

## **Kirklees Information, Advice & Support Service (KIAS)**

**(formerly known as Parent Partnership Service)**

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KIAS is a dedicated service for parents, carers and young people, providing free, impartial and confidential Special Educational Needs & Disability information, advice and support.

The KIAS plays a key role in promoting positive relationships between parents, schools, Local Authorities (LAs) and others. This is important in enabling children and young people with SEN to achieve their potential. Kirklees Local Authority set up this service in order to ensure that parents of children with SEN are fully informed and involved in their child's education. Although the KIAS is part of the LA, it operates independently.

The service offers parents and carers the following:

- Independent support and someone to talk to in complete confidence.
  - An explanation of matters concerning SEN.
  - Information Leaflets about special educational needs.
  - Help with filling in forms and expressing views.
  - Someone to attend meetings with.
  - Information about local support groups and voluntary agencies.
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