsor Family Hub, 65 Alma Rd, Windsor SL4 3HD
- Coffee drop-in and IAS advisers present from 9.30am, session with Benefits Adviser starts at 10am

Wednesday 23 October, 10.00-11.30am

- Emotionally Related School Avoidance with the Educational Psychology Service and IAS
- Riverside Family Hub, Friend's House, 14 West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL
- Coffee drop-in and IAS advisers present from 9.30am, session starts at 10am

Thursday 28 November, 12-1pm

- Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments
- Online

Tuesday 10 December, 1-3pm

- Coffee morning drop in
- Datchet Family Hub, Datchet St Mary's C of E Primary School, The Green, Datchet, SL3 9EJ



Preparing for Adulthood event

Careers event for young people with SEND

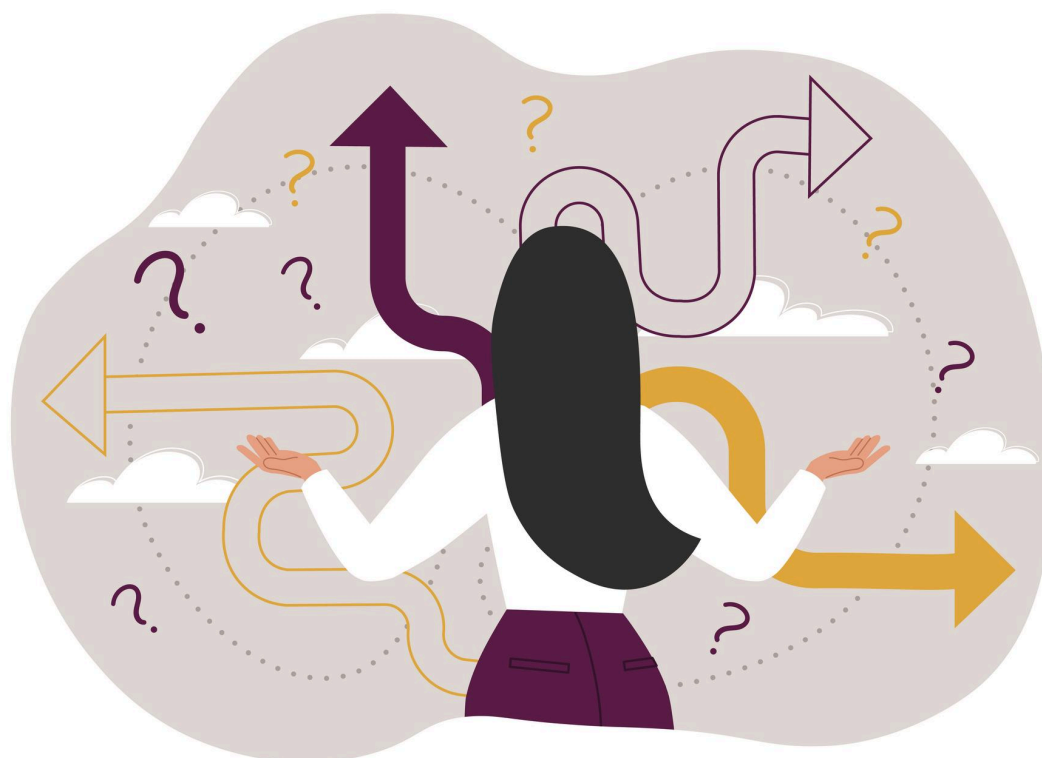
Who: Young people who are RBWM residents with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) from year 8 to 11 (or up to year 13 in our special schools).

What: An opportunity to find out more about what support is available to young people to support their decision about “What next?”. There will be a range of colleges, apprenticeship, and Supported Internship providers there. Other support agencies will also have stalls.

Where: Windsor Racecourse, Maidenhead Road, SL4 5EZ

When: Thursday 24 October

To book: More information can be found in the [events calendar on the Local Offer website](#). Young people will attend with their school, so please contact the SENCo if you would like them to attend.



Autism Group events

Home educators group for parents and children

These sessions are for you and your child to meet up in a relaxed environment, where the children can make use of our gaming room, while parents can enjoy each other's company with tea or coffee. A member of staff will be on hand to assist with the gaming, although children remain the responsibility of parents. One of our autism professionals, who are also parents of autistic young people, will be there most weeks.



These sessions are for children who are neurodivergent and are most suited to those with an autism diagnosis or waiting for assessment.

Sessions are held in central Maidenhead, on Mondays during term-time, from 1-3pm. Cost is £10 for the first child, and £5 each for siblings. [Full details on the Autism Group event page.](#)

Tea with TAG for parents

These sessions are time for you, when the children are in school or can be looked after, so that you can take a short break to relax with a tea or coffee, and talk freely with people who understand and relate to life's good bits – and any not so good bits.

These free sessions are led by autism professionals who are also parents of autistic young people. We welcome those whose children have a diagnosis as well as those who are waiting for an assessment. Parents can attend sessions in Maidenhead, Windsor, Bracknell and Slough. More details, including how to book, can be found [on the group sessions page.](#)

Console gaming club for autistic young people aged between 16 to 25

This club offers the chance for autistic young people to play a wide range of off-line console games with other like-minded peers. Suitable for those aged 16 to 25 who are of mainstream ability, but who need support in their social understanding.

The club is held in central Maidenhead, every fourth Saturday afternoon. Cost £32.50 per quarter. For more details, including information on other special interest clubs, [please visit the Autism Group website.](#)

The SAFE Project

The Achieving for Children Family Hub Service is running a survey to gather opinions on young people's safety in the local community. The survey is open to young people aged 11 to 18 (or up to 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities), as well as parents and carers.

For young people, the questions will focus on finding out what they are concerned about in their local area, their safety in the community at different hours of the day, and how young people feel about where they live.

For parents and/or carers, the questions will focus on locations in the community that parents and/or carers feel are unsafe, what they think could be done to improve the safety of young people in the community and how they feel about their child being out in the local area.

For more information, including a link to the survey, please read [the SAFE Project article on the Local Offer](#).

Responses are due by 30 September.



The Special Educational Needs and Disability Register: sign up

The Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Register is a list of children and young people from Windsor and Maidenhead, who have special educational needs or a disability. All local areas must have a register by law, but it is your choice if you would like to complete it.

Parents, carers or guardians can register on behalf of a child or young person. If you are a young person, you can register yourself if you are over the age of 13.

To be added onto the register, the young person must live in RBWM and be under 25 years of age.

Why should you register your child or young person?

The SEND Register helps the borough support children and young people with disabilities or complex needs by:

- giving relevant information, advice and support that is targeted directly to the child or young person's needs
- sharing information from other agencies which specialise in working with children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities

It also provides the following benefits:

- the register accurately reflects the range of disabilities and special needs of the resident population aged 0 to 25 years
- offers a better understanding of individual needs, therefore helping us to plan services for the future of all children and young people with special needs

For more information on the SEND Register, please go to the [Local Offer website](#) or scan the QR code. To complete the registration, please [complete our form](#).



Short breaks and respite feedback

If your child or young person receives a short break from the Children and Young People Disability Service (CYPDS), we would welcome feedback on the support you receive.

Please follow the link below and complete the feedback form.

[Short break and respite survey](#)

Your feedback will help us improve our services.



Family feedback survey

If you're a parent or carer of a child or young person that has worked with the SEND Team, the Early Help Team or any teams in social care, we welcome feedback that will help us understand what we are doing right and where we can make improvements to our services.

Please follow the link below and complete the feedback form.

[Family feedback survey](#)

SEND Voices RBWM parents and carers coffee morning

SEND Voices RBWM are holding their first post-summer break coffee morning on Wednesday 25 September.

Time: Between 9.30-11.30am

Location: Woody's Cafe, Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground, Dedworth Road, Windsor, SL4 5AY.

You will also be able to have a chat with Sharon Mann, the Families Engagement Lead from the Achieving for Children Family Hub Service, who will be in attendance.

If you want to find out more about the Family Hub Service, please [visit the Family Hub webpages on the AfCinfo website](#).

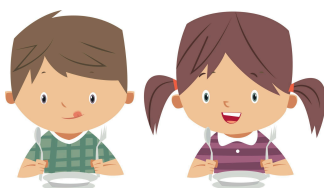
Looking forward to seeing you there!



October and October half-term holiday activities: where and when?

Event, activities and websites	Where?	When?	Do you need to attend or can you just book for your child or young person?	How to register
Coral Reef Waterworld SEN sessions	Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell RG12 7JQ	9 October (3.30-8.45pm)	Children over the age of 8 do not need to attend with a parent or carer	Please book through this Everyone Active link
Thames Valley Adventure Playground	Bath Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, SL6 0PR	29 October to 2 November	N/A	Please call 01628 628599 or email theplayground@tvap.co.uk
Bewitching Bat Trail	Woolley Firs, Maidenhead, SL6 3LJ	28 and 31 October	Parents or carers need to attend	Book here for 28 October and book here for 31 October
Building for the Future - Ladybirds playgroup for children under 5 with additional needs and their siblings	Our House, Toutley Rd Wokingham, RG41 1QN	11 and 25 October	N/A	No need to book
Berkshire Sensory Consortium Service - Cane and games day for cane user	Will be confirmed on Thursday 19 September	29 October	N/A	Please call Monday to Thursday on 07873616506 or 07500835043

Places where kids can eat for free all year round



<p><u>Asda</u> Kids eat for £1 all day every day at Asda cafés, with no adult spend required.</p>	<p><u>Morrisons</u> Spend £5 at a Morrisons Cafe and get one free kids' meal all day, every day.</p>
<p><u>Beefeater</u> and <u>Brewers Fayre</u> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult.</p>	<p><u>Gordon Ramsey restaurants</u> Kids under eight eat free all day, every day at selected restaurants.</p>
<p><u>Sainsbury's Café</u> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main meal. From 11.30am every day.</p>	<p><u>Travelodge</u> and <u>Premier Inn</u> Buy one adult breakfast from £8.99, and up to two children eat breakfast for free.</p>
<p><u>Pausa Café at Dunelm stores</u> Kids get one mini main, two snacks and a drink free with every £4 spend. Applicable after 3pm.</p>	<p><u>Whitbread Inns</u> Two kids under 16 eat free breakfast with every adult breakfast purchased.</p>
<p><u>The Real Greek</u> Kids under 12 eat free every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.</p>	<p><u>Bella Italia</u> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. Applies Monday to Thursday, between 4-6pm.</p>
<p><u>TGI Fridays</u> Kids eat free when 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal. (App required)</p>	<p><u>Bills</u> Two kids can eat free all day during weekdays with one adult main.</p>
<p><u>Ikea</u> Kids' mac and cheese and a soft drink for 95p, or any other kids meal for £1.50. Valid Saturday to Thursday.</p>	<p><u>Dobbies Garden Centres</u> For every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for free every day.</p>
<p><u>Sizzling Pubs</u> Kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal. Applicable Monday to Friday, 3-7pm.</p>	<p><u>Hungry Horse</u> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays.</p>

Activities available in and around Windsor and Maidenhead:



- [Thames Valley Adventure Playground](#)
- [Braywick Court Sprites: fun football and fantastic gymnastics](#)
- [Autism Berkshire workshops and courses for adults](#)
- [Pan disability football for 8 to 11 year olds, Mondays 6-7pm](#)
- [Teen disability football, Wednesdays 5-6pm](#)
- [Clip'n'Climb, climbing sessions for young people with SEND](#)
- [Jump-In trampolining SEND session](#)
- [Slough Ice Rink, level 2 additional needs ice skating lessons for 5 to 16 year olds](#)
- [Bracknell Trampoline Centre, additional needs sessions, Saturdays at 12.30pm and 1.30pm](#)
- [Building for the Future - events for those with SEND](#)
- [Chance to Dance SEND dance club](#)
- [4Motion CIC dance for 9 to 12 year olds, Thursdays during term time](#)
- [Moo Music for 0 to 5 year olds](#)
- [Make/Sense Theatre](#)
- [GEMS Bear Cubs for 5 to 10 year olds](#)
- [The Look Out Discovery Centre](#)
- [Maidenhead United FC Community Trust football, Sundays for 5 to 14 year olds and Mondays for all ages](#)
- [Farm Buddies](#)
- [List of sport and outdoor activities on the Local Offer](#)
- [Access Activities - adventure sports](#)

NHS Berkshire Healthcare



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

NHS Berkshire Healthcare believes in placing children and young people at the centre of everything they do.

To help parents and carers support their children, NHS Berkshire Healthcare offers the following services, which are all free to access:

- Sensory processing workshops
- Early language development workshops
- Enquiry line direct to a speech and language therapist

Full information can be found in the posters, provided by NHS Berkshire Healthcare, below.

Early language development workshops **online**

Does your child struggle to pay attention to you?
Do they struggle to use words to communicate?
Do they have only a limited number of words or
only use short phrases?

If you're a **parent** or
carer or work with
children aged 0-5, our
workshops will give you
lots of **everyday**
strategies to support
their **communication**
development in the
all-important early years.



Sign up on our website:



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/slt



Scan me 

Sensory Processing workshops **online**

Does your child:

- Feel distressed by the way certain things feel?
- Become easily overwhelmed in busy or noisy places?
- Struggle to focus or sit still?



If you're a parent or carer or work with children and young people, our workshops will help you understand more about their sensory needs. We'll offer lots of simple strategies and advice to help.



Sign up on our website or scan the QR code:
cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/occupational-therapy



Concerned about a child's communication skills?

How can I help my child
learn more words?

How can I help them
listen to me?

How can I help them play
with me?

Am I doing this right?



Call our **Enquiries Line** to get advice
from a **Speech and Language Therapist**

0118 904 3700

Lines are open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 3.30pm.

Available for parents and carers of children aged 0-5
years with a Berkshire GP.

cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/slt

Max Card: what is it?

The Max Card can be provided to children, young people and young adults with additional needs (0 to 25 years) living in RBWM, whether it is a physical, sensory, or a learning disability.

The Max Card is a credit card size card which can be shown to certain organisations as proof of your child or young person's disability.

Why should you register your child or young person?

By registering for a Max Card, the information you provide also helps us to:

- maintain the SEND Register
- support our planning for future services and identify any gaps in current service provision for children and young people with additional needs
- ensure that families with a child or young person with additional needs are kept fully informed of issues that may affect them, and to advise them of relevant new services and opportunities

It also provides the following benefits:

- This is a service offered by Achieving for Children, through the Children and Young People Disability Service (CYPDS), and there will be no personal cost to families for this card.
- Families will also benefit from discounts at multiple attractions nationwide. A full list can be found on [My Max Card](#) however please do not register through this website.

For more information on Max Cards and how you can sign up, please go to the [Local Offer](#) or scan the QR code



maxcard

Spotlights

Vicki Ciborowska | Communications and Marketing Support Officer

How did you get into the role?

Sometimes I think that my career journey hasn't been all that long. But two university degrees and some jobs later, here I am.

Soon after completing my Bachelor's degree, I worked as an English Teaching Assistant at a local Windsor school supporting pupils aged between 9 to 13. Torn between teacher training and postgraduate studies, I decided to go back into education to complete my Master's (MA) degree and continued to tutor part time. After finishing my MA, I took on a job at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, firstly supporting the development and structure of education programmes and course delivery, then moving into a publishing role to proofread, copyedit and commission articles for the College's two medical journals and flagship magazine. My time at the Royal College of Surgeons was fascinating, and I even got to collaborate on an article with Professor Claire Hopkins, a surgeon who was instrumental in campaigning for the loss of smell to be recognised as a symptom of Covid-19. A couple of years later, I started working for an American publishing company where I was responsible for a portfolio of around 20 medical journals. Relationship management, attention to scientific integrity, data analysis and mentoring were key, and I enjoyed being a small part in the research that drives our society forward.

Ultimately, the combination of my background in education and publishing enabled me to develop the relevant skills and values to progress into a communication and marketing role. But I knew that I didn't want just any role in the industry. I wanted one that supports services to deliver the best possible outcomes, so Achieving for Children was the ideal match.

What do you enjoy about the role?

I really enjoy engaging with all of the content that we share on the RBWM AfCinfo website, the Local Offer website and social media channels to ensure that our information is as clear and up-to-date as it can be. Content creation and content design have many different layers. These layers range from collaborating with families to find out what information they would find useful on the websites to choosing colours that are appealing, and from ensuring our content meets accessibility criteria to proofing and editing it in a way that can be understood by as many people as possible. What's also great about working in communications and marketing is that it's such a creative role, and as we know, there isn't one outlet for creativity. So through conversations with colleagues, service professionals and families, I am always able to learn and think of ways to improve our platforms.



An interesting fact about yourself?

I saw this question and panicked a little. Although I initially wrote things down about my love for animals (especially dogs) and how travelling and experiencing new cultures and countries is my biggest hobby, I wanted to share something that's even more unique to me, and that something is that my passion for content and writing extends outside of my work life. And while I don't like calling myself a writer, I've had a few articles and pieces published in different media outlets - both local and national. A piece I'm most proud of is on the topic of dermatillomania (skin picking disorder).

Carly Reeve | Exploitation and Missing Children Coordinator



How did you get into the role?

I've got a background in working with young people, so when the opportunity arose to develop and grow in the role of Child Exploitation and Missing Children coordinator, I knew I could make it into what it is today and ultimately adapt to the changing landscape of exploitation. The role has therefore expanded and grown over the years. For example, it now includes the line managing of a new service, which is the 16 to 25 Exploitation and Vulnerable Young People Transition Service.

What do you enjoy about the role?

To make a difference in our young people's lives by providing the necessary support and opportunities feels really purposeful and meaningful. It is amazing to see their lives change for the better and watch them thrive.

The role is unique with working relationships across a variety of partner agencies including the police, health, community safety partnerships colleagues and other local authorities.

An interesting fact about yourself?

I am a level 2 netball coach and have been volunteering for close to 16 years at my local club, finishing second at the England Netball National Club on a few occasions. I'm really passionate about guiding young people through their netball journey, with some making it into the England pathway.

Phillip Milward | Team Leader - School Transport and Business Development Team



How did you get into the role?

After graduating, I worked as a teacher of Design and Technology - Textiles in a secondary school for two years, before realising that the classroom was not for me. My career in local government started from there, with a role as a technical clerk assisting the client services unit. I got involved in everything from car parks to highways projects and to helping the Integrated Transport Team. My aptitude for figures meant I quickly became involved in finance and budget monitoring for the whole unit.

After a stint as a project officer, keeping a close overview of the council's highways projects, I returned to the Transport Team as the senior officer. Over the years, as part of the team, I helped shape the service and build improvements to our systems and processes, up to the point where I was offered the team leader role. I have oversight of both transport as well as business development, which markets council and AfC services to schools to support their running of the excellent schooling in the borough.

What do you enjoy about the role?

The fast pace and diverse workload. Transport is more than just taxis, we arrange transport using various means of travel, from bus and train passes to coaches, minibuses, people carriers and of course ... taxis! Transport isn't just about getting to school either, we assist colleagues in social care to arrange transport to appointments and visits. There is never a 'normal' day in transport!

Business development adds an extra layer of interest and contact with schools in the borough. We assist with and arrange a wide variety of services for schools from fire safety equipment to kitchen appliances and admissions services to HR and property.

An interesting fact about yourself?

I am a keen 'fibre artist'... in other words I get creative with fabric and fibres.

I find it relaxing and it's a way of releasing my creativity; whether that's crocheting small toys, needle felting a picture or making a wedding dress. My current count is two wedding dresses, and I've been asked to make my brother's fiance's dress for their wedding in 2026!

Abbreviations and commonly used terms

- **Achieving for Children (AfC)** - Community interest company providing children's services in Windsor and Maidenhead.
- **Annual health check** - A free check-up of your overall health.
- **Assessment coordinator or annual reviews officer** - The individual working within the SEND Team at Achieving for Children who coordinates education, health and care needs assessments, and the creation and maintenance of education, health and care plans.
- **Children and young people** - Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- **Children and Young People's Disability Service (CYPDS)** - The social care team supporting children with disabilities within RBWM.
- **Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies (CYPIT)** - NHS team encompassing occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy.
- **Department of Working Pensions (DWP)** - Responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy.
- **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** - A payment to help with care and mobility needs if you're living with a disability.
- **Dynamic support registers (DSRs)** - The mechanism for local systems to identify children, young people and adults who are at risk of admission to mental health inpatient services.
- **Education, health and care needs assessment (EHCNA)** - A statutory process undertaken by the local authority (Achieving for Children) to determine what support a child or young person needs. This might result in the issue of an education, health and care plan.
- **Education, health and care plan (EHCP)** - Education, health and care plan.
- **Educational setting** - Where a child or young person is educated: early years settings, schools or colleges.
- **EHCP annual review** - The review that is held each year to monitor the progress the child or young person has made towards achieving the intended outcomes in the education, health and care plan.
- **Emotional literacy support assistant (ELSA)** - A specialist teaching assistant providing targeted and time-limited intervention support to pupils who have social, emotional and mental health needs.
- **Emotionally related school avoidance (ERSA)** - A term referring to pupils who do not attend school, often having prolonged absence due to underlying emotional reasons.
- **IAS Service** - Information, Advice and Support Service.
- **MASH** - Multiagency Safeguarding Hub (also known as SPA) is the single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns about children and young people living in RBWM.
- **NEET** - young people not in education, employment or training.

- **Occupational therapist (OT)** - Supports children and young people with physical or sensory needs.
- **Preparing for Adulthood (PfA)** - The process of moving from childhood into adult life. It is used by professionals to describe the changes in services when a child becomes an adult. This transition can happen at different times for different people.
- **Preparing for Adulthood education engagement officer** - Does short pieces of targeted work with young people (aged 16 and above) who need additional support with transition into their next educational provision, and with young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) to re-engage them with educational or training placements.
- **Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM)** - Local authority in Berkshire, south east England.
- **Special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo)** - A specialist teacher with an additional qualification in special educational needs.
- **Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)** or special educational needs (**SEN**).
- **Single Point of Access (SPA)** - Single point of contact for all safeguarding and wellbeing concerns regarding children and young people (also known as MASH).
- **Speech and language therapist/ therapies (SALT)** - Supports children and young people who have difficulties with speech, language and communication, and swallowing.
- **Transition social worker** - Supports the transition out of children's social care into adult services.

Helpful resources

Website	Number	Email
Autism Berkshire	01189 594594	contact@autismberkshire.org.uk
Autism Group	01753 373244	info@theautismgroup.org.uk
Activities and clubs	N/A	N/A
SEND Register	N/A	disabilityregisterRBWM@achievingforchildren.org.uk
GEMS	01753 373244	gems.4health@nhs.net
IAS (Information, Advice and Support Service)	01628 683182	ias@rbwm.gov.uk
Local Offer	N/A	local.offer@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Max Cards	N/A	maxcard@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Slough - NotJUST A Store	07768 656 973	hq@not-just.org.uk
SEND Voices	N/A	info@svrbwm.org.uk
SPA (Single Point of Access)	01628 683150 option 2	MASH@achievingforchildren.org.uk



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