

Dear Colleague

Over the Summer we have been redeveloping the Kirklees Additional Needs Register and registrations recommenced on Monday 5 November.

What is the Additional Needs Register?

Under the Children Act 1989 all local authorities are required to maintain a register of children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities in their area. In Kirklees this is known as the Additional Needs Register. Registration is voluntary and can only be completed with consent.

The information we receive from the registration form will give us a clearer picture of special educational needs and disability in Kirklees and helps us to plan services across Education, Health and Social Care.

Why have we redeveloped it?

- Ensure we are capturing the most useful information and using it in a way which helps to inform the SEND Commissioning Strategy
- To incentivise registrations – the greater the numbers the more meaningful the information
- Ensure that the benefits of registering are clearly articulated to children and young people with SEND and their families
- Develop ways of sharing information to children and young people with SEND and their families. This will act as a compliment to the Kirklees Local Offer.

To register children or young people must:

- Be aged between 0-25 years of age
- Live in Kirklees or be the responsibility of Kirklees Council
- Have a special educational need and / or disability

How will children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families benefit?

- By registering, families are helping to provide a bigger picture of SEND in Kirklees which will help to support commissioning decisions.
- Where agreed to, families can receive a termly SEND newsletter providing information on relevant subjects / opportunities.
- Registration entitles the individual and one parent or carer to a free 'Flexi Card' with Kirklees Active Leisure giving a 20% discount on a wide range of activities.

For more information please visit:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/additionalneeds

Alison O'Neill
Additional Needs Register Officer
alison.o'neill@kirklees.gov.uk