

## **Parent Autism Awareness programme invite** **(Spring term 2022)**

We are delighted to launch and offer our new Parent Autism Awareness programme, following our recent offer of the Cygnet programme online during the pandemic period.

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

### **Is this course for me?**

During and after a diagnosis parents and carers can have many questions about autism and may feel isolated in managing their child's needs.

Children's needs also change over time, and information and advice received when a child is younger may need to be updated to be relevant for the child/young person today.

Attending the Autism awareness parent programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting presenting needs.

4 weekly sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Date and Time
1	Autism overview	Fri 11 Feb 10a.m - 12
2	Communication	Fri 18 Feb 10a.m - 12
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Fri 4 Mar 10a.m - 12
4	Sensory	Fri 11 Mar 10a.m - 12

If this programme dates/times are not suitable. More programme details will be published soon giving wider options for your access on different days/times.

We (Babcock LDP) will send a Clickmeet platform event invite to your email each week (Monday a.m) to access the relevant weekly topic for attendance. You will need an email address and the internet to access this programme.

The programme is purely in an online format (live presentation).

We will also send details related to downloading and accessing the Clickmeet online platform.

We will invite and respond to questions related to training topics/themes following each week's topic. Posting on our Website, responses to the most commonly asked questions and additionally signposting to our already established and developing resources and themes.

### How do I accept and access the programme?

- Simply email [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) to indicate you would like to accept the programme access offer **(using the same email you wish weekly Clickmeet online event links sending to). You will be asked to complete a Reply Slip to confirm details.**
- On Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Feb you will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> weeks' event link from us
- Feel free to share this programme messaging with other families you know who would also welcome access.

They will then also receive full access to the programme through us.

Once engaged in the programme we will maintain contact on a weekly basis to invite any questions you may have related to programme topics and signpost you to additional resources and themes to support your learning.

We appreciate online access does not suit everybody, but this format ensures we reach as many families as possible in a timely manner. We apologise if you have been waiting since our Cygnet online offer ceased in August 2021.

**Apply direct by email to:** [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com)

Additional Communication & Interaction weekly themed supporting resources are available for viewing at: [Babcock LDP - COVID-19 resources from the communication and interaction team](#)