



Chester-le-Street

If your child has SEND and you would like information and advice about what is available to support their needs, then these sessions are for you.

Information and advice sessions for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

You can speak to a member of the Graduated Approach Pathways (GAP) Team at your local Family Hub and:

Get advice and guidance around the type of support your child may receive in their school/college

Get advice about services available to your child's school/college

Find out about further services available to you and your child in your local area

You do not need a diagnosis to attend, and sessions are drop-in, you do not need an appointment. We will see people on a first come, first served basis.



Chester-le-Street Family Hub

Gray Avenue, Chester-le-Street, DH2 2EL

Telephone 03000 261 111



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Dates and times of sessions

Tuesday 9.00am to 12.30pm on:

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| • 3 November 2025 | • 13 April 2026 |
| • 1 December 2025 | • 11 May 2026 |
| • 5 January 2026 | • 1 June 2026 |
| • 2 February 2026 | • 6 July 2026 |
| • 2 March 2026 | |

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan or is going through an Education, Health and Care assessment, please speak to your allocated SEND Caseworker direct as we are unable to give advice in these instances.

SEN Support 'v' Education, Health and Care Plan

EHCP 'v' SEN Support Plan	SEN Support Plan	EHCP
Does it identify essential support for children with learning difficulties and special educational needs?	✓	✓
Can the child's/young person's (CYP) school claim funding to put the support in place?	✓	✓
Will the CYP's special educational needs be regularly reviewed?	✓	✓
Will the support change if my child's needs change?	✓	✓
Will CYP's views be included?	✓	✓
Are parent/carers views included?	✓	✓
Can a special school place be applied for?	✗	✓
Can parent/carers request?	✓	✓



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FamilyHubsSENDGroups](http://www.durham.gov.uk/FamilyHubsSENDGroups)



Local Offer



Family Hub Drop In Sessions—Do you have a question about SEND?

- Speak directly and confidentially with a SEND Caseworker
- Visit **ANY** Family Hub
- No appointment needed

GAP SEND Caseworkers

Want to know what is meant by the Graduated Approach?

What services can help my child?

Is mainstream or special school right for my child?

My child has a diagnosis do they have to go to Special School?

What do SEND acronyms mean?

What are the advantages/disadvantages to 1:1 support?

What is the difference between SEN Support Plan and an EHC Plan?

What are the main areas of special need?

Does my child need an EHCP to get support in school?

What is an EHCP?

What is a SEND register?

How do I know if school are meeting the needs of my child?

What is an SEN Support Plan?



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Monday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

1st September 2025	6th October 2025
3rd November 2025	1st December 2025
5th January 2026	2nd February 2026
2nd March 2026	13th April 2026
11th May 2026	1st June 2026
6th July 2026	

Bishop Auckland Family Hub

Tuesday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

2nd September 2025	7th October 2025
4th November 2025	2nd December 2025
6th January 2026	3rd February 2026
3rd March 2026	7th April 2026
5th May 2026	2nd June 2026
7th July 2026	

Easington Family Hub

Monday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

8th September 2025
15th June 2026

Tuesday 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

9th December 2025
17th March 2026

Seaham Family Hub

Friday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

12th September 2025

Thursday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

20th November 2025

Tuesday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

20th January 2026
19th May 2026
21st July 2026

Wednesday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

11th March 2026

Horden Family Hub

Monday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

20th October 2025

Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

8th January 2026

Tuesday 9:00am to 12:30pm on:

Peterlee Family Hub

Wednesday, 9:00am to 12:30pm on: