

Respite / Care Packages

Parents / carers will need to complete a Parent Carer Needs Assessment (PCNA) for the Children with Disabilities Team which will allow the team to assess what level of support you may be eligible for from the Children with Disabilities Team..

The PCNA can be accessed online by parents ([PCNA Central Bedfordshire](#)) or you can call 0300 300 8585 and talk it through with a member of the Access and Referral Hub who will be able to give advice / signposting.

Financial Support

Parents of children under 16 with additional needs can apply for **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**, you can find the application form [here](#).

Once a child reaches 16 this will transfer to Personal Independence Payment (PIP), this is usually automatic but in case not, information is available [here](#).

Universal credit is available to adults who are out of work, on a low income or unable to work. You can find more information [here](#).

There are a number of benefit eligibility calculators available which can help you see what you might be entitled to, you can find a selection of them [here](#).

Transport

Some families will be eligible for a Blue Badge, please see the [website](#) for information on who might be eligible and how to apply.

Free bus passes are available for disabled children and adults (subject to meeting criteria). You can check eligibility and apply [here](#).

[Citizens Advice](#) and [The Disability Resource Centre](#) can provide advice and support for all the information included.

You are also welcome to contact our Family Support Worker, Alton, for support with applications etc. Please call the main school number and ask for Alton Johnson.

Please be aware that when requesting support with form completion we can not accommodate urgent requests and will usually need at least a week.