

Free Parent/ Carer session: ‘An Introduction to Autism’



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and the impact it can have on children/young people
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session so we won't be able to discuss individual children.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Any parents / carers who:

- Have an autistic child
- Have a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- Are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Dorchester Library and Learning Centre, Room 3, South Walks House, Charles Street, Dorchester, DT1 1EE Date: Thursday 22nd of May - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

The Mulberry Children's centre, 2 Newstead Road, Weymouth, DT4 8JE Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wimborne Children's Centre, Gordon Rd, Wimborne Minster, Wimborne, BH21 2AP Date: Wednesday 11 June 2025 1pm - 2.30pm

Blandford Children's Centre, Black Lane, Blandford Forum DT11 8SW Date: Thursday, May 22nd 1.30pm until 3pm

Wareham Family Hub, Worgret Rd, Wareham BH20 4PH - (Behind Purbeck School, beside the Leisure Centre) Date: Tuesday 24th June from 10-11.30am

Bridport Family Hub, Skilling Hill Rd, Bridport DT6 5LA - (TRAINING ROOM 1) Date: Wednesday 11th June from 1.30pm - 3pm

Gillingham Primary School, Gillingham Police Station, 1 School Rd, Gillingham SP8 4QR -Date: to be confirmed

To book a place, please email elena.gillman@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk