

ISLES OF SCILLY LOCAL OFFER NEWSLETTER

Summer is here and in this addition we will focus on activities available for children and young people through the summer holidays as well as support available. In addition we will be celebrating some of the achievements made through the Covid-19 pandemic, looking at the Isles of Scilly Inclusion Charter and lots more!

Isles of Scilly Inclusion Charter launched to promote better services for children

The Council's Children's Services team have worked with local parents and children as well as the school, early years providers and social care to produce an Inclusion Charter aimed at developing an inclusive culture and improving services for children with SEND on the islands.

The Charter is the culmination of a process starting in April 2019, when the Rotherham Genuine Partnerships team from the National Alliance for Partnership Working visited Scilly. Events were held community wide with education, early years, health, social care, young people, parents and the voluntary sector to develop our own locally agreed and understood approach to inclusion and partnership working using the 'Four Cornerstones' of inclusive practice and co-production which are:

- Welcome and care
- Value and include
- Communicate
- Work in partnership

The Charter will be used to ensure that families, parents, carers, children and young people are fully involved in all strategic decisions that affect their lives and that inclusion is at the heart of our community as a human right which embraces all people irrespective of race, gender, disability, or other attributes which can be perceived as different.

The Council and the Isles of Scilly Parent Carer Forum are looking forward to the Rotherham Team's return to Scilly in April 2022, when we will be reviewing how well the Four Cornerstones of Co-production and Inclusive practice are now embedded in partnerships within the community of Scilly and identify next steps in collaboration with our partners and families.

"The Isles of Scilly Parent Carer Forum worked with our members and colleagues from school, children's services and adult social care to co-produce the Charter of how we will work together, with our children and young people and their families at the heart of all discussion and decision."

Tracy Smith
Strategic Lead, Isles of Scilly Parent Carer Forum



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"I'm delighted that partners have worked collaboratively to produce our Isles of Scilly Inclusion Charter. It is a real demonstration that all stakeholders have the right to be heard and valued equally. I believe it is an important document for improving our culture of inclusion and strengthening outcomes for children, young people and families."

Councillor Joel Williams
Lead Member Children and Young People

Isles of Scilly Inclusion Charter

Developing an inclusive culture and better services for children and young people with SEND



What is Co-Production?

- ♥ Everybody working together for the benefit of children and young people.
- 💡 Starts at the conception of ideas.
- 💬 Open, honest and transparent communication.
- 🤝 Everybody's contribution is equally valued and respected.



Everybody working together for the benefit of children and young people

- Everyone is enabled and empowered.
- Everyone will feel safe and supported.
- Process will grow with the child and be appropriate.
- The process will feel effective.
- Focus on the positives.
- Children and young people always at the centre.
- Families feel that someone has got your back.



Open honest and transparent communication

- It will feel easy to express your views.
- Doors will be open - not closed.
- Use language in a supportive and jargon free way.
- Enable regular check ins.
- Listening and hearing.
- Compassion and clarity.
- Say things once and be clear about information sharing.



Starts at the conception of ideas.

- What is actually happening?
- Process is as important as the outcome.
- Have a clear picture of the ongoing journey.
- Overcome challenges right at the beginning.
- Processes will be reflective, dynamic, creative and flexible.



Everybody's contribution is equally valued and respected

- Barriers will not exist.
- See the person not the role.
- Being heard.
- Support each other to contribute.
- Small things matter.
- Responsive to individual need and take the time to understand needs.



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Thank you so much to the talented Lizzie Rodger, Isaac Mawer and Rebecca Streeter for helping with the illustrations and design of the Charter!

Celebrating Achievement

The restrictions that Covid-19 brought made it difficult for all organisations on the Isles of Scilly to operate the way they would wish. Covid-19 slowed down the rate of progress for us to implement all the things we agreed to do in our SEND strategy and action plan. However we wanted to celebrate the achievements that have been made, through partnership working, since the genuine partnership event in 2019.

The Council of the Isles of Scilly, Five Islands Academy, health partners and the Parent Carer Forum have been working really hard to improve the life experiences and outcomes of all children and particularly those with special educational needs and disabilities.

We recently had the Local Government Association over to check over our services so this also chimes with their thinking so there is also an external eye to make sure this is actually happening! Here are some highlights:

- Co-produced a charter for children with disabilities, a strategy and action plan to drive forward improvements
- Improved partnership working and particularly with those on the mainland to drive forward the visibility of children and families on Scilly
- Updated our record of need
- Developed a new Five Island Academy improvement plan for all children on the register of need
- Strong early identification of need especially in early years with improvements to local, expert early years SENCO provision
- New pathway in place for the early identification and support for emotional health and wellbeing issues
- A strong partnership vision in place to create a whole community approach to inclusion
- Local Offer in place with all the information on services available to families
- Preparing for Adulthood working group in place with a stepped approach to the needs of all children as they transition to the mainland
- £500k secured to make capital investments to improve inclusion of SEND children across the Academy estate
- Really strong health input into service planning

We have lots more to do but we hope you see that we can achieve so much together.

Our next areas of focus are:

- Ensuring that the KS4 offer mirrors the philosophy of Achievement for All with a broad and fulfilling education provided to every single one of our children.
- Embed quality assurance of our EHCPs and IPMs so that outcomes are SMART and make a difference to children
- Continue to develop the Preparing for Adulthood pathway
- Drive the participation of young people in the development of solutions
- Promote our new Short Breaks Offer to all those children with SEND who do not have a social worker have access to social opportunities



Summer on the Isles of Scilly

Children's Services, Active Scilly, Move Scilly and clubs on the Isles of Scilly have been working together to create a wide ranging programme of activities for children and young people on the Isles of Scilly throughout the summer holiday.

Keep an eye out for individual posters from these organisations giving more information on what is on offer. A calendar of events has been shared to the Scilly Kids Activities Facebook page. If you can't access this please email us at localofferscilly@scilly.org.uk and we will share it with you.

We want to take this opportunity to remind families that if your circumstances are preventing access to these activities then we may be able to help. Please email localofferscilly.org.uk in the first instance.

SENSational Scilly

All children and young people who are on the SEND support register are invited to join SENSational Scilly, a monthly Saturday activity session for those aged 4 to 18 years.

SENSational Scilly activity sessions include games, TV, crafts snacks etc and there is a chance for everyone to plan future activities.

Further information is available at:
www.localofferscilly.org.uk/family-information

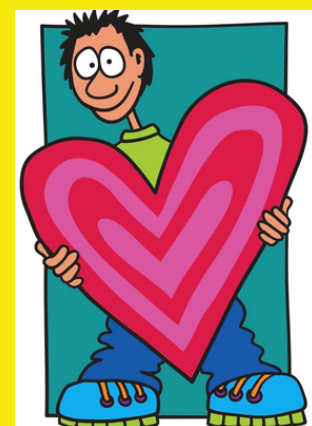


Sibling/Carer Group

The Siblings and Young Carers Group is for children and young people who help to care for someone in their family with an illness, additional need or disability and/or are a sibling.

The Sibling and Young Carers Group gives children and young people the opportunity to meet other young carers in an informal way, giving them a break and an opportunity to enjoy activities and they will be running sessions over the summer holidays.

Further information is available at:
www.localofferscilly.org.uk/information-support



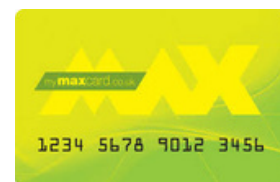
Get your MAX card

Max cards are available for people aged 0-25 with additional needs or who are looked after.

A max card gives families of children with additional needs and foster families a discount or free entry to participating venues in the UK.

If you feel you or your child is eligible for a max card then please email: localofferscilly@scilly.gov.uk

For up to date information about where you can use your Max card please visit the Max card website: www.mymaxcard.co.uk





SENsational Summer

Summer holiday activities for children and young people on the school SEND register



30th July	Lunch and Horse riding
5th August	Day out to St. Martin's
11th August	Decorating Roundels
20th August	Day out to St. Martin's
24th August	Day out with RSPB
27th August	Lunch and Bowls
3rd September	Martial Arts

There are a variety of summer holiday activities that you can join in with and these are the ones just for you.

Boat access funding is available.

Please email: LocalOfferScilly@scilly.gov.uk for further information and to book

Children and Family Services Summer Activities



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Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th August - Level 1 bike skills workshop, St Mary's

Meeting: Five Island Academy MUGA, St Mary's base

Time: 10am - 12pm

Age: no age category, based on skill level

Cost: Free



Monday 9th August - lunch and bowls at St Mary's golf club

Meeting: St Mary's golf club

Time: 12.30pm - 3pm

Age: Children going into year 5 in September and upwards

Cost: £3

Wednesday 11th August - Roundel Painting with Oriel, St Mary's

Meeting point: Phoenix glass studio, Porthmellon, St Mary's

Time: 10am - 12pm

Age: Children aged 8 and upwards

Cost: £8



Monday 16th August - RSPB geocache with Jaclyn, St Mary's

Meeting Point: Steps to Porthcressa beach, St Mary's

Time: 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Age: Going into year 5 in September and upwards

Cost: Free

Thursday 2nd September - Mixed Martial Arts with Darren Norris, St Mary's

Meeting Point: Carn Gwaval Sports Hall

Time: 10am - 12pm

Age: Going into year 5 in September and upwards

Cost: £5

How to Book:

For the level 1 bike skills workshops please email: beth.guy@scilly.gov.uk

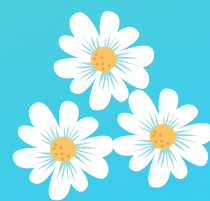
For all other activities please email: localofferscilly@scilly.gov.uk

Numbers for some of the events are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Consent forms and further details will be sent on booking.

Boat access is funded for off island children. To arrange this please let us know on booking and we will discuss arrangements with you.

Please contact us on localofferscilly@scilly.gov.uk if you want to discuss any of these activities further.



Online Parenting workshops and courses



Together for Families are offering online workshops for parents covering ADHD, Autism Spectrum and the Teenage Brain.

Being Passionate about parenting with an introduction and awareness to ADHD - a 6 hours workshop for parents/carers of young people aged 5 to 11 years of age. Delivered over 3 sessions online:

Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th August 6 - 7.30 pm

Mondays 20th, 27th September and 4th October 10 - 11.30 am

Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th November 6 - 7.30 pm

Being Passionate about parenting with an introduction and awareness of the Autism Spectrum - a 6.5 hours workshop for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 11 years of age without a diagnosis. Delivered over 4 sessions online:

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August 10 - 11.30 am

Tuesdays 28th September, 5th, 12th and 19th October 6 - 7.30 pm

Thursdays 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd December 10 - 11.30 am

Passionate about the teenage brain - delivered over 3 online sessions (1.5 hours per session), for parents and carers of young people aged 12 - 17 years of age

Thursdays 12th, 19th and 26th August 10 - 11.30 am

Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th October 1 - 2.30 pm

Book via the Early help Hub: Visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelp and download 'Request for Help' booking form, complete and email to earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk



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Headstart Kernow are offering parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world.

Delivered through a series of multimedia workshops for parents and carers living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Designed to help you get a better understanding of the everchanging world your child is growing up in, to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

For further information please visit the Headstart Kernow website and search for online wellbeing courses.



For further information about these online workshops and information about other online courses visit the Local Offer website:
www.localofferscilly.co.uk/family-information

Keyworker Role for the Autism Liaison and Intervention Team (ALIT) on the Isles of Scilly

Ruth Featherstone is the named Keyworker for the Autism and Liaison Intervention Team (ALIT) for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. This is a national pilot trial and the aim of the role is to work with children and young people to keep them out of an inpatient unit working with them and their families when they are in crisis.

The keyworker's function is seen as being an important response to ensuring children and families get the right support at the right time and that local systems are responsive to meeting their needs in a holistic and joined up way.

To access the service of a Keyworker you must have a diagnosis of autism, be on the dynamic support register and be between 0-18 years of age. Referral is through CAMHS.

Support and information for Parents and Carers



The Isles of Scilly Local Offer website has information about the available provision to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families on the Isles of Scilly and if you have a question please email us.

Visit: **www.localofferscilly.org.uk**

Email: **LocalOfferScilly@scilly.gov.uk**

There are lots of online resources, virtual support groups, courses and podcasts for parents, parents-to-be and families on our Family Scilly website.

Visit: **[www.familyscilly.org.uk/support for families](http://www.familyscilly.org.uk/support%20for%20families)**

If there is something you would like to contribute to the next newsletter then please email us at:

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