

A young boy with a bright smile is sitting on a rope net at a playground. He is wearing a blue t-shirt with the text "WHAT LIFE I HAVE" printed on it. The background shows a sandy area with some green grass and a metal pole. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# Children with learning disabilities, particularly those with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Services that make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

Catholic Care   
Children & Young People's Services

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## **Our family support service works across the Diocese of Leeds. We provide tailored proactive support focussing on the development of social, communication and life skills, behaviour management and future transition pathways for children/young people.**

We provide a holistic comprehensive specialist support service to children/young people with a learning disability, particularly those on the Autism Spectrum and to their parents/carers. We provide our services in the home and community settings.

We aim to give the child/young person the tools and advice they need to live full and independent lives. We respect children/young people's individuality and the right to choose and create care and support plans that reflect each child/young person's wishes and circumstances.

All our staff are trained and experienced in understanding concerns that parents/carers with children/young people with a learning disability and/or Autism may experience. We aim to be non-judgemental, flexible and responsive to the individual family's needs.

Our support is available day time, evenings and at weekends.

Catholic Care charge for this service and will discuss that at the initial stages.

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## As part of our services to schools we can:

- Deliver training to the staff team
- Provide bespoke training for individual members of staff
- Develop and deliver student group workshops
- Provide 1:1 support in the educational setting for children/young people

## As part of our services to families we can:

- Provide a dedicated support worker to support the child/young person in the family home or local community
- Provide support to ensure the safeguarding of the child
- Support pressure times in the day to prevent crisis situation

- Provide some respite time by taking the child/young person out of the family home and supporting in the community
- Support with homework, sports, hobbies & social activities
- Provide support, advice and information sharing through parents/carers groups
- Provide day services in a residential setting
- Provide assistance and guidance on completing forms (DLA, direct payments, behaviour management plans, individual education plans and positive handling plans)



Enjoying learning appropriate behaviour.

Established in 1863, Catholic Care is a charitable organisation working on behalf of the Diocese of Leeds. In everything we do, we strive to show how the teachings of Christian love, charity and justice can shape the way we live together. As such, we provide a range of care and support services for vulnerable people across the community, regardless of their faith.



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