

Useful contacts for inclusion and special/individual needs

Everyone is different and this means that everyone has different needs to varying degrees. Therefore, if the children in your ALF club are going to be included in its activities appropriately, then their needs should be aimed to be met and accommodated with the necessary adaptations made. Some of these needs you will have knowledge about; some you may not; however specialist help is always at hand. Shown below are some useful contact details for people who specialise in some of the various areas. This list however, is not designed to be exhaustive and is only a mere representation of the needs and the help at hand for children. If a child's need is not shown below then please do ensure that you visit your local information centres such as the library and/or doctors' surgery in order to ascertain the information and support that you and the child need. Furthermore if you are working within a school, then the school's 'Special Needs/Inclusion Coordinator' may well be able to support you in this, with practical information and advice.

ADDISS The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service

PO Box 340, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 9HL

tel: 020 8906 9068 | fax: 020 8959 0727 | email: info@addiss.co.uk | web: www.addiss.co.uk

Afasic Provides advice on supporting people with speech impairments

2nd Floor, 50-52 Great Sutton Street, London EC1V 0DJ

fax: 020 7251 2834 | email: info@afasic.org.uk | web: www.afasic.org.uk

Helpline: 0845 355 5577 (Mon-Fri, 10:30am-2:30pm)

ASBAH Information on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

42 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UQ

Helpline: 0845 450 7755 (Mon-Fri) | tel: 01733 555988 | fax: 01733 555985 | email: info@asbah.org | web: www.asbah.org

Asperger's Syndrome Foundation

The Kensington Charity Centre, 4th Floor, Charles House, 375 Kensington High Street, London W14 8QH

email: info@aspergerfoundation.org.uk | web: www.aspergerfoundation.org.uk

See also: www.aspergerinformation.net & the National Autistic Society (below)

The British Dyslexia Association

98 London Road, Reading RG1 5AU

tel: 0118 966 2677 | fax: 0118 935 1927 | email: admin@bdadyslexia.org.uk | web: www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

Helpline: 0118 966 8271

Down's Syndrome Association

Langdon Down Centre, 2a Langdon Park, Teddington TW11 9PS

tel: 0845 230 0372 | fax: 0845 230 0373 | email: info@downs-syndrome.org.uk | web: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Helpline: 0845 230 0372 (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)

Dyspraxia Foundation

8 West Alley, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1EG

fax: 01462 455016 | email: dyspraxia@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk | web: www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

Helpline: 01462 454986 (Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm)

Epilepsy Action

New Anstey House, Gate Way Drive, Yeadon, Leeds LS19 7XY

tel: 0113 210 8800 | fax: 0113 391 0300 | email: epilepsy@epilepsy.org.uk | web: www.epilepsy.org.uk

Helpline 0808 800 5050 (freephone)

Equal Opportunities Commission

Arndale House, Arndale Centre, Manchester M4 3EQ

tel: 0845 601 5901 | fax: 0161 838 8312 | email: info@eoc.org.uk | web: www.eoc.org.uk

Helpline: 0845 601 5901 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

Mind National Association for Mental Health

15-19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ

tel: 020 8519 2122 | fax: 020 8522 1725 | email: contact@mind.org.uk | web: www.mind.org.uk

Mind info line: 0845 766 0163

Multiple Sclerosis Trust

Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 4ET

tel: 01462 476700 | fax: 01462 476710 | email: info@mstrust.org.uk | web: www.mstrust.org.uk

The National Autistic Society

Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 4ET

tel: 01462 476700 | fax: 01462 476710 | email: info@mstrust.org.uk | web: www.mstrust.org.uk

The National Deaf Children's Society

15 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8UR

tel: 020 7490 8656 | minicom: 020 7490 8656 | fax: 020 7251 5020 | email: ndcs@ndcs.org.uk | web: www.ndcs.org.uk

Helpline: 0808 800 8880 (freephone)

RADAR Royal Association for Disability And Rehabilitation

12 City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 8AF

tel: 020 7250 3222 | fax: 020 7250 0212 | email: radar@radar.org.uk | web: www.radar.org.uk/radarwebsite

Royal National Institute of the Blind

105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE

tel: 020 7388 1266 | fax: 020 7388 2034 | web: www.rnib.org.uk

Helpline: 0845 766 9999 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

SCOPE

Scope Response, PO Box 833, Milton Keynes MK12 5NY

email: response@scope.org.uk | web: www.scope.org.uk

Helpline: 0808 800 3333 (9am-7pm Mon-Fri & 10am-2pm Sat)

Tourette Syndrome (UK) Association

Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SW1 7SJ

email: help@tsa.org.uk | web: www.tsa.org.uk

Helpline: 0845 458 1252

NHS (in England - see links for rest of UK)

tel NHS Direct: 0845 4647 (24/7 helpline for health advice)

Encyclopedia of conditions: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/articles/alphaindex.aspx

SEN links: www.childrenfirst.nhs.uk/families/education/links.html

Department for Education and Skills

Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT

tel: 0870 000 2288 | fax 01928 794248 | Textphone/Minicom 01928 794274

web: www.dfes.gov.uk/www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/ete/sen/