"The sky is blue, the grass is green,
APTCOO is so much fun for me, well
goodbye and have fun, because
APTCOO is a place for everyone"

APTCOO Poet aged 11

How to access

You can self refer via telephone; email; social media; GPs; Paediatric Consultants; SENCO or any other family support services.

A friendly voice and a warm welcome is always guaranteed! Feel free to contact us to make a convenient appointment.

How you can help Volunteers

APTCOO has a strong track record of providing excellent opportunities for volunteering, work experience and paid employment. If you would like to share your knowledge, skills and experience please contact the office for more details.















We work in partnership with parent carers, local community services and commissioners to offer the right services at the right time and with the right people. We benefit from other forms of fundraising including national and local grants and the huge support from parents, carers, our volunteers including the APTCOO Board members and staff team.

Financial Support

Please donate today and show your support by contacting the APTCOO office or visit:

- Localgiving: https://localgiving.org/charity/aptcoo
- Robin Hood Lottery: https://www.robinhoodlottery.co.uk/support/aptcoo-a-place-to-call-our-own

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APTCOO A Place To Call Our Own

A Charity and Independent Special School



Improving the quality of life for families, children and young people living with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

Introduction

APTCOO - A Place To Call Our Own is a registered charity formed in 1991 by a small group of parents who had given birth to children with a range of complex needs. This work continues to be pioneered by a founder member, Trish Green who remains a primary lead for the charity's growth.

APTCOO is a trusted friend and professional partner, with over 30 years of experience in supporting complex family lives. Our services are person centred, flexible, friendly and delivered within non-clinical environments supported by a team who are qualified and experienced in Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

APTCOO has grown in size and remit but the core values remain the same... to listen, understand, signpost and support. We encourage and value partnership working enabling families to benefit from joined up services and coordinated care.

At the first point of contact we provide emotional, practical, educational and holistic support to the whole family.

Sensory environments

Our sensory environments are calm, safe, relaxing, stimulating and fun, allowing the overactive to become calm and the inactive to become engaged.

Our Vision

APTCOO's vision is to support parent carers, children and young people from early years through to adulthood, enabling them to achieve their full potential in life.

What we do

Our activities are designed to encourage engagement and participation, bringing people together to support each other, making friends, socialising, reducing isolation and loneliness. We are a positive learning centre where families and professionals come together in order to improve the health, education and wellbeing of service users within the local community.

Our family support hubs provide regular meeting points for families, a place to access activities for the whole family, as well as gain support and specialist information and advice.

Our spaces and places

We have created places in the local community, each with their own unique specialism. We are based in Mansfield, Retford, Budby and Thoresby. For more information take a look at our website, follow us on Facebook or make a call, our details are on the back of this leaflet.

Our services

We provide the following services:

- Parent carer support
- Access to parent carer training
- Family workshops
- Sensory integration
- Independent Special School
- Independent living
- Employability skills
- Adult social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Forest School
- Short Breaks
- After school groups
- School holiday clubs

We host workshops for families and carers as part of our specialist Family Learning Programme.

Our facilities are fit for purpose offering equal opportunity for positive play, educational, social and emotional development for parents, children, young people and their extended family.



There is something for everybody at APTCOO!