

Markfield Welcome Pack



Summer 2025

About Markfield

Markfield is an inclusive community hub dedicated to providing opportunities for play, social interaction, information, and support. Established in 1979 by parents of disabled children, Markfield is an independent, registered charity committed to promoting inclusion and empowering individuals and families.

Hello and welcome!

On behalf of our staff and volunteers, we extend a warm welcome to Markfield. This information pack is designed to provide you with everything you need to begin accessing our services. We hope you find the support you are looking for and that your children enjoy the engaging and inclusive activities we offer.



Markfield was founded by parents like you, who wanted to give their children enriching and fun packed activities. Over the years we have strived to meet the needs of the whole family. You are at the heart of what we do and how we do it, so once you start using our services, please do let us know how we are doing.

Silvia Hurtado
Director, Markfield

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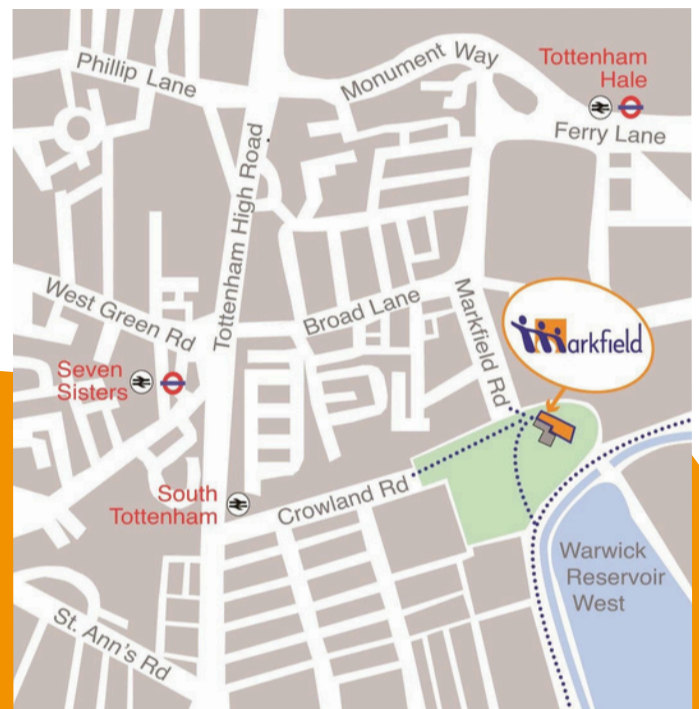
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-  020 8800 4134
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How to find us

The Markfield Project, Markfield Road, N15 4RB
Tube: Seven Sisters, Tottenham Hale
Bus: 41, 76, 123, 149, 243, 259, 279
Rail: South Tottenham, Seven Sisters, Tottenham Hale
Driving: Vehicle access is via Markfield Road.
There is limited parking next to the centre



After-school clubs and holiday playschemes

Our clubs and playschemes are designed to support children with a wide range of abilities and disabilities, including Autism and Down's Syndrome. We offer tailored one-to-one support where required, ensuring each child can participate fully and confidently.

After school Clubs

Markfield runs afternoon and evening clubs for children and young people, where they can socialise, relax, enjoy indoor and outdoor play activities, music, art, sport, films and plenty more.

If you would like to book a space on a club or find out more about Children & Youth Services, please email enquiries@markfeld.org.uk or call us 0203 667 5232

- Tuesdays: 4 to 6.30pm **Gems club** - for siblings of disabled children aged 5 to 12
- Tuesdays: 6.30 to 9pm **Kool Club** - for disabled young people aged 16 to 25
- Wednesdays: 4 to 6.30pm **Fire Club** - for disabled young people aged 14 to 19
- Thursdays: 4 to 6.30pm **Mighty M Club** - for disabled children aged 5 to 12
- Fridays: 4 to 6.30pm **CJ Club** - for disabled young people aged 12 to 19

Summer term dates: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 4th July (Half term break: 26th to 30th May)

Playschemes

We run playschemes for children with disabilities and their siblings with activities accessible to all between 10am to 3pm. We welcome children and young people aged between 6 and 19 years old.

May Playscheme dates: Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May

Cost

The cost for each child is based on the support they need. Families who qualify for a short breaks personal budget from the Local Authority can use this to pay for after school clubs and playschemes. We also have some free and subsidised places for young people with additional needs who do not qualify for a short breaks personal budget.

Activities & facilities at Markfeld include:

- Adventure playground with dens, swings, slides, bonfire, sandpit and zip wire
- Arts, crafts, textile, music and gardening and cooking activities
- Trampoline, football and basketball
- Split level soft play room, large hall

Free clubs

Saturday autistic youth club

This once-a-month Saturday club is for young people aged 12 to 17 years old who have a recent diagnosis of autism, or who are on the waiting list for an autism assessment. Please contact us for further details.

Gems siblings afterschool club

This weekly Tuesday club is for children aged 5 to 12 who have a disabled brother or sister.



Markfield parent/carer support groups

We invite you to join us for a tea or coffee at one of our welcoming parent and carer drop-in groups. These sessions offer an opportunity to connect with our Family Support Team, explore the range of services Markfield provides, and engage with others in a supportive environment. We also host guest speakers who share valuable insights on topics related to parenting and supporting disabled children.

Friday parents support drop-in

Our parent support group provides an opportunity for parents, carers and friends of disabled people to socialise and build networks of support by sharing knowledge in a relaxed, informal and inclusive setting.

Please note we can no longer provide a creche for this session.

When: Fridays 10am to 12 noon in school term times **Cost:** Free

Summer term dates: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July (no session during half term on **Friday 30th May**)

Autism parent support meetings

Autism support parents' meetings in-person are bi-monthly meeting for parents with children either on the waitlist for an autism diagnosis or recently diagnosed.

Dates for the Summer term: **Friday 6th June 10am – 12pm**

This is a **drop in** session. No need to book.

Advice and information

Disability benefits

We offer free **one-to-one appointments** to help you with filling in forms for disability benefits such as **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** and **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**. We can also help with applications for Carers' Allowance, Blue Badge and Taxi Card.

Support appointments for DLA and PIP applications can be booked via the **familyadmin@markfield.org.uk**

Please note we can only support with appeals of DLA and PIP applications originally completed with Markfield.

Please telephone our Family Team on 020 3667 5233 or send an email to **familyadmin@markfield.org.uk**

Autism information

One-to-one appointments:

- For parents of children either on the waiting list for an autism assessment, or recently diagnosed. Please contact us for more details.
- For autistic young people (or who are on the waiting list for assessment) aged 16 to 25

Providing information to help you navigate the health, education and social care services in Haringey for autistic children and young people, plus help to understand what the diagnosis means.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service



The Haringey Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (**SENDIASS**) is provided by Markfield. **SENDIASS** is a **free, impartial and confidential** service for Haringey residents. We offer parents, carers, and children and young people who have (or may have) special needs:

- **Help to navigate** and understand the procedures and services to support children and young people with SEND, aged from 0 to 25 years
- **Advice** about your options to access education, health and social care services
- **Support to** contribute your views to assessments and reviews, fill in forms and prepare for meetings
- **Help when things go wrong**, including support with disagreement resolution and mediation
- **Support** around school exclusions, and with complaints/appeals on SEND-related matters.

Contact SENDIASS

Telephone the SENDIASS helpline: **020 8802 2611**

(if you cannot get through please leave a short message and we will call you back)

Email: sendiass@markfield.org.uk

Drop in to Markfield Community Centre N15 4RB on Thursdays between 10 am and 12 pm to see an advice worker (term time only)

Drop in to our monthly **Family Club** at the Markfield centre, on the second Saturday each month in school term-times, from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

www.markfield.org.uk/sendiass/

The SENDIASS service is funded by Haringey Council

Free consultations for parents with an Educational Psychologist

Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour?

Parents who live or attend school in Haringey can book a free 40-minute one-to-one consultation with an educational psychologist from Haringey Educational Psychology (EP) Service. The EP can talk through your concerns with you, help you make a plan of action and signpost you to sources of help and support. The consultation sessions happen at Markfield community centre, or by telephone if you prefer.

How to book: send an email with your **name** and **telephone number** to familyadmin@markfield.org.uk or **telephone: 0203 667 5233**

SENDIASS information sessions for parents and carers

Our SENDIASS Team runs a programme of online and in-person information sessions on various aspects of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) procedures. These sessions are FREE for parents/carers of children and young people with additional needs living in Haringey.

SEN support in schools for children who don't have an EHC Plan Tuesday 6th May 10am to 11.30am Online

An explanation of the law covering the duties of schools to identify and meet the special educational needs of children who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Plus an overview of Haringey guidance to schools on what they are expected to provide from the school's resources.

Requesting an EHC needs assessment and what should be in a good EHC Plan Tuesday 3rd June 10am to 11.30am Online

Explaining the criteria for and process of requesting an Education Health & Care needs assessment, including how to appeal if the request for a needs assessment is refused by the Local Authority. Also, a guide on how to review the different sections of an EHCP to check that your child's needs are accurately described, and the provision in the Plan is clear, specific and quantified.

Getting the right support in school for your Autistic child Tuesday 10th June 10am to 11.30am Online

How to navigate the special education needs system, focusing on what help is available in mainstream schools for autistic children and those waiting for autism assessments.

Understanding the SEND system Tuesday 24th June 10am to 11.30am Online

Key principles of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Code of Practice. The system for SEND provision in schools, reviewing progress, Education Health Care needs assessments and Plans (EHCPs), Annual Reviews, mediation and appealing against Local Authority decisions.

Educational Psychology Webinars

Delivered by Haringey Educational Psychology Service

Spaces can be booked via Markfield Eventbrite page: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/markfield-31140926185

Emotion Coaching

Tuesday 29th April 12 to 1pm

Social and Emotional Development

Tuesday 10th June 12 to 1pm

Online training courses are delivered via the **Zoom** application.

If you need support with setting up zoom please let us know when booking.

You will be emailed a link the day before the session.

To book a place:

Online training courses can be booked via Markfield Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/markfield-31140926185>

You will receive an email with a link to the zoom meeting after booking.

If the event is **sold out** on **Eventbrite** please contact the **SENDIASS Team** and they will send you a link to the meeting - sendiass@markfield.org.uk.

Family Club

On the **second Saturday of each month during term time**, Markfield hosts our ever popular **Family Club**. Families have full access to our indoor soft play room and Adventure Playground. A shared lunch is provided and a SENDIASS Advice Worker is on hand to offer information and advice on SEND issues.

When: Sessions will be held on **10th May, 14th June and 12th July**

Cost: £3 suggested donation per family (includes lunch)

Just drop in, no need to book!



Training workshops for parents & carers

Training workshops are **FREE** for parents/carers of children **living in Haringey** who are on the waiting list for an Autism assessment or recently diagnosed.

Please note all places must be booked in advance.

Email: sendiass@markfield.org.uk or telephone 020 8802 2611

Light lunch served, please **state any dietary requirements** when booking.

Use of visual aids

When: Friday 23rd May, 10am – 2pm

Positive Behaviour Support - 2 day workshop

When: Friday 20th and 27th June, 10am-2pm

Please note parents will need to commit to both days when booking.

Understanding Autism

When: Friday 4th July, 9.30am-1.30pm

Where: all workshops are held **in-person** at **The Markfield Project**.

How to book: please email sendiass@markfield.org.uk or 020 8802 2611

Transition to Adulthood Mentoring

Our transition to adulthood programme provides bespoke support to help young people set their own goals, make informed decisions, and understand their rights as they move into adult life. Our mentor scheme matches trained volunteer mentors with a young person in transition to adulthood, supporting with trips into the community to develop confidence and skills. The young people will also meet regularly for group sessions focusing on promoting independence and developing life skills.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor with our Transition to Adulthood scheme, we offer four days of free training. You will gain employment skills during your placement and volunteering with Young People and Adults in this way can be a pathway into youthwork and support work.

Stepping Stones

For children under 5

Stepping Stones is a 10-week specialist sensory play and language programme for children under 5 with additional needs in communication, social skills and language. The programme runs once a term with small groups of families.

The programme is designed to support children

- who have a suspected or diagnosed speech and language delay or disability
- who are showing challenging behaviour or have recognised behavioural difficulties
- who may have additional sensory and developmental play needs such as autism, global delay or physical disabilities

It's supports parents and carers

- to better understand their child's play needs
- by offering a supportive, informal environment where they can learn, experiment and share
- by giving lots of ideas for fun games, activities and songs that help develop a child's speech, language, social communication and play skills
- by offering further opportunity to play in an inclusive and supported environment
- by encouraging the sharing of what has been learned with others

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities parenting course

Markfield run a free parenting support programmes especially for parents and carers of children with additional needs and disabilities.

The Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities course helps parents with

- Understanding how communication works and how to better communicate with your child
- Strategies to improve your behaviour management skills
- Reflecting on the challenges of being a parent and on our own family values
- Building community links and celebrating cultural diversity

Our Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities parenting course is delivered by qualified trainers accredited by the Race Equality Foundation.

Each session includes a free lunch

How to book on these training courses or get more information:

Telephone 0203 667 5233 or **email:** familyadmin@markfield.org.uk

Booking required

Please telephone our Family Team Administrator on 020 3667 5233
or send an email to familyadmin@markfield.org.uk

Social clubs for adults with learning disabilities and autism

Markfield's adult services are for people with learning disabilities or autism who are aged over 18 years. All clubs run for a total of 36 weeks a year during term-time. The club places are booked on a termly basis. **Summer term dates:** Tuesday 22nd April to Monday 21st July (Half term break: 26th to 30th May)

Our clubs provide creative and social spaces where you can share and learn new skills, make friends, keep active and have fun.

Art Engine is a weekly art club run on Mondays from 11am to 3pm. We provide a range of activities focussed on developing creativity and art skills. These range from sculpture, printmaking, poetry and drama to cooking, yoga and craft based activities and trips.

All for One is a club for autistic young people who meet on Mondays from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. This group enjoys music, craft, discussion groups, fitness sessions, dance and DJing and trips.

Cosmos Rainbow Club runs on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 3pm. This structured session supports club members to take part in cooking, music, dance, craft based activities and trips out.

Markfeld at Nite is where the weekend begins, with this music and dance based social club running from 6.30pm to 9pm on Friday evenings. This lively session with a 'night club' feel is run by its own elected committee, who makes decisions on trips and activities. The club also holds regular men and women's discussion groups exploring issues such as relationships, politics and health.

Costs vary depending on whether it's a day or evening club, the level of support the person requires and transport requirements.

If you are interested in attending one of our adult clubs please contact Roz Corrigan on 020 3667 5227 or email rcorrigan@markfeld.org.uk



Some other sources of support

- **Haringey Local Offer website** www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer
The Local Offer is a website with information for parents/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. It has details of the services offered in Haringey for children with SEND.
- **Contact** www.contact.org.uk
The national charity for families with disabled children
- **National Autistic Society** www.autism.org.uk
Charity for people on the autism spectrum and their families
- **IPSEA** www.ipsea.org.uk/
IPSEA offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs and disabilities.

Support our work

Donate to Markfeld

Donations are always welcome big or small. Every donation helps out work For details of how to donate to Markfeld please see our website: www.markfield.org.uk/get-involved/donate-or-fundraise/ or telephone: 020 8800 4134

Become a member of Markfeld

Another way to actively support our charity is to become a member. As a member you will be invited to our Annual General Meeting where we elect the Trustee Board members.

Hire the Markfeld centre for your party or event

Markfeld is a beautiful historic building in the heart of Tottenham's award-winning Markfield Park. You can hire our space for small and large-scale parties, meetings, training, away days or exercise classes.

Contact us





for more information about hiring the centre, making a donation or becoming a member.
Telephone: 020 8800 4134 Email: enquiries@markfeld.org.uk

Thank you to all our funders



Address: Markfield Park,
Markfield Road, N15 4RB

Markfield is an inclusive community hub where people can play, socialise and get information and support.
Our vision is a world where disabled. Deaf and autistic people are treated as equals. have a voice and can live the life they want.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Free advice surgeries for parents & carers and young people Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Helpline Monday to Friday 9.30 to 5, extended hours Wednesdays (7pm) and Thursdays (6pm)</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Art Engine Daytime arts session 11am to 3pm for adults with learning disabilities and autism</p>  | <p>Free training for parents / carers on SEN & disability See our training schedule on the website for dates</p> | <p>Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities Free parenting course for parents & carers</p> | <p>Drop in SENDIASS Advice drop in Advice on education issues 10am to 12pm</p> <p>Stepping Stones training course Free 10-week training course for parents & carers with children under 5 years old with communication difficulties</p>  | <p>Drop-in Parents support group & Information Hub 10am to 12pm in term-time. Free advice drop-in for parents / carers of disabled children</p>  | <p>Monthly Family Club On the 2nd Saturday of each month in Feb and March, from 11.30am to 2.30pm. £3 donation including lunch. All welcome, especially families with disabled children and young people.</p> |
| <p>Disability Living Allowance Help with claims & appeals. Contact us for appointment times</p> | <p>Cosmos Club Daytime session 10.30am to 3pm for adults with learning disabilities and autism</p> | <p>Haringey Educational Psychology Team Free phone consultation appointments for parents/ carers at various days/times. Please contact us to book an appointment – see details below</p> | <p>Autism advice surgeries, parents groups and training For parents of children and young people on the waiting list or who has been recently diagnosed. Please contact us for details.</p> | | |
| <p>All for One club Evening session for autistic young adults. Socialise make friends and go out on trips</p>  | <p>Gems Club After school club 4pm to 6.30pm. For siblings aged 5 to 12</p> | <p>Fire Club 4pm to 6.30pm For disabled young people aged 14 to 19</p> | <p>Mighty M Club 4pm to 6.30pm For disabled children aged 5 to 14</p> | <p>CJ Club 4pm to 6.30pm After school club for disabled young people aged 14 to 19</p> | <p>On Saturday and Sunday afternoons the Markfield community centre can be hired for private parties and events. Please contact us for more details on prices and to make a booking</p> |
| <p>Monthly autism group For young people on the waiting list or who has been diagnosed. booking required</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Markfield @ Nite Club night for adults with learning disabilities / autism</p> | | | | | |

To find out more about our services, to book an advice surgery appointment or training place or to enquire about joining one of our clubs, please contact us:

Phone: 020 8800 4134 (to book appointments and training call: 020 3667 5233)

Email: enquiries@markfield.org.uk

Website: www.markfield.org.uk

Dates for parent/carer groups: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 18th July (Half term 26th to 30th May)
 Dates for Children & Youth clubs: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 4th July (Half term 26th to 30th May)
 Dates for Adults: Tuesday 22nd April to Monday 21st July (Half term 26th to 30th May)