

# Barnet Leading Edge Groups

## Special Educational Needs & Disability Support in Barnet

### Leading Edge Groups (LEGs) - Overview

There are currently five Barnet Leading Edge Groups, each group having a specific area of SEND focus. The current LEGs each focus on the one of the following specific SEND areas:

- Down syndrome
- Speech, Language and Communication and Specific Literacy Difficulties
- Autism
- Physical Difficulties
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health

The Leading edge groups are facilitated by education and form a group of parents and professionals from education, social care and health. We actively seek representation from parents, young people and relevant professionals who have an interest in any of the LEG areas offered. We support Barnet take a strategic lead to help early years settings, schools and further education colleges and provision to improve outcomes for our children, young people and their families.

We study best practice, explore latest research and also use the expertise of the parents and professionals in the leading edge group. We facilitate a coproduced approach that can inform local authority SEND guidelines / practice to further support children, young people and their families. When possible we research to try and find out the best ways to help our children make progress and to have successful placements. We meet termly to work effectively together to influence practice in educational settings. We all have different roles and support the group according to our different perspectives.

**If you would like to join one of the five Leading edge Groups please utilise the following contact details to inform the relevant LEG coordinator:**

Lead Coordinators	Area	Date of next mtg	Venue
Sarah Geiger <a href="mailto:Sarah.Geiger@barnet.gov.uk">Sarah.Geiger@barnet.gov.uk</a>	Down syndrome	18.01.2017 9:15am – 11am	NLBP S1, Building 2.
Marina Costa <a href="mailto:Marina.costa@barnet.gov.uk">Marina.costa@barnet.gov.uk</a> Rosie Rebeiro / Liz Severn <a href="mailto:Rosie.Rebeiro@Barnet.gov.uk">Rosie.Rebeiro@Barnet.gov.uk</a>	Speech, Language and Communication/Specific Literacy Difficulties	15.03.2017 1pm – 3pm	Broadfields School.
Kathleen Tripp / Luci Rose <a href="mailto:Kathleen.Tripp@Barnet.gov.uk">Kathleen.Tripp@Barnet.gov.uk</a>	Autism	23.02.2017 10am – 12pm	Northway Special School
Gina Mime / Ros Levy <a href="mailto:Gina.Mime@barnet.gov.uk">Gina.Mime@barnet.gov.uk</a>	Physical difficulties	25.01.2017 1pm – 3pm	Colindale School
Mary Helmore / Alison Swanton <a href="mailto:Mary.Helmore@barnet.gov.uk">Mary.Helmore@barnet.gov.uk</a>	Social, Emotional and Mental Health	15.03.2017 9:30am – 11:30am	TBC