



Essex County Council

SEND Information Advice and Support Service



Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has a special educational need or disability and you need some help and advice?

The **Essex SEND Information, Advice and Support Service** can help you get the information you need.





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The Essex SEND Information, Advice & Support Service

The Essex SEND IASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service) is a **confidential** and **impartial** information, advice and support service on issues related to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

It's free,
easy to
access and
confidential

The SEND IASS is there for:

- Parents or carers of children and young people who have SEND
- Children and young people up to the age of 25 years, who have SEND.

Email: send.iass@essex.gov.uk

Tel: **01245 204338**

Web: www.essexsendiass.co.uk

Referrals can be made by a parent/carer/child/young person themselves or anyone who has their permission.

We can help by:

- listening to your concerns and explaining what options are available
- explaining how education settings can support children and young people with special educational needs/a disability
- giving you information about what the law is and what your choices are, to help you make your own decisions.
- supporting you where required at meetings and helping you to get your views across
- finding voluntary groups and other agencies that can also support you, with the help of the Essex Local Offer
- guiding you through the Education, Health and Care Needs assessment process
- supporting you in discussions with education settings and the local authority where a child or young person is at risk of exclusion or has been excluded
- advise you on processes for resolving disagreements, appeals processes and means of redress
- consulting parents, children and young people and ensuring your views influence the development of local policy and practice for children and young people with special educational needs/a disability.

In addition we provide access to an Independent SEND Mediation service:

Global Mediation provides an independent SEND mediation service for disagreements between parents/carers, young people and the local authority or an education setting.

Call Global on: **0800 064 4488**

Email: **sen@globalmediation.co.uk**



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