



10 Things Every Family *with Additional Needs*

Should Know in Calderdale



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You're Not Alone

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Every Child Has a Right to Be Included

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SENDAIASS Calderdale Can Be Your Ally

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service offers free, impartial advice to help you navigate schools, EHCPs, and more.



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Early Support Makes a Difference

Don't wait for a crisis. Calderdale health visitors, speech and language services, and your GP can make referrals early. **keep asking until you're heard.**

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Schools Have a Legal Duty of Care

Every mainstream school in Calderdale must have a SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). You have the right to speak directly with them about your child's needs.

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Respite and Short Breaks Are Available

Calderdale Council offers respite options and short breaks for families with SEND children. Many parents don't know this exists. **Ask your social worker or contact the council's Disabled Children's Team.**



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Support Is for Parents Too

Parent groups like Parent Sanctuary and Calderdale Parent Carer Voice run coffee mornings, peer support sessions, and workshops, because parents need a safe space as much as children do.

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Financial Help Exists

You may be entitled to Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Carer's Allowance, or support via Universal Credit adjustments. Calderdale's Welfare Rights team can help with applications.

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Your GP Can Unlock More Than You Think

Many families don't realise that GPs can refer not only for medical assessments but also to local therapies, early intervention services, and even parent support groups. If you feel stuck, **keep going back, persistence often makes the difference.**

10 Noa's Place Is Coming

Right now, so many families in Calderdale are stuck in the waiting. Waiting for assessments. Waiting for services. Waiting for support that never comes soon enough.

Noa's Place is being created to change that.

What it will be

- Sensory rooms where children and adults can find calm and joy.
- Soft play designed with inclusion in mind.
- Classrooms and community spaces for learning, parent groups, and workshops.
- A café where families can relax and connect.
- Even a charity shop to help sustain the vision and bring people together.



Who it's for:

- Children, adults, and families with additional needs.
- Parents and carers who need support before reaching crisis point.
- Siblings who deserve to feel included.
- The wider community, because inclusion is for everyone.

Why it matters:

Because no child should feel left out.

Because no parent should feel invisible.

Because help shouldn't come after the crisis, **it should come before.**

Be part of it from the beginning.

Join our Founding Supporters list today and help shape Noa's Place into the safe, inclusive hub Calderdale needs.

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