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The Parents' Forum for Bradford and Airedale

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Carers' Trust has contacted its network organisations, including Carers' Resource, with concerns about an organisation called Carers Card UK.

The organisation is promoting a Carers Card and asking carers to enter their bank details and pay £14.99 for the card. Its website www.carerscarduk.co.uk prominently displays the logos of organisations widely respected among the unpaid carer community, including the NHS, Carers Trust and Carers UK. Carers Trust have been in touch with us and notified that neither they, the NHS or Carers UK have consented for their logos to be used to help market the Carers Card UK.

Carers Trust is advising carer support organisations to email unpaid carers in their networks and let them know that Carers Trust has concerns about Carers Card UK and recommends they do not purchase the card.

However, Carers Trust is not referring to this on social media at present, and has advised other organisations not to do so either, as the matter is still being investigated.

Carers' Resource does offer a free Carer ID Card for unpaid carers who live in the districts of Bradford, Craven, Harrogate or Selby. For more information [click here](#)

Many thanks to Carers' Resource for sharing this information.

Education, Health and Care Plan Workshops

Just before the half term break, we held two more of our EHCP workshops, and got some great feedback from the parents who attended.



They told us that they liked most:

- How informative the session was
- Learning from the other parents was beneficial
- Chance to talk about their individual EHCP-related issues
- The small group size gave everyone the chance to speak, and it felt comfortable and friendly
- More about what information goes in each section
- The notes provided are great to take home and refer to again in future

When asked what they had learned, some of the feedback said:

- "Child's voice makes a huge impact - information to enable me to be confident when I have the EHCP refused!"
- "About SEN law and about the different rules and regulations of the process of the EHCP."
- "The importance of Section A and how my child can contribute to this."

The workshops are held at our office in the Carlisle Business Centre, Bradford, BD8 8BD and run from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. We provide a pack of notes, drinks and biscuits and a light lunch. For more information, email supportnews@pfba.org.uk, or to book at place on one of our next workshops, which are on [Tuesday 14th March](#) and [Thursday 23rd March](#), click [here](#).



York is quite easily reached by public transport or by car. Regular trains go from Leeds station. There's a Park & Ride from the Designer Outlet car park on the A64. You can even get a bus from Leeds Bus Station but that would take considerably longer!

York has a number of attractions that offer Max Card discounts. Click on the names to find out more.

<u>Jorvik Centre</u>	Coppergate Shopping Centre, 19 Coppergate, York	Two adults and two children free
<u>Jorvik Dig</u>	St Saviour's Church, St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NN	Two adults and two children free
<u>York Dungeon</u>	12 Clifford Street, York	52% off (must book ahead)
<u>Army Museum</u>	3 Tower Street, York, YO1 9SB	Two adults and two children free
<u>York Art Gallery</u>	Exhibition Square, York, YO1 7EW	Two adults and two children free
<u>York Minster</u>	York Minster, Deangate, York, YO1 7HH	Card holder and family free

The National Railway Museum, (Leeman Road York YO26 4XJ) is free for all - [click here](#) to find out about accessibility at the venue.

Details of attractions are correct at the time of producing this newsletter, but we advise checking the individual attractions' websites before travelling.

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Half-Term Activities



The museums in the Bradford district, including the Industrial Museum and Cliffe Castle in Keighley are holding half term events.

Find out what's on [here](#).

The Science and Media Museum in Bradford are holding spaced themed half term events.

Find out more, and book places [here](#).



There are more events taking place in the Bradford district over the half term, find out more [here](#).

Activities throughout Yorkshire for half term can be found on the [Yorkshire Tots](#) webpage (not just for little ones!). The page has lots of great ideas for things to do, including activities for rainy days.

Adele's visit to BEAT

PFBA Links with Families Accessing the Aware BEAT Programme



I was really honoured to be asked to go and speak with families who are accessing the BEAT programme. BEAT is the Bradford Early Advice Team and it offers support for families whose child/young person is on the waiting list for a neurodiversity assessment. This session took place at Specialist Autism Services in Bradford Centre. We know that the waiting list for assessment is very long and the wait for those families can feel like a lifetime so to be able to share my experiences with those families that are at the beginning of the SEND journey, is a privilege. It's also very important to hear the experiences of families navigating the journey and on this particular occasion, it seemed to be that waiting times and struggles to get into the system, schools not supporting children where they should or listening to parent voice, schools refusing to apply for an EHCP and poor communication were the biggest issues. We are the experts in our children and we will be heard!



We would love to know what you think of this newsletter. You can let us know, or suggest future articles [here](#).