

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – Sources of Further Information:

Action For Children - a major provider of family support services that works in partnership with local authorities across the UK <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Afasic – a speech and language impairment charity - <https://www.afasic.org.uk/>

BookTrust – the UK's largest reading charity <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Cerebra – support for children with brain conditions <https://www.cerebra.org.uk/>

CLAPA – Cleft Lip and Palate Association; a voluntary organisation specifically helping those with, and affected by, cleft lip and palate <https://www.clapa.com/>

Contact – a charity supporting families with disabled children <https://contact.org.uk/>

Council for Disabled Children - an umbrella body for the disabled children sector their website includes a section dedicated to parents/carers <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/>

Diverse Abilities - Dorset's disability charity supporting children and adults with profound physical and learning disabilities <https://diverseabilities.org.uk/>

Dorset Council - Getting Help for Your Family – a Local Authority Information Page on support services available for Children and Families <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/getting-help-for-your-family.aspx>

Dorset Parents Carers Council (DPCC) – a group of parents and carers of children who have a variety of special needs formed with the aim of helping to improve the lives and opportunities for families and children and young people who are disabled in Dorset <http://www.dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk/>

Dorset Portage Pre-school Support Service - a home visiting educational service for preschool children with SEND and their families <https://www.portage.org.uk/dorset-portage-pre-school-support-service>

Dorset's Local Offer for children and young people from 0 to 25 years with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/dorsets-local-offer.aspx>

Down Syndrome Education - an international charity that supports scientific research and delivers evidence-based advice and information to improve outcomes for children with Down syndrome worldwide <https://www.dseinternational.org/en-gb/>

I Can - a children's communication charity with the mission that no child should be left out or left behind because of a difficulty speaking or understanding <https://www.ican.org.uk/>

National Autistic Society - a charity for autistic people (including those with Asperger syndrome) and their families which provides information, support and services
<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

NATSIP - The National Sensory Impairment Partnership - a partnership of organisations working together to improve outcomes for children and young people with sensory impairment <https://www.natsip.org.uk/>

RNIB - The Royal National Institute of Blind People a sight loss charities and community of blind and partially sighted people. <https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Scope – a disability equality charity - <https://www.scope.org.uk/>

Talking Point – information for parents/carers and practitioners to help children develop their speech, language and communication skills <http://talkingpoint.org.uk/>

The Communication Trust – speech, language and communication support for everyone who works with children and young
<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/>

If you are looking for additional sources of further information please ask a member of nursery staff.