

In-School Peer Support Impact Report

April 2022 - March 2023



Delivering In-School Peer Support sessions for parent carers of children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities.

Aiming to provide one Peer Support SEND Coffee morning in every school across North Somerset. Developing and encouraging SEND parent carer school communities to meet regularly, signposting to further support & advice and supporting parent carers and school staff to work together.

“I never realised there was so much we could access.”

“Thank you for listening, you are an amazing team.”

“I didn't realise what NSPCWT could offer, I am definitely interested in the training.”

“These coffee mornings will help a lot of our parent carers.” SENCO

“helped me with the tools and language I needed to communicate with the school”

KEY FACTS



Number Of Attendees

221 Parent carers
45 School staff / professionals



Number Of Schools Visited

45



Number of Support Referrals to SAY

67 (for SEN Support)

“I didn’t know who to ask for help as I don’t want to be the naggy parent, thank you for your help.”

Areas Parent Carers are seeking support for:

- Support in school
- Access to SALT
- Availability of clubs/groups
- Support for medical issues in school
- Support in school for a child without diagnosis
- Child who can be violent
- How to contact therapies
- Transition of support to Secondary School
- Hospital passports for hidden disabilities
- Long waiting times to see a community paediatrician
- Discharged from therapies with no support
- What to do while waiting for diagnosis to support child (often ASD related with long waiting list)
- Access for DLA & CA
- Accessing a dietician
- Access to short breaks / direct payments
- Appropriate adjustment at school to keep child safe
- Diet & restrictive eating
- Medication / GP
- Criteria preventing access to CAMHS
- Support for Sensory needs
- Long waits for EHCna & annual reviews
- Support in classroom
- Who to ask for support at school
- What to say to teachers
- Not wanting to be “that parent”
- Support for tests and exams
- Adjustments for managing anxiety

Schools Attended

St. Andrew’s Primary
St Peter’s Primary
Haywood Village Primary
Ravenswood Specialist School
St Anne’s Primary
Worlebury Primary
Heron’s Moor Primary
Bourneville Primary
Walliscote Primary
Castle Batch Primary
Milton Park Primary
Flax Bourton Primary
Locking Primary
Yatton Primary
Mendip Green Primary (at The Firs)
St. Katherine’s Primary
Banwell Primary
Westhaven Specialist School (at The Firs)
Kewstoke Primary
Uphill Primary
Court De Wyck Primary
Corpus Christi Primary
Nailsea Secondary
Sandford Primary
St. Joseph’s Primary
St Francis Primary
Windwhistle Primary
RESET (at The Firs)

“I found your session so informative and useful.” SENCO