



Welcome to In Contact West Midlands, May 2018

Hello and welcome to our e bulletin for Contact in the West Midlands, the charity which supports families with disabled children.

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT US

Fill in our survey for your chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher

As we are here to support **YOU**, it is very important that we get **YOUR FEEDBACK** about how we are doing.

Your input will help us to make sure we are getting it right or, if not, you will give us the information we need to get better at what we do.

There is a link at the end of this page to some questions we would like to ask you and we promise it will not take more than a few minutes of your time to complete.

If you have attended one of our workshops, spoken to our helpline, come along to one of our family events, spoken to us at the children's hospital, had information from our parent advisers, or simply receive our e bulletin, we want to hear your views.

We want to make sure the support we offer matches your needs and the needs of all families with disabled or special needs children. So please tell us what you think about our work and the difference it has made to you.

To say thank you to anyone who takes the time to fill out our survey, we will enter participants in a draw for a £50 Amazon voucher. If you would like to be entered in the draw please include your email and telephone number so we can contact the winner.



[Click Survey](#)

WE ARE CONTACT, THE CHARITY FOR FAMILIES WITH DISABLED CHILDREN

We aim to support families with the best possible guidance and information; to bring families together to support each other; and to help families to campaign and volunteer to improve life for them-



Does your child still have a statement?

If your child's statement still hasn't been transferred to an EHC plan, your local authority has failed to meet the April 1 deadline. The Department for Education has said that any existing statements will remain in force. But, if you have a young person about to move on to another education setting, it is essential that the EHC plan is finalised well before the end of the school year.

Statements that might end before an EHC plan is in place

There are two categories of young people whose statement may end before the EHC plan is in place.

Young people turning 19

Unlike an EHC plan, a statement cannot legally remain in force beyond a young person's 19th birthday. A local authority can continue to provide the support in the statement until the end of the academic year, but they do not have to.

Young people aged 16- 19 who are moving to further education or training

A statement has no force in further education or training. If your son or daughter is moving on to college, or another education or training provision, they will need an EHC plan if they still need extra help for their education.

What if my child is in one of these two situations?

In both the situations above, the local authority should already have completed a transfer review. If the process is still ongoing, or hasn't started yet, contact your local authority without delay to ask them to either begin or complete the transfer review as soon as possible. You may need to make a formal complaint.

Stick out for a proper transfer

Even if your local authority is behind target and under pressure to transfer a large number of statements in a short time, they must not shortcut the legal requirements. An EHC plan should never just be a rebadged statement.

If you have any questions or concerns [Contact our helpline](#) to discuss your particular situation.



Counting the Cost

Mums, dads and other family members who care for children and young people with additional needs or disabilities: this is your chance to take part in important research about family finances and changes to the benefits system.

Your responses to our Counting the Costs 2018 survey will give us a unique snapshot of families' current financial situation and whether it is getting better or worse.

By filling out the survey you will be helping us to raise awareness and campaign for change - particularly as cuts to benefits continue to hit families with disabled children hard.

Counting the Costs is our flagship research that we've carried out every two years since 2008. Last time we found there was a [sharp rise in the number of families with disabled children going without heating and food](#). This was leading to too many disabled children and their families suffering ill health. As a result of the research our campaign achieved a number of improvements.

We need as many of you as possible to complete the survey and help us build that true picture by completing the survey which should not take more than 15-20 minutes. The deadline to complete the survey is 18 May 2018.

[Please help get your voice heard by completing our survey](#)

If you would like a hard copy of the survey or help completing the survey, please contact us on 020 7608 8742. The deadline is May 18.

Related items

Make sure you are claiming every penny, [see our webpages on benefits and other entitlements](#)

If you need someone to carry out a full benefits check to see that you are getting all you are entitled to, call our helpline on 0808 808 3555.



Sign our school transport petition

We know from our school transport inquiry that the impact of losing school transport is huge for families. Help us to make changes and close the loophole.



Unfortunately, more and more disabled children are being refused school transport or charged for it, as councils exploit a loophole in the law. How can it be fair that the law says a young person is expected to be in school or training until 18 but does not have the transport to get there once they turn 16?

We are calling on the government to close this loophole for disabled youngsters as they face additional challenges getting to school or college. Please sign our petition to close the school transport loophole for disabled youngsters <http://bit.ly/2HxKV2O> #schoolruncrisis

Need advice on school transport? Visit our page on [transport to school and college](#) and [post-16 school transport in England](#). You can also find out about [challenging school transport decisions](#).

Social Posts

Please sign @contactfamilies petition to close the school transport loophole for disabled youngsters <http://bit.ly/2HxKV2O> #schoolruncrisis

Or retweet this post <https://twitter.com/contactfamilies/status/976880759956033536>

Share and like our facebook posts <https://www.facebook.com/contactfamilies/photos/a.185804620213.255658.25040545213/10159992617555214/?type=3&theater>



Living without a diagnosis

Contact has updated our parent guide to Living without a diagnosis. You can download it [here](#)



SWAN UK

Have you been told your child has global developmental delay or failure to thrive but not been told the reason why?

Does your child have medical, physical or learning difficulties which are unexplained?

Is your child suspected of having a genetic condition but doctors are unable to say what it is.

Every year more than 6,000 children are born in the UK with a genetic condition so rare that it is likely to remain undiagnosed. There are some unique challenges to raising a child who is affected by an undiagnosed genetic condition. The charity SWAN (Syndrome with a name) offers support and enables parents to make contact with other families who understand their situation.

One parent said: “We felt isolated and alone before we found SWAN UK; we didn’t fit in anywhere. Joining SWAN UK was life-changing for us. We are part of a network who just get it.”

Joining SWAN is free for any family in the UK with a child aged 0-25 affected by an undiagnosed genetic condition. To find out more email info@undiagnosed.org.uk



Finding grants

If you are searching for grants, it sometimes helps to look to smaller providers, many of whom are Trusts which provide aid to restricted groups.

For example, the Fashion and Textile Children's Trust Fund offers grants to families in need where a parent has worked in the fashion or textile industry?

That definition is quite broad, so for example you might qualify if you have previously worked in a clothes shop. You don't have to be currently working in the fashion or textile industry now, as long as you have done for at least a year in the last nine years.

The grants range from £250 but can be considerably more and they fund essential items from buying a child's school uniform to funding specialist mobility equipment. It could also be used for clothing, education support, white goods or children's bedroom furniture.



No two applications are the same and each family's situation is viewed on a case by case basis. To apply you will need to be able to confirm your employer and the length of time you were employed.

You can find out more and look for more information online at www.ftct.org.uk

The Contact helpline can also help you find grant givers who offer support to families with disabled or special needs children. Call them on 0808 808 3555.

Or try the turn2us [grantfinder](#)



Powerchair Football Academy

Albion Foundation Powerchair Football Academy is recruiting.



The Albion Foundation Powerchair Football Academy is specifically designed for ambitious young sports people with high needs aged 16-24 years old who are passionate about football, coaching and sports leadership.

The Albion Foundation will work in partnership with Queen Alexandra College (QAC). The programme will be based around Powerchair Football and offered to students who use a power or manual wheelchair and are eligible under the Federation of International Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA) classification criteria.

The programme will give the students the opportunity to develop as a powerchair football player and to provide a player pathway from playing in Regional, National and International competition.

Young people will train for 12 hours per week which is the recommended time to become an elite performer. Key partners will deliver the specific sporting qualifications to students. Queen Alexandra College will be responsible for teaching the theory of the course in sports leadership, independence, employment and functional skills. QAC will ensure the highest quality of achievement is maintained to maximise future success and progress for all students on the course.

Want to find out more: - [DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)



Supported Internships

Supported internships are a study programme aimed at young people aged 16-24 who have an education health care plan and need extra support to move into employment.



Hereward College, Coventry, have a 10 month programme where young people spend up to 30 hours a week working in a range of different areas with the college's partner employers. They are supported by a job coach. Interns undertake City and Guilds qualifications in employability skills and can take maths and English qualifications suitable to their level.

To be eligible to apply, young people need to be between the ages of 16 and 26; registered disabled and they also need to be able to travel independently.

To find out more email: employability@hereward.ac.uk or call 024 7642 6185.

Journey to Work



Evolve is a new project which supports disabled people living in Cannock, Lichfield, Tamworth & East Staffordshire overcome the barriers to employment.

If your young adult is disabled or has a long term health condition and they are living in Cannock, Lichfield, Tamworth or East Staffs, they might be able to get support to get into employment.

The Journey To Work Programmes are run over 12 weeks for one day per week and are completely free of charge. You can be referred by your local job centre or sign up yourself.

The programme provides: personal assessment of needs; one to one advice and guidance; weekly classroom based sessions helping reduce barriers to work; volunteering and work experience placements; access to job clubs providing vacancies and application support; pairing with buddies to provide informal peer support and on-going support to sustain work.

To find out more and book a place on the next course in your area contact Disability Resource Centre on 0303 040 20 40



Could you help with research ?

Magda Charko, a PhD student, is researching the understandings of relationships and sexual health among people with learning disabilities and views of their parents. She is currently running an on-line survey for parents to explore their opinions regarding sex and relationships education and knowledge of their children.

She hopes that her research will lead to a better understanding of what people with learning disabilities do and do not know about the topic, and as a result will help schools and government design better interventions, educational programmes and support for parents.

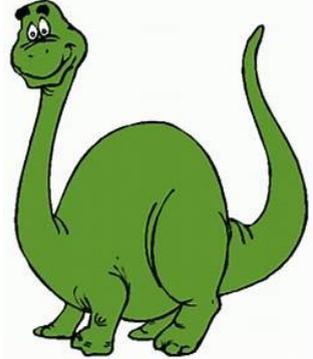
Everyone who completes the survey and leaves their email address will be entered into a prize draw for a £50 M&S voucher. To complete the survey and for more information, please follow the [link](#).

Alternatively, contact Magda directly via email mb1106@student.anglia.ac.uk



Dippy the Dinosaur, relaxed

From May to September this year, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery will be hosting a dinosaur exhibition as Dippy the Dinosaur comes to the city from the Natural History Museum.



The exhibition is free and is expected to be very busy, so BMAG are running two quieter sessions specifically for adults or children on the autistic spectrum or with other special needs as part of their Morning Explorers programme.

The Dippy the Dinosaur relaxed sessions for families with children on the autistic spectrum will run during the school summer holidays on Friday, July, 27 and Thursday, August 29. There are timed tickets for either 9 am or 10am and tickets should be booked in advance.

In the meantime the Morning Explorers will hold sessions at Sarehole Mill between 9 and 11am on May 19, and Blakesley Hall on Thursday, July 19.

To book for any of the sessions call 0121 233 4758.

Allenscroft Disability Resource Centre Activity Day

The Disability Resource Centre at Allenscroft Children's Centre in Kings Heath will be hosting a disability awareness day on June 8 from 9am-2pm. Families are welcome to go along and there will be lots of activities for children to take part in. You will also be able to meet local service providers and see what is on offer.

Find out about the Sensory Nest Sessions at Allenscroft on Monday, the Stay and Play sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the monthly coffee mornings, their holiday events and their parenting and baby massage courses.



Special Effects can help your child become a gamer

Disabled children can feel excluded when friends and family play video games and they can't join in because they can't control the equipment. But an organisation

called Special Effects can help. They are based in Oxfordshire and have a special games room with a suite of accessible gaming consoles and computers. Young people can visit the games room to see what works for them, or Special Effects can visit a young person at home if disability limits their ability to travel.



The charity's assessors know their games and adapted technology inside out, and their occupational therapists make sure that your seating, positioning and mounting will be right for any tech or modifications that we recommend.

The organisation doesn't charge for support visits or loans from their equipment library.

You can find out more on their [website](#) read about the impact being able to be a gamer has had on children when they have been able to play games with family and friends.

When Arlo's friends came round, they'd end up playing outside with his brother. Not anymore. He's now overcoming his disabilities and practicing to take on his mates - and he's pretty excited about it!

Ben never thought he'd be able to play video games because of his spinal muscular atrophy, but Special Effects blue toothed Ben's wheelchair joystick to a laptop so it could act as the left gaming stick for games like FIFA and Grand Turismo. They also rigged up a selection of light-touch switches for his fingers and connected them to the PlayStation via a couple of interfaces.



Adventure Holiday camp

At the time of writing there were two places still available for young people with disabilities aged between 13 and 19 to take part in a residential adventure holiday camp with 3 H helping Hand holidays. The holiday camp runs from **Saturday 4th August – Saturday 11th August 2018** and guests can enjoy various activities, which include a zip wire, sailing, a ropes course, a tube slide and a range of orienteering courses. There is also a state of the art sensory room, indoor caving system, sports hall and an impressive indoor climbing wall. The surrounding area offers further opportunities for caving and canoeing plus cycling and evening activities.

The holiday is offered on a full board basis with transport to the venue from Tunbridge Wells in specially adapted coaches. Care will be provided by experienced team of volunteer helpers, leaders and a medic. There will also be a day off-site to a local attraction. It costs £750 for the week.

Please contact Alex Brown or Kim Willdng on 01892 860207 or download an application form from [here](#).



Multi Activity Week for deaf children aged 8-18



The National Deaf Children's society will be running some FREE events for children this summer including a multi activity residential week in Bewdley for young people aged between 8 and 15. During the week (August 20-24) the young people will take part in a variety of fun activities including high ropes, climbing, abseiling, bushcraft, pond dipping, bug hotel, night walk, creative crafts and first aid.

The children's programme is about more than just having fun. The aim is to create a safe and deaf-friendly environment for deaf children and young people to try something new, improve their communication skills, meet deaf role models, and gain confidence in communicating with others – whether it's with speech, sign or a mixture of both.

Among the other events planned for the summer is a Transition Week for ages 12 plus in the South East of England, a Mission Adventure Wales week for 8-15 year olds and a summer holiday in Scotland for 8-18 year olds.

The closing date for applications for the Aug 20-24 residential camp in Bewdley is Friday, June 1. Email joanne.wanmer@ndcs.org.uk for more information.



Free workshops for parents

Education Health and Care Plans – Tribunals

Thursday May 3, 10.15am to 12.30pm

Shoosmiths, 6th Floor, 2 Colmore Square/38 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BJ

This is a free workshop for parents which will look at what happens in cases where there is a refusal to assess a young person; when it is appropriate to go to tribunal; and what to expect. To book a place on this workshop, please email westmids.office@contact.org.uk or call 0121 274 0437

Education Health and Care Plans – Challenging Decisions

Tuesday, June 19, 10.15am-12.30pm

Shoosmiths, 6th Floor, 2 Colmore Square/38 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BJ

This is a free workshop for parents who want to know how to go about challenging decisions in relation to an EHC plan. The workshop will help parents to understand the options open to them and the most effective way of achieving the outcomes they want. It will also look in details at every aspect of the ECH plan and explain how each section can be challenged and enforced, as well as covering annual reviews. To book a place on this workshop, please email westmids.office@contact.org.uk or call 0121 274 0437

Accessing Public Services

Thursday September 20, 10.30am-12.30pm

Church Lounge, Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langleys Road, B29 6HT

Do you have trouble accessing support services for your disabled or special needs child? The workshop will consider: Commonly occurring problems facing families accessing services; Recognising different types of dispute; Problem solving approaches

To book a place on this workshop, please email westmids.office@contact.org.uk or call 0121 274 0437



School and College Transport Issues

Tuesday, September 25, 10.15am to 12.30pm

Shoosmiths, 6th Floor, 2 Colmore Square/38 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BJ

This is a free workshop for parents which will look at school transport issues. The workshop will be facilitated by Gurvinder Kaur, a solicitor who specialises in public law, special needs education and community care issues.

To book a place on this workshop, please email west-mids.office@contact.org.uk or call 0121 274 0437

Personal Budgets and direct payments in education and social care

Thursday, November 22, 10.15am-12.30pm

Shoosmiths, 6th Floor, 2 Colmore Square/38 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BJ

This is an interactive workshop for parents discussing personal budgets and direct payments and how they can be used. It will also look at what parents can do in cases where their request is refused.

The workshop will be facilitated by Gurvinder Kaur, a solicitor who specialises in public law, special needs education and community care issues.

To book a place on this workshop, please email west-mids.office@contact.org.uk or call 0121 274 0437



What's On, Birmingham

Scamps Club and Smart Club

Saturdays in term time

Uffculme School, Queensbridge Road, Moseley B13 8QB

Inclusive play sessions organised by Parks4Play with the Scamps Club for under 8s, their siblings and friends; and the Smart Club for over 7s, their siblings and friends. The Scamps Club runs from 10.30am-12.45pm and the Smart Club from 1.30-4pm. The cost is £5 per child; £8 for two or £10 for three. Booking essential. Email fo@parks4play.org or call 0121 441 4682.

Out and About

Are you the parent or carer of a child aged 4 – 18 (19 if still in full time education) with additional needs? Are you looking for short breaks opportunities that will enable you to have a rest from your caring responsibilities? In partnership with Birmingham Carers Hub, Midland Mencap is offering 100 hours of short breaks activities at venues across the city.

To find out more call: ShortBreaks@birminghamcarershub.org.uk
T: 0121 4422944

Swim lessons for deaf and hard of hearing

One to one swimming lessons with Kelly, a fully qualified swim instructor trained in BSL L1 . The lessons take place at Nuffield House, Birmingham Central, and cost £25 per hour. For further information call Kelly on 07854 686275.

Coventry



Vibes Groups, Coventry

Social clubs open to children and young people at the medium to high functioning end of the autistic spectrum. The groups for ages 7-10; 11-15 and 16-19 run weekly during term time. The group aims to develop confidence and social skills through games and fun activities. You will need a referral from any professional working with the young person to access the groups.

Find out [more](#)

Stars Club, Coventry

A youth group for young people with disabilities running at the AT7 Centre in Coventry. Groups for ages 5-10 and 11-21. Games, fun and socialising. This is a busy group and you might have to wait for a space. £3 per session.

For further information call Salma on 024 7610 1040

Taking the Reins, Coventry

Taking the Reins is an Equine Facilitated Learning (EFL) programme which is partly funded by BBC Children in Need. EFL is a kind of therapeutic approach where you spend time with the ponies on the ground and develop communication skills, increase confidence and learn how to build and strengthen relationships. Due to BBC Children in Need funding, you may be eligible for some free sessions if you are 18 or under and are disabled or have a special need.

To find out more: 01788 816 671 or email: info@takingthereins.org.uk

Dudley

4Us Project Disability. For 13-25 year olds at The Source Youth Club, Wordsley, DY8 5PY. An inclusive project for children with disabilities. Sport, Arts and Crafts and trips. For more information call 01384 813967.



Take A Break, Saturday Clubs, Coventry and Warwickshire

Take a Break run Saturday Clubs run during term time from 10.00am-12.00pm. The Saturday Clubs offer a variety of activities including arts and crafts, sports, games, cooking and more and are open to those aged 3-18.

Venues: Coleshill (Community Centre), Warwick (the GAP), Alcester (scout HQ), Nuneaton (Hatters Space), Keresley (Community Centre), Rugby (Overslade Community Centre), Coventry (John White Community Centre)

The clubs run from 10am-12 pm. In Rugby there is primary age session at 10am-12pm; a mixed age specialist sensory session from 12-2pm and a secondary session from 2-4pm

Sandwell

Multisport

Saturday during term time, 11.30am-1pm

Portway Lifestyle Centre, Oldbury

A multi sports club open to young people aged 11 plus, their family and friends which costs £2 per person. Indoor sports hall, sensory room and 3Gpitch. Sports include football, basketball, badminton, dodgeball, skittles and table tennis.

For more information, call Mandy Williams, Sports Development Officer on 0121 506 4980 or email mandy.williams@slt-leisure.co.uk

Funarama - Out to play

Funarama is a specialist service for children and young people with disabilities. Activities are free and include singing, dancing, cookery, sensory drama and trips, and are adapted to ensure each child's individual needs are met. A waiting list operates for the service.

To apply for a place call 0845 352 7855 or email Samantha.harman@sandwell.gov.uk.



Evening Youth Club (11-18 Smethwick)

A chance for autistic young people aged 11-18 to meet for a fun session of games and activities. This free group is open to Sandwell young people only.

Wednesday, December 13, 6.30-8.30pm,

Cape Hill and Bearwood Children's Centre, Corbett Street, Smethwick
Cost : Free. Must be booked in advance. Contact Geeta: 07881 109 531

Get Out There, Sandwell

Thursdays 5-7pm at Summit Point, Smethwick

A friendly disability youth club for young people aged between 8 and 18. To be eligible a young person must be in receipt of DLA and live in Sandwell. The club offers a range of activities including sports, swimming, cooking, music, dance and film projects, table tennis and play station games.

To find out more email lucy.howard@sense.org.uk

Pan Disability Soccer pay and play sessions

Every Saturday morning, 10am-11am

WBA Community Sports Hall, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4LG

For more information email: laura.marriott@albionfoundation.co.uk
or call 0871 271 9840

Solihull

Family Boxercise, Solihull

A boxercise class for adults and children with disabilities and their siblings aged 6 plus, designed to build confidence and burn off excess energy.

Mondays, 5-6pm. £5.50 per person

Shelly Farm Community Centre, Farmhouse Way, Solihull, B 90 4EH.

Tel: 07707 931 439



Shropshire

Saturday Youth Group—9-18

First and third Saturday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm

Beechtree Community Centre, Claypit Street, Whitchurch.

A games and activities morning for 9-18s with autism. Parents can stay for a coffee and a chat or leave their child at the session. £3.00. No need to book. Just turn up.

Staffordshire

Golf Coaching

Every Monday 5-7pm; every Saturday 3-5pm

Range, Wood Farm, Broad Lane, Essington, Staffordshire

Golf coaching available for disabled children aged 6 and over. Parents and siblings welcome too.

To book, call Craig Thomas on 07973 798483 or email info@thegolfacademy.co.uk

Inspire clubs Family Fun days

Clubs in East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stafford, Staffordshire Moorlands, & Tamworth

The Inspire Disability Multi Sport Club will give you and your family the opportunity to try a range of different sports and activities in a relaxed and informal environment with qualified coaches. The free club is open to disabled children (5 to 18 years old), siblings, friends and parents. There will be a range of activities on offer such as multi skills, badminton, zumba, football, trampolining and many more.

For more information, call 01785 619398; email disabilitysport@staffordbc.gov.uk or log on to www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/abilitysport.



Warwickshire

ILeap, Warwickshire

Ileap Warwickshire organises a range of activities during term time and the school holidays. The groups include Ispot Drama for ages 11-16 and 17 plus in Stratford, and drama for 16 plus in Warwick; a healthy living club and cookery club for over 8s; a Crafty workshop for 12 plus, cinema visits, meals out and ten pin bowling.

You can log on to their [website](#) or call for more information on 07980 004381 or find an [activity listing](#)

Warwickshire Youth Phab

Warwick Youth Phab is a youth club held in Leamington for disabled and able-bodied young people aged 10-19 years.

It meets on Wednesday evenings during [University term time](#), from 6-8pm at the Westbury Centre, Westlea Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 3JE. It takes young people from all over, so if you are interested, send them an email at warwickyouthphab.members@outlook.com!

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Wolverhampton, Adventure Service Challenge

A group run by Barnardo's in the Black Country which gives children with special needs or disabilities in Wolverhampton a chance to take part in an adventure service challenge. The group meets fortnightly and is suitable for ages 8-11. The group also organise holiday club play activities.

To find out more call Barnardo's on 01384 411722

Worcestershire

Youth Clubs

Kidderminster Youth House, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster

A free monthly Youth Club for young people with autism. A chance for young people to relax and socialise with pool, Wii, arts and crafts and music. Advance booking essential. To book or for more information contact Geeta . Email: geeta@autismwestmidlands.org.uk



Keep in touch

If you would like us to publicise your events or activities in our e-news, please send details to us by the 20th of each month. We will do our best to include all relevant activities when space is available.

Please get in touch too if you would like to make suggestions about information to include which would be useful to parents.

Wendy at wendy.flynn@contact.org.uk or 0121 274 0437

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Contact

We are Contact, the charity for families with disabled children. We support families, bring families together and help families take action for others.

The Contact freephone helpline is an advice service for parents and family members caring for a disabled child. We also have a dedicated SEN (Special Educational Needs) service to advise families, on any aspect of their child's education.

Open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-5pm

Our freephone helpline: 0808 808 3555.

Email: helpline@contact.org.uk

Website: www.contact.org.uk

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