

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Swindon SEND Reform Plan Approved

Swindon's SEND reform plan has been approved by the government, marking an important step towards improving support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The plan aims to strengthen local services, identify needs earlier and improve provision for families. The focus now turns to delivering meaningful changes through partnership working between education, health and care services, helping children access appropriate support closer to home.

Read more: [Swindon Advertiser – SEND reform plan approved](#)

Contact the SEND Service



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641
Lines are open Monday to Thursday
9am-5pm and 9am-4.30pm on Friday.



Alternatively, you can email
SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk



For more information, please visit the
Meet the SEND Service page on the
Local Offer -

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20208/what_is_the_local_offer/1462/meet_the_send_service

Events:



SEND Social Club

For young people ages 13-25 years with SEND.
£5 for 1 young person & 1 carer and £2.50 after that for any additional carer/ young person

When: Thursday 29th October 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Punjabi Community Centre, Swindon, SN2 7BB

Please note parents/ carers are responsible for their young people and are expected to stay for the session.

Breakfast Catch-up

Are you a parent/carer of a child with SEND? Please come along and meet the Swindon SEND Families Voice team to find out what they do.

On Tuesday, 3 November 2026

At Dockle Farmouse, Bridge End Road, SN3 4PD

From 9.30am onwards.

SEND Stay and Play Support Group

For children aged 0-5 years with SEND and their parents/carers. Free of charge to attend.

On Thursdays

At The Meadow, Leigh Road, SN2 5DE

From 10.00am - 12.00noon

Please note parents and carers are responsible for their children whilst attending.



Check out our useful bite-sized videos on the **Local Offer YouTube channel**.

<https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364>

Subscribe for free and give your feedback.

Disability Access Fund - does your child qualify?

Your child's Early Years provider could get additional funding per year to help with their education and support. This will be paid directly to your Early Years Provider and is known as the Disability Access Fund or DAF. See eligibility criteria below:

- Your Early Years Provider can apply to get Disability Access Funding if your child receives [Disability Living Allowance for children](#) and one of the following:
 - 30 hours of [Free Childcare for Working Parents](#)
 - 15 hours of [free childcare for 2 year olds if you get extra support](#)
 - 15 hours of [free childcare for all 3 and 4 year olds](#)

You do not need to use all of your hours to be eligible for Disability Access Funding.

How to apply:

To get Disability Access Funding, speak to your childcare provider or contact EY&CBrokerage@swindon.gov.uk

Free and inclusive school holiday fun

Family Fund are offering free and inclusive online activities for children in the school holidays. There are free online creative sessions, including digital skills for using Sketchbook, Canva and BandLab. Alternative themes are available if you are not keen on Halloween. Regular sessions for parents and carers are also available.

For further information, please view the Family Fund [website](#).

SEND Sharing Service

Swindon SEND Families Voice run a specialist lending library, the SEND Sharing Service, where members can borrow a variety of sensory toys and equipment, pushchairs, weighted teddies, technology and other items.

The annual membership fee is £3 with no additional lending fees.

Currently all items are collected and delivered at the Stay and Play session (details in upcoming events section below), at The Meadows, Leigh Road, SN2 5DE.

Further details and the online catalogue can be found [here](#).

Swindon SEND Co-production Charter

Swindon's SEND Co-production Charter aims to ensure children and young people with SEND, alongside their families, have a voice in shaping local services. It promotes working together, listening to lived experiences and involving families in decisions about support. The charter encourages stronger partnerships between families and professionals to improve services and outcomes, ensuring their views help shape future planning and decision-making.

Read the charter: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20206/your_voice/1456/send_co-production-charter