

**SEND Information Report Toftwood Infant and Junior School  
Federation- 2020-2021  
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**Part of the Norfolk Local Offer for Learners with SEND**

This SEN report is a working document and is reviewed annually. If you have any ideas about how to improve it please contact us.

This SEND Report, our SEND Policy and the SEND section of our school website will provide you with a glimpse of what we offer for children with SEND and their families at our school. To get an even clearer picture, please contact the school to arrange a visit.

If you have any concerns or worries about your child and their learning or you think you might like to share your story or advice as part of our school information report please contact us by telephone or email.

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to our SEN information report. This is part of the Norfolk Local Offer for learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and disabilities (D) also known as SEND.

The Local Offer is where parents can find out what is available in Norfolk to support their child and children across Norfolk. [www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/SEND-local-offer](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/SEND-local-offer)

Schools have a legal duty to publish an SEND Policy and a Report, which contains other information on their website about how they support pupils with SEND. The information published must be updated annually.

## **Who to contact**

At the Toftwood Infant and Junior Federation we are committed to working together with all members of our school community to ensure we provide appropriate support for all children. Our school offer is produced with our children in mind, and in partnership with parents/carers, governors and our staff team.

We would welcome your feedback and future involvement in the annual review of our offer. Please contact us if you would like to contribute to shaping this.

The best people to contact regarding SEND provision in school are:

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SEND link governor,

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### Our approach to teaching children with SEND

At Toftwood Junior and Infant School Federation our aim is to do our best in all we do and 'reach for the stars'.

We value:

**Opportunities for success so that all children can reach their full potential.**

#### What we provide and our values

- We will ensure that all children have opportunities for success and are supported so they can reach their full potential, building on their strengths and interests.
- We will provide each child with a curriculum which meets their needs and the requirements of the National Curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage and inspires a love of learning.
- We will ensure we support the health and well-being of all members of our school community, working with families and outside agencies as well as supporting this through the curriculum and our own provision.
- We will celebrate the success of all of our children in equal measure, both in and out of school.
- We will provide an environment where everyone is equally valued and feels a sense of belonging which leads to happy and confident individuals.
- We will encourage our children to develop personal independence and to respect the rights and views of others in terms of their beliefs and cultures, as well as their rights to make personal choices.
- We will continue to work closely with families in order to form a positive partnership for the mutual benefit of the children, their families and the school staff.
- We will ensure we fulfil our commitments relating to the 'Home/School Agreement' and support parents to fulfil their expectations in relation to it also.
- We will develop and strengthen our community links and involve the local community in school life whenever possible.
- We will aim for the highest possible standards of work and behaviour from all in our school.
- We will be consistent in our values and expectations.
- We will invest in our children's future, in order to prepare them for life in the modern world, and ensure the children have access to high quality resources and equipment.

Our aim is to create an inclusive culture in our school. This includes being responsive to the diversity of backgrounds, interest, experience, knowledge and skills that our children have at all times.

We value high quality teaching for all children and actively monitor teaching and learning throughout the school. For more information on our approach please see our **Assessment, Feedback and Marking policy**.

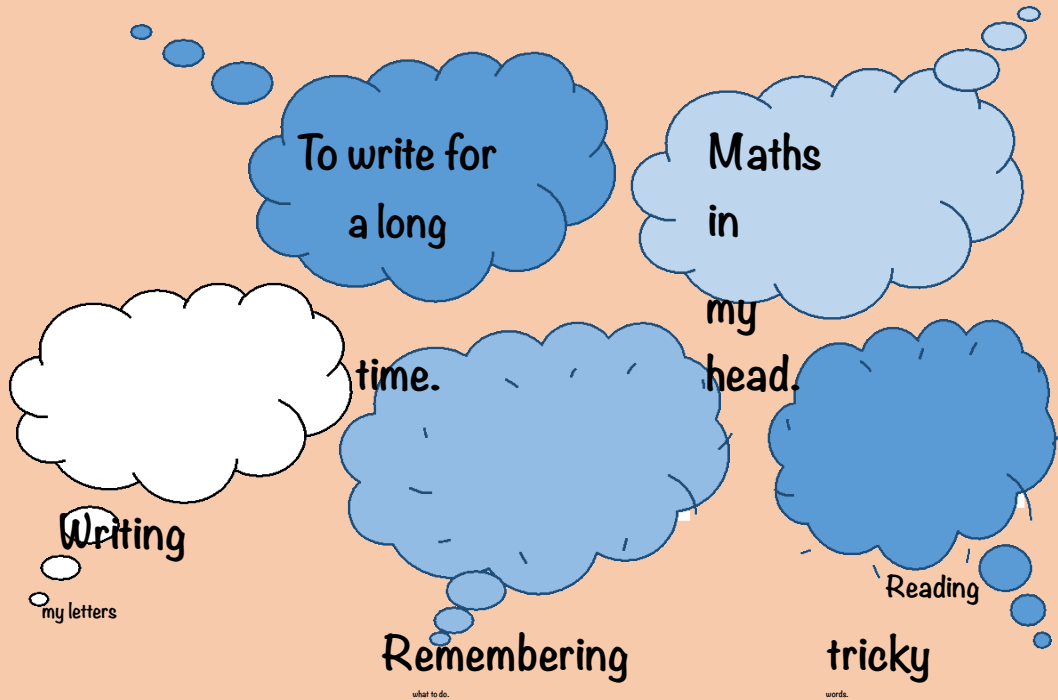
Our School Development and Improvement Plan (SDIP) is designed to ensure our school is always looking forwards, and planning to meet the needs of all learners. Information about our SDIP can be found on our website and the targets are designed to ensure the best possible outcomes for all children in school by ensuring we deliver the best curriculum, teaching and, when necessary, intervention.

We are committed to creating a learning environment which is flexible enough to meet the needs of all members of our school community. We monitor progress of all children, including groups of children, including those with SEND. Staff continually assess children in the Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to ensure that effective learning (progress) is taking place from a child's individual starting point.

Our whole school system for monitoring progress includes regular pupil progress discussions, analysis of attainment information, book scrutiny, and lesson observations - including observations of intervention in action.



## Things our children say they sometimes find harder to learn in school



### What does SEN mean?

At different times in their school career, a child or young person may have a special educational need. The Code of Practice defines SEN as:

"A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

- (a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age or;
- (b) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions."

If your child is identified as having SEN, we will contact you and provide you with relevant information. Once your child is added to the SEN register under SEN Support we provide provision that is 'additional to' or 'different from' the normal differentiated curriculum in line with their needs. This provision is intended to overcome the barrier to their learning/SEN and ensure they can make progress from their starting point. Additional to, can include:

Visual Timetable  
Additional adult time  
Personal rule reminders  
Writing Frames  
Visual timetables/now and next boards  
Concrete resources  
Support English resources  
Coloured overlays  
Access to ICT resources  
Writing slopes  
Pencil Grips  
Move and sit cushions

This list is by no means exhaustive and we work closely other professionals to ensure we provide appropriate resources. Even children with the same identified SEN need can require different support and resources and we aim to provide this.

Children can fall behind in school for a variety of reasons. They may have been absent from school, they may have attended lots of different schools and not had a consistent opportunity to learn. They may not speak English fluently or at all or they may have worries that distract them from learning. Only those with a difficulty that requires special educational provision will be identified as having SEN. However, we make sure that all of our children have the support and encouragement they need to progress.

### **Our commitment**

At the Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation, we are committed to ensuring that all children have access to all learning opportunities, and for those who are at risk of not learning or making appropriate progress our school understands it has a responsibility to support children via a range of appropriate resources and interventions.

We have staff with specialist training in a variety of SEN, and staff training and professional development is an ongoing process for our federation. This is to ensure we have the expertise and experience to support all children in our schools. Our SEN profile will change regularly and over time. We break it down into the categories in the SEN code of practice.

### **Identification and assessment of SEN at Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation**

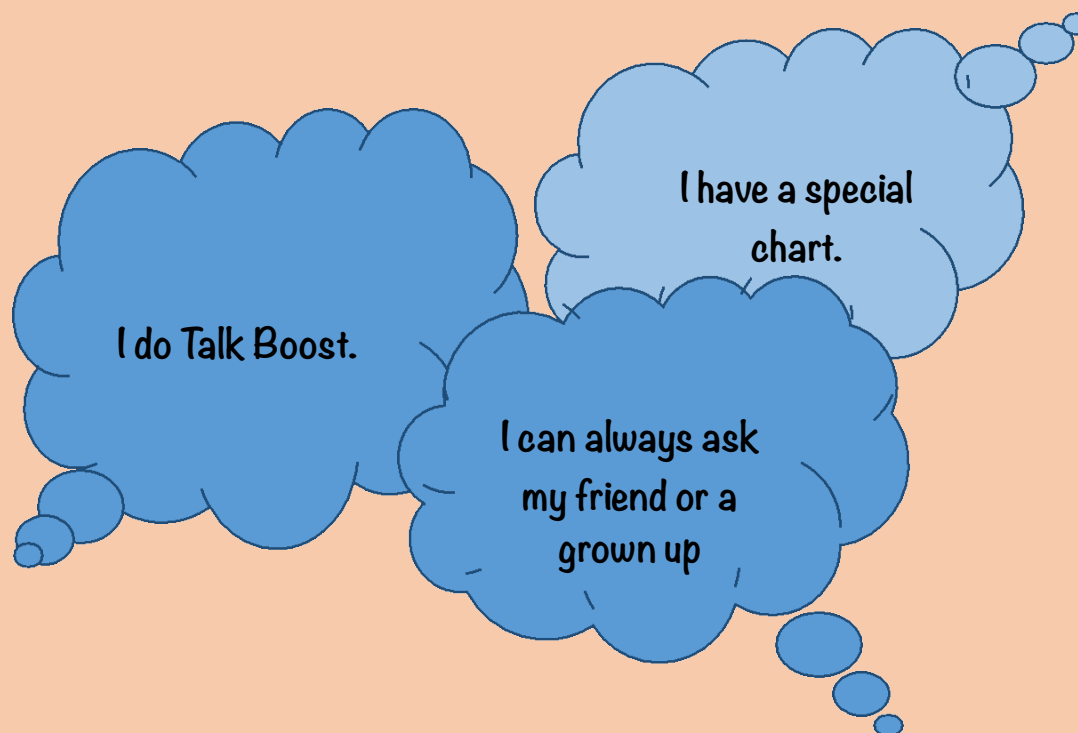
Class teachers, support staff, parents/carers and the children themselves will often be the first to notice a difficulty with learning. This will trigger observations and assessments involving the child, their parents/ carer and, of course, their teacher and the Federation Inclusion Lead.

Through early identification and swift and appropriate support, most children's SEN is temporary. However, some children's needs are more complex or long term. Identifying these children early helps provide the support and teaching and learning opportunities that will enable them to aim high like their classmates throughout their school careers.

The Federation Inclusion Lead has a role to support staff in identifying children's barriers to learning in order to ensure support and appropriate strategies are in place to remove those barriers. At our school, we have a range of experienced staff who can observe and discuss difficulties in order to provide appropriate support, or to plan ways forward with assessments, such as speech and language assessments, reading related screenings or external observations by professionals such as Educational Psychologists or staff from other specialist settings in line with a child's needs.

We understand that being a parent of a child with SEN can raise questions for families, and we can offer support to parents through signposting them to different agencies. If you would like to have more information, please contact our Inclusion Lead, Mrs Coy.

## What we do to support children with SEN at Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation



Every teacher is expected to adapt their classroom, teaching and the resources they provide to help children with SEND make the best progress they can. The Federation Inclusion Lead and senior leadership team support teachers to achieve this by providing advice and training as required. There is regular monitoring, an ongoing professional dialogue and observations that identify teachers who may need help supporting pupils with SEND in their class.

The Teachers Standards detail the expectations on all teachers, and we are proud of our teachers and their ongoing commitment to professional development. The Teacher Standards are available [here](#).

Prior to Covid-19, we employed two additional qualified teachers in the Infant School who both worked to plan and deliver intervention to support children within school, some of whom had SEN. This intervention was highly targeted, and planned specifically for specific children to support their progress alongside the curriculum. This may have been short or long term and was reviewed every half term. We also had additional teaching staff in the Junior School to allow smaller groups. During Covid19, we are running interventions in class as best we can.

We also deliver speech and language interventions where we can across the federation. Mrs Crowley works on NHS Speech and Language targets and next steps, phonological (sound) work, and wider language skills, including expressive and receptive language work. Mrs Crowley also delivers Early Talk Boost to Nursery age children and Talk Boost to other children. Having this provision enables children to access the curriculum, overcoming any speech and language barriers they may have. However, our ability to deliver this provision has been temporarily suspended due to covid-19.

Additionally, we have trained Teaching Assistants that deliver intervention to support specific children alongside the curriculum. For example some children have fine motor intervention during morning 'busy' time as the children arrive at school and Catch-Up sessions throughout the week. These interventions are now taking place in their classrooms due to Covid19.

Prior to Covid 19, we provided a daily Lunchtime Lounge throughout lunch time at both schools. This provided children with a contained and therapeutic environment, where their personal interests are catered for. The senses are calmed by gentle music and subtle, scents, and activities include mindfulness



colouring and building, role-play, seasonal activities. These sessions have been temporarily suspended due to Covid19.

Within our federation of schools, we also have a specialist Teaching Assistant trained as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA). Mrs Bond is also trained in the therapeutic approach Drawing and Talking working with children who need additional support with their emotional wellbeing. A further intervention Junior aimed at groups of children used at Toftwood Junior to build confidence and resilience is 'Happy to be Me', whereas at Toftwood Infant School 'Boris can beat it' is used for the younger children to recognise and overcome worries. More details of all of our mental health and wellbeing interventions can be found on the school's website at: <https://www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk/mental-health-and-well-being/>. Mrs Bond's ELSA and Drawing and Talking Sessions are temporarily suspended due to Covid19.

English intervention across the federation is used regularly, including individual reading and phonics support and specific interventions such as Reading matters and Indiscreet Dyslexia Learning (IDL).

As a federation we recognise that parents and carers play a vital role in supporting children with SEN at home. When appropriate, our teachers sent home additional resources and activities for families to use at home to aid supporting their child's progress. Some children with SEN also have individual targets that they are working towards. These are supported by a list of activities that are shared with parents at regular provision review meetings.

The type of support we provide is dependent on the individual's needs, and the support that we offer is described on a chart being developed called a provision map within the federation. It does not detail the individual children's names, but describes the interventions and actions that we use at both Toftwood Junior and Infant School to support learners with SEND. We modify the provision map regularly, and it changes every year, as our learners and their needs change.

Our provision map and monitoring information is shared with governors who check we are doing what we say and that it makes a difference to the progress of children with SEND.

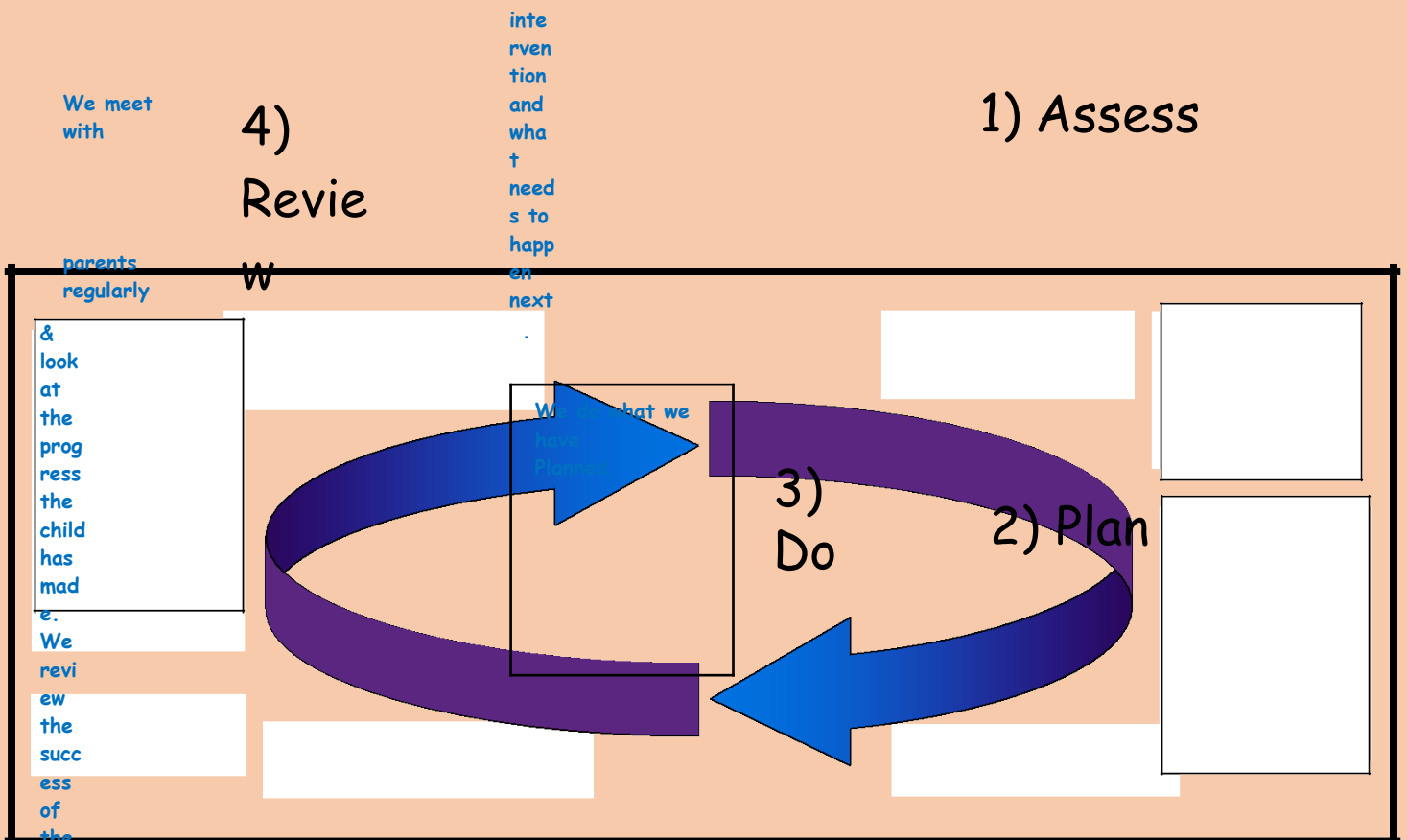
### Funding for SEN

The two schools each receive funding directly from the Local Authority to support the needs of learners with SEN. The amount can be seen in the Norfolk SEN memorandum.

The Local Authority also provides 'top up' funding for learners who qualify for additional support that is available to schools depending on need.

### How does the school know if support works?

Checking children's progress is an integral part of our school. We follow the 'assess, plan, do, review' model to ensure we continually check that provision is working.



We use information from parents, the child, staff & checks/screenings

Planning takes account of parent and child views. We plan for a period of time & state what we hope will change as a result.

It is important to us that parents/carers and children are involved in each step of our SEN review process, and that they know what we will be doing in school and what they can do at home to help support their child too. We make sure we record where the child is now in the area being targeted by different or additional provision and compare this with the ability in that area after the period of intervention to see if there has been a positive impact. We want to look at the child's progress on their learning journey to see if the support has worked, build on the progress or change the support if it is not working.

Children, parents/carers and their teaching and support staff will be directly involved in the assess, plan, do and review process. This is achieved through ongoing discussions through meetings and other communication offered by the school. This means everyone involved has the opportunity to discuss plans and next steps.

If a child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC plan/EHCP) the same regular review conversations take place, but the EHCP will also be formally reviewed annually, by all parents/carers and professionals working with/to support the child.

The Federation Inclusion Lead and SLT check that the interventions have a positive impact on a child's learning and progress by comparing children's starting and end points. All data is analysed by the senior leadership team and information about the impact of the intervention and support are also shared with governors without identifying children by name.

The Local Authority also analyse SEN attainment information when schools submit statutory test scores and assessment judgements. At our school we submit assessment judgements to the Local Authority at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception year), teacher assessment judgements at the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and standardised tests at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6). We also submit the Phonics Screening results in Year 1 for all children, and Year 2 for children that re take the test if they did not pass it in Year 1.

### **Other opportunities for learning in school**

All children should have the same, equal opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities. We offer a range of additional clubs and activities, and we are committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure everyone can join in. Please contact Mrs Coy, the Federation Inclusion Lead to discuss specific requirements.

Please email: Mrs Lucy Coy [inclusion@toftwood-jun.co.uk](mailto:inclusion@toftwood-jun.co.uk) or call 01362 692612/694919.

All staff at the federation receive regular input and training on the SEN Code of Practice 2015 and Equality Act 2010. This legislation places specific duties on schools, including the duty not to discriminate, harass or victimise a child or adult linked to a protected characteristic defined in the Equality Act and to make any 'reasonable adjustments.'

The Equality Act 2010's definition of disability is:

**"A person has a disability for the purposes of this Act if (s)he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to day activities."**

Section 1(1) Disability Discrimination Act 1995

This definition of disability in the Equality Act includes children with long term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer. Children and young people with such conditions do not necessarily have SEN, but there is a significant overlap between disabled children and young people and those with SEN. Children and young people may therefore be covered by both SEN and disability legislation.

For more information about the Equality Act, the protected characteristics or duties on public bodies, please click [here](#)

### Preparing for important transitions

Moving on is a part of life for all learners. This can be transition to a new class in school, having a new teacher, or moving on to another school. We work in partnership with children, families and other providers to ensure these transitions are successful.

Moving classes will be discussed with you and your child as part of our transition plans if appropriate. Transition to other schools or junior/high school will be discussed in the spring and summer terms of their Year 2 and 6, and often before, to ensure time for planning and preparation that supports successful transitions.

At Toftwood Infant School we work closely with other local schools to plan transition activities in addition to the planned summer term transition days in July when and if appropriate. There is also additional support and or visits for children who are transitioning to high schools.

These visits are not exclusively for children with SEND, as they are planned carefully to meet the needs of all children that would benefit from additional visits that are tailored to support identified needs and not just SEN.

### Bullying and SEN/SEND

Children with special educational needs have been identified as being vulnerable to bullying. Toftwood Junior and Infant School takes all incidents of bullying very seriously and its approaches are explained in the Behaviour and Prevention of Bullying Policy [here](#). Please contact a member of staff as soon as possible if you have any concerns about your child with respect to this.

Useful contacts for further information and advice about anti-bullying:

[www.childline.org.uk/Bullying](http://www.childline.org.uk/Bullying)

[www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

[www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

### Have your say

Our school is here for our children and their families. This SEN report sets out our offer to children with SEN and it will be reviewed annually.

We welcome everyone helping to shape and develop provision for all of our learners and we welcome your involvement in the next year review.

### Useful links

Here are some web links that you may find useful:

Norfolk Local Offer	<a href="http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer">www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer</a>
Norfolk SEND Partnership	<a href="http://www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk/">www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk/</a>
SEND home page .gov	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-">https://www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-</a>

(including link to SEND Code of Practice)

services/special-educational-needs-  
disabilities

Please also visit the regularly updated list of helpful local groups and resources that are on the Parents section of our website [here](#).