

LOCAL OFFER

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS
AND DISABILITIES 0-25 YEARS

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The Local Offer Has Been Upgraded!

The Local Offer is the name for all the activities, services, advice and support across Manchester for children and young people with SEND. The Local Offer website is www.manchester.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer.

We've just upgraded the site! This means finding stuff will be much easier! Parents in particular, asked for services to be sorted into age categories....so we've done that too

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Check it out! And get the word out!

SEND LOCAL OFFER DROP IN'S

Want to speak to services face to face? You can! We bring the Local Offer to life very month at our SEND Local Offer Drop Ins! There's loads of services represented... Early Help, Short Breaks, IASM, Parent's Forum, Parent Champions, Rodney House Outreach, LSS, Twinkle Boost and more! Call in for a friendly chat and a brew...anytime from 10am - 12noon on:

20th March - Rodney House, M12 4WF

30th April - Manchester Youth Zone, M9 8AE

22 May - Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Ctr, M22 1QW

26 June - Rodney House School, M12 4WF

10 July - Manchester Youth Zone, M9 8AE

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Did You Know...

...parents / carers and young people who want individual, impartial advice on any issues relating to SEND, can contact Information, Advice and Support Manchester (IASM).



They have a 24 hour Confidential Helpline 0161 209 8356

You can email: parents@manchester.gov.uk

If you'd prefer to speak to them face to face, IASM attend the SEND Local Offer Drop Ins every month.



Parent Champions are parents of children and young people with SEND. They have had a half day training session to give them a good understanding of Manchester's SEND Local Offer. They are then able to help other parents get the information and support they need.

Parent Champions attend the Local Offer Drops Ins and many Parent Champions are speakers of community languages. They can help with things such as finding local activities for children, giving your views at meetings, explaining where you can get help with filling in forms. Parent champions do loads of other interesting stuff...as well lots of training opportunities, public speaking, community reporting etc... They've been working with Central Library, The People's History Museum, Band on the Wall, East Lancashire Community Railway, Department for Work and Pensions and loads more! Interested? Or want to find more? Give us a call! 0161 209 8356



Our amazing Parent Champions at the 2019 Children with Disabilities Social Care Conference.



Manchester Parent Carer Forum

Manchester Parent Carer Forum are a volunteer parent group. They work to represent the voice of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. They invite all Manchester parents/carers to join the Forum. Sign up now and see lots of other interesting stuff on their website: <http://manchesterparentcarerforum.org.uk>

Manchester Parent Carer Forum do an online survey and tell the local authority and health what families think is working well with education, health and care services and what needs to be improved.

Many parents and carers are saying that education, health and care services are improving and that they feel their views are being listened to. Some parents say that services for their child are not yet as good as they would like them to be.

Please help us to improve the lives of SEND families by asking families to complete the parent / carer survey before 22nd March.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/manchester-send-survey-february-2019>

**The Disabled Children and
Participation Registers**

Manchester City Council runs a Disabled Children and Participation Register for parents and carers of children with SEND. Everyone who joins Participation and the Disabled Children Register, will be sent a discount card to use on meals and shopping as well as getting emails with useful information about events and activities for children with SEND. To join go to the Local Offer front page and click on the, 'Disabled Children and Participation Register' button. Dead easy!

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