



Newfield Guide to Local Groups, Clubs and Services for Children and Young People with Disabilities

The aim of this guide is to inform families about community based social activities that take place for children and young people with disabilities, in and around Blackburn with Darwen.

The guide also provides information about local services that support families of children and young people with disabilities.

If you know of a group, club or activity that is specifically for children with disabilities or is “disability friendly” please contact us at FamilyWellbeingCoordinators@newfield.blackburn.sch.uk so that we can include the details in this guide.

Activities for Children and Young People with Disabilities

Name of Activity/Group/Club	When does it take place?	Where does it take place?	Information and cost	Who can I contact for more details or to join?
AFC Lammack – Pan Disability Football Club	Wednesday 6pm-7pm	QEGS Sports Hall Lammack Road Blackburn BB1 8LA	Please ring for details and cost	Telephone 07725910761
Blackburn Rovers Pan Disability Football Session	Monday 5pm-6pm	Our Lady & St John High School North Road Blackburn BB1 1PY	£3 per session for children with a disability or Special Educational Needs aged 8 – 16 years. Sessions take place outdoors when possible or in the sports hall in poor weather.	Forms can be completed in the Reception Area at school on the night or complete the online form by visiting Blackburn Rovers Open Play.
Blackburn Rovers Disability Football Session for Young People with Down Syndrome	Monday 5pm-6pm	Our Lady & St John High School North Road Blackburn BB1 1PY	£3 per session for children with a disability or Special Educational Needs aged 8 – 16 years. Sessions take place outdoors when possible or in the sports hall in poor weather.	Forms can be completed in the Reception Area at school on the night or complete the online referral form by visiting Blackburn Rovers Open Play.
Diversity Club at Blackburn Youth Zone (In collaboration with IMO Charity)	Sunday 2pm-6pm (Age 8 to21 years) Monday 3.30pm-5.45pm	Blackburn Youth Zone Jubilee Street Blackburn BB1 1EP	Yearly membership of £3 may apply but weekly sessions are free to attend. Variety of activities on offer. Open to children and young	Contact Sajida Sidat to register your child’s place Tel: (01254) 781310 or 07541 938 431 Or email Sajida.sidat@imocharity.org

	Age 11 to 16 years)		<p>people with disabilities, aged 8-25 years.</p> <p>Children/Young People who require 1:1 support would need to take a carer or PA to accompany them at the session.</p> <p>Children/Young people who do not require 1:1 support can attend unaccompanied but please discuss all support needs fully with Youth Zone.</p>	
Don't Dis Ability Boccia Club with Blackburn Community Sports Club	Thursday 6pm-7pm (term time only)	St Bede's Specialist Sports College Sports Hall Livesey Branch Road Blackburn BB2 5BU	For Children with disabilities aged 6 years and above. Cost is £2 subs per week.	Contact Rob Kit on 07913 601166 Or email: rob@sportingnrg.co.uk
Family and Community Enterprise (FACE) Project – in conjunction with Birds of Paradise (Tuyoorul Jannah)	Saturday 1pm-3pm	St Stephen's Primary School Robinson Street Blackburn BB1 5PE	A club for children with disabilities aged 7-19 years. Activities include arts and crafts, singing and dancing, Lego. Cost is £3 per child, per session. Parents are welcome to	<p>Maximum of 15 children per session. Applications to join must be made on line and then an assessment will be undertaken to determine whether the child's needs can be met by the project.</p> <p>For more information contact</p>

			stay but this is not a requirement.	07832 233223 or email hello@faceandme.org.uk or go to www.faceandme.org.uk
Fox Foundation Football and Fenny Reccers (Inclusive Disability Football Session)	Saturday 9.15am-10am	St Bede's Specialist Sport College 3G Pitch	A session for children in school years 1-4. A new opportunity for children to take part in weekly disability football sessions, consisting of fun, game based activities to develop physical and social skills.	For cost and to check availability please contact FOXFOUNDATIONFOOTBALL@OUTLOOK.COM
Hearing Impaired Toddler Group	Once a month during term time on a Tuesday morning	Shadsworth Children's Centre Shadsworth Road Blackburn BB1 2HR	Free of charge. Group is for pre-school children who have a diagnosed hearing impairment.	At the moment places remain limited due to Covid 19. Please contact the centre for more details on (01254) 680733 or email Nicola.steele@blackburn.gov.uk
Kaleidoscope Youth Club (formerly Apple Trees Youth Club)	Wednesday 6pm-8pm (Term time only)	Kaleidoscope Off Lindisfarne Avenue Blackburn BB2 3ER	The club is available to children with moderate learning needs aged from 8- 18 years. It is free of charge.	Numbers are limited and as such places have to be booked and confirmed before a child can attend. Please contact: Joanne Birtwistle Children's Disability Service (01254) 666898 or email joanne.birtwistle@blackburn.gov.uk
Kids Next Door Youth Club	Thursday 7pm-9.30pm	Knott Street Community Centre Knott Street	A youth club for young people aged 11-21 with a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome or young	Contact Elizabeth Clarkson at Elizabeth.clarkson@blackburn.gov.uk for availability and to book a place.

		Darwen	people who are anxious in social settings. At the moment there is no cost to attending the club.	
Margaret Haes Horse Riding Centre	Please check for opening days and times.	Margaret Haes Horse Riding Centre Moor Road Holcombe Bury BL8 4NX	The Margaret Haes Riding Centre is an independent charitable organisation which has helped hundreds of children and adults with special needs enjoy the experience of riding ponies over the West Pennine Moors. The centre offers introductory riding lessons to both disabled and able-bodied children and adults. The centre offers private or group sessions, birthday parties, pony days and events in their indoor and outdoor school for all abilities. Prices vary depending on what type of session. Please see the website for details.	Contact (01706) 821337 or email: mhrc@hotmail.co.uk
OJ's Saturday Family Club	Saturday 11am-3.30pm (Families can arrive at a time suited to them and are welcome to stay	Hillside Specialist School and College, Ribchester Road Longridge PR3 3XB	The aim is to offer a friendly and understanding session to give parents of children with autism, peace of mind that their child's needs are understood. OJ's staff run	Contact Lisa Donoghue at lisa@ojscare.org or on 07971 723 607 Or Bryony Donoghue at b.donoghue@ojscare.org

	as long as they like within the above times).		<p>the session but children are always the responsibility of parents and carers, therefore children need to be supervised at all times.</p> <p>Indoor activities are set up and we have lots of safe and outdoor spaces to explore.</p> <p>This is a family session, therefore, siblings are welcome to visit with the child they are looking after.</p> <p>Carers are also welcome to visit with children they are looking after.</p> <p>Places are limited, so that all attending have a positive experience. Therefore, all sessions must be pre-booked.</p> <p>The cost is £4 per person.</p>	<p>Places can also be booked on line by visiting www.ojscare.org</p> <p>(SESSIONS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO FUNDING ISSUES – PLEASE ENSURE THIS HAS NOW RESUMED)</p>
Rosendale Special Ski Club (Rosski)	Ski training takes place on Saturdays between 2pm-4pm	Ski Rosendale Haslingden Old Road Rawtenstall BB4 8RR	Rosendale Special Ski Club (Rosski) is open to any young person in East Lancashire and neighbouring counties with a Learning Disability who either wants to learn to ski or who can ski. We are	For more information Tel: (01706) 231479 Or visit www.rosski.org.uk

			<p>based at the dry ski slope at Ski Rossendale.</p> <p>We are a very friendly welcoming club always looking for new members. The criteria is that members must have or have had a Statement of Special Educational Needs or be on School Action +. There is no upper age limit but we have set a lower age limit of 6 years.</p> <p>We aim to open up skiing to a group of young people who may never have had the opportunity to ski. We are Associate Members of Special Olympics GB and offer the opportunity to those skiers who meet SOGB criteria the chance to compete at local, national and world level.</p> <p>Please contact the club for costs.</p>	
<p>Tuyoorul Janaj (Birds of Paradise)</p> <p>Specialist Madrassah</p>	<p>5.15-7.15pm (hourly slots) Monday to Friday.</p>	<p>Former Coach House Day Nursery 35 Shear Bank Road Robinson Street</p>	<p>To meet the varying needs (including religious and cultural needs) of individuals with SEND</p>	<p>For more information or to join the Madrassah please contact 0782558144 Or email: tuyoorul_jannah@hotmail.co.uk</p>

	Saturday 9am-1pm or Sunday 11am-3pm	Blackburn BB1 8AP But also deliver 1:1 sessions within the home	(special educational needs and disabilities) using a holistic approach. Aged 4 – 19 years. To provide every individual, with the opportunity and enabling environment to grow and flourish to achieve their full potential. To provide a nurturing environment that is happy, safe and stimulating through a team of highly skilled specialist staff. Available to children from 4 years of age with no upper age limit. Cost is £10 per session for private funding students and £12 per session for those on direct payments.	
Wacky World Inflatable Park ASD/Disability Friendly Session	Monday at 6pm-7pm	Wacky World Inflatable Park 4 Campbell Street Preston	Wacky World is an inflatable activity course. Perfect for anyone wanting to explore Wacky Fun under a more controlled environment.	Although there is no requirement to pre-book, families are advised to book on line as places are limited and there is some paperwork (Waiver form) to complete prior to entry. For more information, please contact:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights turned down • Music Off • Quiet rooms (if required) • Fully trained staff <p>Cost is £5.95 per child. One carer can access for free but additional carer's/adults are charged £1.95</p> <p>Sessions are available for children aged 0 to 12 years.</p>	01772 920 105 or email: preston@wackyworlduk.co.uk
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Local Attractions that are FREE!

Sometimes we forget about the local attractions and community resources that we have in the borough, and our surrounding areas, which are accessible, fun and don't cost anything.

Name of Attraction/Resource	Where is it?	What are the opening times?
Blackburn Library	Town Hall Street, Blackburn BB2 1AG Tel: (01254) 661221	Monday 10am-7pm Tuesday to Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-4pm
Blackburn Museum	Museum Street, Blackburn BB1 7AJ Tel: (01254) 667130	Wednesday to Saturday 12-4.45pm

Brockholes Nature Reserve (Car Park Charges Apply)	Preston New Road Preston PR5 0AG Tel: (01772) 872000	Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm
Clitheroe Castle Grounds	Castle Gate Clitheroe BL7 2JX Tel: (01200) 424568	12-4pm (Charges Apply to Enter the Museum)
Darwen Library	Knott Street Darwen BB3 0BU Tel: (01254) 706021	Monday 10am-7pm Tuesday – closed Wed & Thurs 1pm-5pm Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-2pm
Park/Walk	Witton Country Park, Blackburn	Open all hours
Park/Walk	Corporation Park, Blackburn	Open all hours
Park/Walk	Queens Park, Blackburn	Open all hours
Park/Walk	Boldventure Park, Darwen	Open all hours
Park/Walk	Sunnyhurst Woods Darwen	Open all hours
Park/Walk	Worden Park Leyland	Open all hours
Singing Ringing Tree	A unique musical sculpture that overlooks Burnley. Close to the Dunnockshaw Millennium Wood, part of the Forest of Burnley reforestation programme, and links to the Pennine Bridleway and local walking routes.	Open all hours

CEA Card (Cinema Card)

The Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

The Card is also one way for cinemas to make sure they look after their disabled guests. If you require an adjustment to visit a cinema because of your disability, cinema staff should make them for you whether you have a CEA Card or not.

The Card is developed by UKCA's Disability Working Group, whose members include film exhibitors and distributors, and national disability charities such as RNID, RNIB, Dimensions and Whizz Kidz.

The CEA Card is available to applicants aged 5 years and above.

To apply, you will need:

- [Proof of eligibility](#)
- A photo
- Payment of £6.00

You will need your previous card number if you wish to renew your CEA Card.

You can pay for your card online or by post.

For more information please go to www.ceacard.co.uk

Don't forget about your local Children's Centre. Some of the centres have sensory rooms that you can book, libraries and other resources such as mother and toddler groups. Some offer clubs and activities in the evenings. Why not give them a call and request an activities list or contact the Families Information Service at fis@blackburn.gov.uk

Name of Centre	Address	Contact Number
Accrington Road	Accrington Road Blackburn BB1 2AF	(01254) 666120
Audley and Queens Park	Pringle Street Blackburn BB1 1SF	(01254)507750
Darwen	Lord Street Darwen BB3 0HD	(01254) 778900
Earcroft	Monton Road Darwen BB3 0HF	(01254) 870900
Hancock Street	Hancock Street Blackburn BB2 2LZ	(01254)666230
Higher Croft	Fishmoor Drive Blackburn BB2 3UY	(01254) 267920
Little Harwood	Robinson Street Blackburn BB1 5PE	(01254) 506910
Livesey All Age	Andrew Close Blackburn BB2 4NU	(01254) 507950
Longshaw	Crosby Road Blackburn BB2 3NF	(01254) 698832
Shadsworth	Shadsworth Road Blackburn BB1 2HR	(01254) 680733
Wensley Fold	Carnarvon Road Blackburn BB2 6NL	(01254) 585085

Specialist Holiday Provision

Children aged 5 and over can access the Inclusion Project run by Young People’s Services during the summer holidays. The sessions are free and families are usually allocated one, 4 hour session each week of school holidays. The sessions take place at Kaleidoscope which is situated off Lindisfarne Avenue in the Highercroft area of Blackburn. To enquire about availability and to register, please email: Michaela.philipson@blackburn.gov.uk

For children and young people aged 8-19 years Young People’s Services deliver the sessions over all the school holidays including half term. Again, the sessions are free and take place at Kaleidoscope. Families are usually offered one, 4 hour session each week of the holidays. To enquire about availability and register, please email: Michaela.philipson@blackburn.gov.uk

When additional support is needed...

Families who are struggling to manage and meet the needs of their disabled child can request additional support from the Children's Disability Service, Social Care. The need for support is assessed via a Child and Family Assessment, which will be undertaken by a social worker. If the assessment identifies that short breaks or support are needed, the child will open up to the team under the category of Child in Need and a package of support will be implemented. Please note that there is an expectation that families will have already trialled some of the groups and activities listed within this guide and families need to be able to explain why they are not meeting their child's individual needs. To request an assessment, please telephone Children's Services on (01254) 666400.

This guide is one of a series of guides that have been developed by the Family Wellbeing Coordinators at Newfield School. The aim is to provide our families with useful information about local and national services, groups, activities etc. The information contained was correct when the guides were completed but it is the responsibility of parents and carers to contact any service they wish to access prior to attending, or to check that a specific activity, service or group is suitable for their child to attend. The relevant contact details are listed to assist you. It would be helpful if parents and carers notify the Family Wellbeing Coordinators should they discover any details to be incorrect or that groups are no longer taking place so that the guides can be updated. The Family Wellbeing Co-ordinators will aim to update the guides every 6 months and publish the updated versions on the school's website.