



“Bridge the Gap” is a provision for children struggling with school for any reason. It is run by Bridge Community Church in Bury St Edmunds, in collaboration with the Early Help Team.

Team. It is a ‘drop-in’ session for children and their families, once a month, who are finding accessing school difficult, for any reason. This includes part-time timetables, attendance issues, mental health difficulties, or SEN. It also includes children no longer on school role.

“Bridge the Gap” aims to provide an alternative to their home environment during this period of reduced school attendance. We run monthly sessions which provide families access to a welcome setting with activities for their child including sensory spaces, creative play and sensory circuits.

There is also the opportunity to connect with other parents and gain support from volunteers as well as meet with other professional groups, all attending to offer advice. It has already seen immense benefits, with children who have had difficulty sustaining any length of time in a different environment being able to join in the activities for two hours and interact with both the volunteers and other children. The parents have also valued the advice of professionals and voluntary organisations and this has not only enabled them to access further support, but given them hope for the future for their child.

It would be great if we could develop a relationship with you in your varying roles to be able to grow this initiative, enabling families to create positive pathways for their child back to education. You are very welcome to visit Bridge Family Hub and “Bridge the Gap”. Alternatively please contact Emma Malcolm to refer a family to our service.

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