

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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UK Government

Help for Households

Earn less than £100,000?  
You could get Tax-Free Childcare

Check if you're eligible today  
Go to [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare  
Choices



Working Parents with a child aged 0-11 years (up to 17 years for children with SEND) may be eligible for Tax Free Childcare.

Tax Free Childcare can also be used with some other forms of Childcare Funding and Support. For more information please contact [EY&CBrokerage@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:EY&CBrokerage@swindon.gov.uk)

Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday.

Alternatively, you can email [SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk).

For more information, please visit the [Meet the SEND Service page](#) on the Local Offer.

## Annual SEND Survey 2023

Have you received help, advice, support, or are a professional from any of Swindon's SEND Services? For example:

- Adult social care
- Advisory Teachers
- Aiming High
- CAMHS and TAMHS
- Children's Complex Care Team
- Children's Social Care
- Community Paediatrician
- Early Help Hub
- Educational Psychology Service
- Family Intervention and Support Service
- Health Specialists
- Local Community Groups
- Occupational Therapy
- Outreach Support Services
- Physiotherapy
- Project Me
- SIAS
- SENCo
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Statutory SEND Service
- STEP

*This list is not exhaustive. If a SEND service you use or work for is not listed, we still want to hear from you!*

To help us improve our SEND Services, we would like parents, carers, young people and professionals, to give us their feedback.



SCAN ME

Have your say

To have your say, scan the QR code or follow the link and answer our quick survey!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/preview/SENDAnnualSurvey2023/9F5B-24C3482E029B4C4A215A5DC7EA>

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Bath and North East Somerset,  
Swindon and Wiltshire  
Integrated Care Board

Swindon SEND  
Families Voice

STEP  
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### World Down's Syndrome Awareness Month

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month, a time to spread awareness not only about what Down syndrome is but to celebrate each unique and individual person with Down's Syndrome and work to raise awareness - tackling stereotypes and myths surrounding the syndrome.

Visit the Local Offer website for information about [Swindon's Down's Syndrome Group](#):

<https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/directory/providerdetails/217398>

### International Day of Sign Languages

International Day of Sign Languages is celebrated every year on 23rd September. The Day is a unique opportunity to support and protect and celebrate the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.

Visit the Local Offer website for information and resources about sign language and speech and language therapy on the [Swindon Local Offer](#): <https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/Search/SearchResults?new=True&query=sign%2Blanguage>

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