

How to navigate the Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer

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Introduction

What is the Local Offer?

The Local Offer provides information, support and signposting for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

This document supports young people, parents, carers and professionals to see what is available on the Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer. It looks at the nine heading and then the subheading with a brief summary of what can be found.

Headings on the Local Offer

We have nine headings on the Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer with additional subheadings. Please see below the main headings and subheadings to support navigating the Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer.

Education and SEND

- What the SEND Team does
- Starting and changing school and transition support
- Support in schools
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Plans
- Useful resources
- Important information for parents and schools
- Home to school transport
- Specialist education
- School and settings SEND information

Early Years

- Support in the early years
- Early years funding
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Plans
- Children and Family center's

Support for young people and preparation for adulthood

- Your mental health and wellbeing
- Looking after your health
- Your Post 16 options
- Support your transitions
- Living independently
- Puberty and sexual health
- Managing your money

- Your free time
- Meeting new people
- Your rights

Leisure and things to do

- Short Breaks
- SEND newsletter
- SEND directory information
- Your free time
- Leisure, sport and community activity

Health conditions and disabilities

- Your Health services
- Mental health and wellbeing hub
- Looking after your health
- Conditions and disabilities
- Sensory impairment
- Puberty and sexual health
- Equipment and mobility
- Children and young people with health needs
- Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) SEND

Educational, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's)

- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) and processes
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Plans
- Short Breaks
- SEND Inclusion Forum Dates
- EHC Planning Meetings
- Moving into Milton Keynes
- Personal Budgets

Social care

- Children with Disabilities team
- Children's Social Care
- Transitions from children to adult social care
- Virtual School
- Adult Social Care
- Early Help

Programmes and workshops

- Parent and carer programmes
- Centralised training for professionals

Working together / Co-production

- You said we did
- Self-Evaluation Form (SEF)
- Our coproduction projects
- SEND newsletter
- SEND Information Days and drop in days
- Provider training
- SEND Surveys
- Social media
- Comments, compliments, and complaints

Calendar of events:

Parents and carers have asked for a calendar of SEND specific events which is now available on our SEND Local Offer at the bottom of the homepage.

If you find an event that you are interested in, please click on the link and this will take you to the providers website for further information and booking.

Education and SEND

What the SEND Team does

In this section there is information on:

- What is the SEND Local Offer?
- What is SEND? Information on special educational needs and disabilities and the four areas of need.
- SEND newsletter – information on our SEND newsletter, previous editions and how to sign up to receive our SEND newsletter
- Information on our Educational Psychology Service and their offer, including information on wellbeing and EBSA.
- Inclusion Specialist Teaching team – information about the team and the support on offer.
- EHC Specialist Teaching team – information about the team and the support on offer.
- Sensory team - information about the team and the support on offer.
- Assessment team - information about the team and the support on offer.
- Review team - information about the team and the support on offer.

Starting and changing school and transition support

Information for parents and professionals to support transitions, including the following areas:

- Choosing a school
- How can I help my child with SEND prepare for school?
- Transitions including Phase Transfer
- Early Years to Primary
- Primary to Secondary
- Post 16
- Moving into Milton Keynes
- Support in school

Support in schools

Information about the support available to your child with SEND in school, including the following:

- How do I get support for my child with SEND?

- The Graduated Approach
- Children with English as an additional language
- Equality and Diversity
- Dyslexia
- Writing Outcomes
- Transitions
- Top up funding guidelines
- Good Practice Guidance Good Practice Guidance for all learners through The Graduated Response
- The Promoting Reintegration and Reducing Exclusions (PRRE) project

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Plans

Information about SEN Support Plans and a video for professionals about how to complete a SEN Support Plan. Alongside the documents for professionals, a template and example of a SEN Support Plan and the Tell it once template and guidance.

Useful resources

A variety of resourced for parents and professions, including information on the following:

- The First Assessment Communication Tool - FACT / FACT+
- Behaviour
- Calming box
- Clear ending tasks
- Now and next board
- Toilet training
- Visual prompts
- Visual schedules
- Activities to try at home
- Emotions
- Communication and Interaction
- TEACCH
- Activity Breaks
- Sensory Play
- Sensory processing

Important information for parents and schools

In this section you will find information on:

- School attendance
- Home education
- School exclusion

- Children missing in education
- Free school meals
- Children, young people and families
- Ethnic minority achievement
- Emergency alerts

[Home to school transport](#)

Information about who is eligible for free home to school transport and how to apply.

[Specialist education](#)

Information on the Special Schools in Milton Keynes and schools with a department.

[School and settings SEND information](#)

School's Special Educational Needs and Disability Information for the schools in Milton Keynes.

[Early Years](#)

[Support in the early years](#)

Support available if you think your child has SEND in the Early years.

[Early years funding](#)

Information on DAF for settings, Three- and four-year-old early education funding and information on Time for Twos.

[Special Educational Needs \(SEN\) Support Plan](#)

Information about SEN Support Plans and a video for professionals about how to complete a SEN Support Plan. Alongside the documents for professionals – a template and example of a SEN Support Plan and the Tell it once template and guidance.

[Children and family centres](#)

Information on the Children and Family Centres in Milton Keynes

Support for young people and preparation for adulthood

Your mental health and wellbeing hub

Support advice and guidance on mental health and wellbeing, which includes the following areas:

- What is mental health?
- How you feel matters in Milton Keynes
- Eating disorders
- Self-harm
- LGBTQI+
- Bereavement
- Useful resources for parents
- Information for schools
- Support for adult wellbeing
- Support for staff wellbeing
- Transforming care

Looking after your health

Information about yearly annual health checks for young people.

Your post 16 options

Information about your options including education, employment, training and other opportunities.

Supporting transitions

Information to help you prepare for being an adult.

Living independently

Information about living independently including moving home, travel and transport and cooking.

Puberty and sexual health

Information and support on puberty, when a child's body begins to develop and change as they become an adult and sexual health and relationships.

Managing your money

Information about how to get money and how to pay your bills safely.

Your free time

Ideas and information about what to do in your free time.

[Meeting new people](#)

Advice for helping people you meet get to know you.

[Your rights](#)

A summary of your rights and what information about the law.

[Leisure and things to do](#)

[Short Breaks](#)

Information about the Short Breaks voucher scheme, how to apply and the booklet of providers accepting Short Break vouchers.

[SEND newsletter](#)

Information on our SEND newsletter, previous editions and how to sign up to receive our SEND newsletter

[SEND directory information](#)

An updated directory of services in and around Milton Keynes.

[Your free time](#)

Ideas and information about what to do in your free time.

[Leisure, support and community activity](#)

All you need to know to stay active and make the most of the leisure facilities within your community.

[Health Conditions and Disabilities](#)

[Your Health Services](#)

Information on health services available in Milton Keynes for children and young people.

[Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub](#)

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Looking after your health

Information about yearly annual health checks for young people.

Conditions and Disabilities

Information and signposting about health conditions and disabilities.

Sensory Impairment

How resources can be modified to support those with sensory impairments.

Puberty and sexual health

Information and support on puberty and sexual health.

Equipment and mobility

How and where you can get support for your child's equipment and mobility

Children and young people with health needs

Support available for your child or young person.

Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) SEND

Amanda Bousaki, the Designated Clinical Officer for special educational needs and disability in Milton Keynes.

Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's)

Education, Health and Care plans and processes (EHCPs)

Information about EHCPs and how to apply.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Plans

Information about SEN Support Plans and a video for professionals about how to complete a SEN Support Plan. Alongside the documents for professionals, a template and example of a SEN Support Plan and the Tell it once template and guidance.

Short Breaks

Information about the Short Breaks voucher scheme and how to apply.

SEND inclusion Forum Dates

Dates of the SEND inclusion forum – this will be updated each academic year.

EHC Planning Meetings

Information to support parents and carers prepare for an EHC meeting.

Moving into Milton Keynes

Moving into Milton Keynes process for a child with an EHCP

Personal Budgets

Information about personal budgets for your child with an EHCP.

Social Care

Children with Disabilities team

How we support children with disabilities and their families.

Children's Social Care

Information and support from the teams within children's social care.

- Milton Keynes Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub – MASH
- Family Support Teams
- Children in need of support and protection
- Children in care
- Emergency Social Work Team (ESWT)
- The Fast Team
- Specialist Assessment and Intervention Team

- Family Group Conference Service
- Signs of Safety
- Youth Offending Team (YOT)
- Adoption Connects

Transitions from children to adult social care

The transition process from children to adults.

Virtual School

The Virtual School advocates for the children and young people who are looked after by Milton Keynes. We aim to ensure everyone reaches their full potential, with a sense of wellbeing and is equipped with skills for life.

Adult Social Care

How to find the right adult social care support

Early help

Early help services offer a range of targeted support to families, where and when they need it

Programmes and workshops

Programmes and workshops available to families and professionals in Milton Keynes.

Parent and carer programmes

We have a variety of parent programmes on offer to our families in Milton Keynes these are a mix of online and in person. These include:

- Autism in the Early Years
- Autism and social communication Needs in the primary years
- Autism in Teenagers
- Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) workshop

Our website is updated regularly with dates for our parent programmes and workshops

Alongside our Primary Parent Programme we have a range of videos to support families and professionals ranging from:

- What is ASC / Social Communication Needs?
- An introduction to Paediatric Occupational Therapy
- What is sensory processing

- Emotional regulation
- Supporting with sleep
- Supporting with toileting
- And many more!!!

Please find the SEND video resources under our Parent and carer programmes

Centralised training for professionals

Training available for professionals in Milton Keynes. We also have updates on the SENCo Quadrant Meetings, and our SEND Team updates.

Working together and co-production

You said we did

Updates on what you said to us, and what we did to help

Our coproduction projects

Updates about our coproduced projects with partners across Milton Keynes

SEND newsletter

Information about our SEND newsletter for parents and carers in Milton Keynes.

SEND Information Day and drop-in days

Information about upcoming and past SEND Info days and drop in days

Provider training

Information about free SEND training for providers of activities across Milton Keynes

Social media

The SEND Local Offer social media platforms and ongoing updates

Comments, compliments and complaints

How to provide comments, compliments and complaints.

Helpful links on the Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer

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