

## Early Years Provision for Autistic Children

One way to finance the project is take on a partner with money, which we welcome any suggestions.

Working with a charity allows the project to access different revenue streams and grants that government organisations do not. From the initial build to outside space, improving:

- The cafe,
- Library
- Providing sensory gardens and rooms
- Open space for the entire community.

The one partner I am personally suggesting is **The Ark Centre**, which provides therapy to help autistic 2-5 year olds develop their communication skills beyond verbal.

- They will develop facilities the community can use and access, from sensory rooms and gardens.
- It's small, due to the requirement for one-to-one support the maximum children per session is 16.
- The staff at The Ark will understand students at The Work Training Centre. Creating jobs in a safe, sustainable, environment.
- The Ark Centre therapists already donate their time and knowledge, advising and helping special-needs pupils in state schools. Having experts on the doorstep could greatly benefit Broomfield primary school.
- I am a trustee of a charity that fundraises for The Ark Centre, I know the centre to be professional

I am proposing that the Ark Centre be included in Broomfield Park as it will be of great benefit to Broomfield as a standalone facility or part of the training centre

<https://www.thearkcentre.org>

