



# Vale of Evesham School

"a specialist school for cognition and learning - enabling inclusion in the community"

## Useful Links for Parents

### Information and support

Description	Link to Website
Department for Education	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departmentforeducation">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departmentforeducation</a>
Worcestershire County Council Schools Website	<a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools</a>
Direct.Gov Schools	<a href="https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/">https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/</a>
The children's centre	<a href="http://www.4children.org.uk">www.4children.org.uk</a>
Early help in Worcestershire	<a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20642/early_help_family_support">http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20642/early_help_family_support</a>
SENDIAS – Formerly parent partnership support and information for parents in dispute with LA or schools.	<a href="http://www.SENDworcestershire">www.SENDworcestershire</a>
Family information service	<a href="http://www.worcesterhire.gov.uk/familyinfo">www.worcesterhire.gov.uk/familyinfo</a>
Government information website with information about benefits	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/dla-disability-livingallowancebenefit/overview">https://www.gov.uk/dla-disability-livingallowancebenefit/overview</a>

independent parental special education advice	<a href="http://www.ipsea.org.uk">www.ipsea.org.uk</a>
Advocacy support	<a href="http://www.onside-advocacy.org.uk">www.onside-advocacy.org.uk</a>
MENCAP	<a href="http://www.mencap.org.uk">www.mencap.org.uk</a>
Thrive – helping to prepare children for life’s emotional ups and downs	<a href="http://www.thriveapproach.co.uk">www.thriveapproach.co.uk</a>
Move – charity supporting children with physical disabilities	<a href="http://www.themovepartnership.org.uk">www.themovepartnership.org.uk</a>
John Martins Charity – grant giving charity for residents of Evesham	<a href="http://www.johnmartins.org.uk">www.johnmartins.org.uk</a>

## Communication

Description	Link to Website
Tacpac Sensory activities to support interaction and communication	<a href="http://www.tacpac.co.uk">www.tacpac.co.uk</a>
TaSSeLs – tactile signing for sensory learners	<a href="http://www.pavpub.com/tassels">www.pavpub.com/tassels</a>
Signalong	<a href="http://www.signalong.org.uk">www.signalong.org.uk</a>
The Communication Trust	<a href="http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk">www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk</a>
Elklan communication trainers	<a href="http://www.elklan.co.uk">www.elklan.co.uk</a>
Language for learning	<a href="http://www.languageforlearning.co.uk">www.languageforlearning.co.uk</a>

## Support Groups

Description	Link to Website
National autistic society	<a href="http://www.autism.org.uk">www.autism.org.uk</a>

Autism West Midlands	<a href="http://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/">www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/</a>
Down's Syndrome Association	<a href="http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/">www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/</a>
Down Syndrome Education International	<a href="http://www.dseinternational.org">www.dseinternational.org</a>
Cerebral Palsy	<a href="http://www.scope.org.uk">www.scope.org.uk</a>
Contact a Family	<a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk">www.cafamily.org.uk</a>
MENCAP	<a href="http://www.mencap.org.uk">www.mencap.org.uk</a>
Acorns Children's Hospice	<a href="http://www.acorns.org.uk">www.acorns.org.uk</a>
Unique the Rare Chromosome Disorder Support	<a href="http://www.rarechromo.co.uk">www.rarechromo.co.uk</a>
Smith Magenis Syndrome Foundation	<a href="http://www.smith-magenis.co.uk">www.smith-magenis.co.uk</a>
The Fragile X Society	<a href="http://www.fragilex.org.uk">www.fragilex.org.uk</a>
National Deaf Society	<a href="http://www.ndcs.org.uk">www.ndcs.org.uk</a>
The PDA Society	<a href="http://www.pdasociety.org.uk">www.pdasociety.org.uk</a>
Royal National Institute for the Blind	<a href="http://www.rnib.org.uk/">www.rnib.org.uk/</a>

## Toys & Equipment

Description	Link to Website
Fledglings (excellent for homesafety equipment, clothes, dining)	<a href="http://www.fledglings.org.uk">www.fledglings.org.uk</a>
Crelling (specialist car seats and harnesses)	<a href="http://www.crelling.com">www.crelling.com</a>
Sensory and Specialist Toys	<a href="http://www.cheapdisabilityaids.co.uk">www.cheapdisabilityaids.co.uk</a>
TFH – specialist toys and play equipment	<a href="http://www.specialneedstoys.com">www.specialneedstoys.com</a>
Bag Books Multisensory Stories	<a href="http://www.bagbooks.org">www.bagbooks.org</a>

Family Fund (grant making fund for one off purchases)	<a href="http://www.familyfund.org.uk">www.familyfund.org.uk</a>
Tactile and audio books for children with visual impairments	<a href="http://www.livingpaintings.org">www.livingpaintings.org</a>