

The Choice Advice Service also offer information, advice and support to all parents on the school admissions and appeals procedures through the School Admissions and Appeals process.

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Portuguese

Estes documentos também se encontram disponíveis em Braille, letras grandes, fita ou disco e podem ser traduzidos para Português.

Polish

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Somerset SENDIAS

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice & Support
A free impartial service for children and young people with SEND (aged 0-25),
and their parent carers



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Free

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Impartial

What we do

Somerset SENDIAS provides information, advice and support about special educational needs and disability (SEND) for parent carers, children and young people (up to the age of 25).

The service is free, confidential and impartial. We encourage partnership working with schools, colleges, early years providers, the Local Authority and other statutory and voluntary services, so that parent carers children and young people can be part of decision making.

*“Local Authorities **must** arrange for children with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, and their parents, and young people with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, to be provided with information and advice about matters relating to their SEN or disabilities.”*

Source: Children and Families Act 2014, Chapter 2.

What we offer

- General SEND information, advice and support by email or telephone.
- SENDIAS is here to help you through the EHC Needs Assessment and advice on EHC Plans.
- Information, Advice and Individual support to help collate understand and interpret information; help to prepare for and/or support at meetings.
- Support in preparing for a SEND Tribunal.
- Support for young people on the transition process (16-25).

- Information on:
 - Educational law relating to EHC Plans;
 - SEND policy and practice;
 - Resolving disagreements, mediation and complaints procedures;
 - Somerset's 'Local Offer';
 - SEND Personal Budgets and Direct Payments.

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