

Support Available to Gearies Families

Children with SEND and Disabilities

Information, advice and support for children, young people and families in Redbridge

At Gearies Primary School, we want to make sure that all of our families know about the support available for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). There are a range of services through the **London Borough of Redbridge**. This guide gives you an overview of what is available and how to find out more.



Redbridge SEND Local Offer

The Redbridge SEND Local Offer brings together information about services and support for children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND.



You can find information about:



Activities and clubs



Education and SEND support



Health services



Support for parents and carers



Short breaks



Social care



Preparing for adulthood



Local organisations and support groups



Disabled Children's Register

Redbridge has a Disabled Children's Register for children and young people aged 0–18 who live in the borough.



- ✓ Joining the register is voluntary.
- ✓ Being on the register does not mean that your family is involved with Social Care.
- ✓ It does not affect any benefits or services you already receive.
- ✓ You will receive information about relevant services, activities and events.
- ✓ You may also be able to access a Max Card, which provides discounts at a range of attractions and family activities.



Short Breaks

Some children and young people with disabilities may be able to access Short Breaks.

Short Breaks provide children with opportunities to take part in enjoyable activities while also giving parents and carers a break from their caring responsibilities.

Different levels of Short Break support are available. Some activities can be accessed more widely, while more specialist support may require an assessment of the child and family's needs.



Children with Disabilities Service

This is a specialist service for children with permanent, severe or profound disabilities who may require additional social-care support.

Where appropriate, a Child and Family Assessment can look at the needs of the child and wider family.

Support could include:

- help for the child and family
- support within or outside the home
- access to activities
- Short Breaks or respite
- support for parents and carers
- planning for future needs and transition into adulthood.

Having SEND or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) does not automatically mean that a child will meet the criteria for this service.



Not sure where to start?



You do not need to work everything out by yourself. You can contact **Redbridge Family Information Service (FiND)** for information about services available locally.

FiND telephone:

0800 587 7500

020 8708 6220



We can help

If you think your child or family may benefit from support but you are unsure where to start, please speak to the **Gearies SEND Team**. We can help you understand the different services and point you towards the most appropriate support.



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Scan the QR code or visit:
www.redbridge.gov.uk/sen-and-disability-local-offer



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www.redbridgeiass.org.uk/disabled/children/reg/



Short Breaks

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