

Dear parents,

Information for parents of children and young people with SEND or additional needs

Solihull Council and Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB) have been working with a range of partners, including schools and parent carers, to improve information sharing around its work related to children and young people with SEND and additional needs.

This is taking a range of forms and we wanted to share these with you so you know where to find information and have the opportunity to feedback to the Council and ICB on the things that matter to you:

Local Offer

This is the Council's website which contains a range of information about service and support for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities [Solihull Local Offer](#). If you can't find anything you are looking for, or think things are missing there is a link at the bottom of the front page ([Feedback](#)) to share your views – please make sure you use this facility, so that Solihull Council can address any issues or matters arising.

SEND Newsletter

Once a term, the Council publish a newsletter to provide updates and information on activity happening around SEND and additional needs. This is just as much for parents as it is for schools and other professionals. If you don't receive this and would like to, you can sign up through the Council's online Stay Connected form [Solihull Council](#) (you will find SEND under the Education heading). You can also read past newsletters on the local offer [SEND Newsletter](#).

Your Voice Solihull

This is a new website created by the Council to engage with residents across the range of work the Council is involved in [Your Voice Solihull](#) from cost of living and transport to redevelopment plans. We have been told that information on this website will grow over time, but also know that the SEND and Additional Needs Hub [SEND and Additional Needs | Your Voice Solihull](#) is being used more. Currently, you can comment on the Council's proposals for expanding special schools, if you wish. We understand that the aim of the SEND Hub is for parents to have one place to find out new areas of work which are happening and to share their views; so it may be worth checking every now and again if you are interested.

Additional Needs Survey

Solihull's Additional Needs Strategy was published last year in 2022 and sets out the strategic work happening across the borough to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND and additional needs. Link: [Additional Needs Strategy](#).

We hope you will find some of this information helpful. As a school we regularly talk to the Council and other agencies about the support for children and young people with SEND, but I think it is also important as parents for you to have this opportunity too.

Please do contact the Council's SEND team via jand@solihull.gov.uk if should you have any other suggestions about information you would find useful to know about support for children and families with SEND and additional needs.

