

Milton Keynes Local SEND Offer

Families may find it helpful to explore the SEND Local Offer Calendar Highlights for the Spring Term, which brings together a range of SEND-specific activities, groups and information sessions available across Milton Keynes. The calendar includes sensory-friendly sessions, family support groups and parent workshops designed to support children and young people with SEND and their families. The Local Offer is regularly updated and provides a useful way to find support, connect with local services and plan activities throughout the term.

Some of the information is inclusive and not limited to the following:

◆ Local Offer Calendar on the Website

A SEND-specific event calendar is available at the bottom of the SEND Local Offer homepage. This includes workshops, groups, and activities such as supported clubs, family sessions, and term-time SEND events. Parents can click on individual listings for full details and booking information.

◆ Regular Updates and Workshops

In addition to the events listed on the Local Offer itself, organisations like MK SENDIAS and parent-carer groups share term-time workshops and information sessions (e.g., on EHCP processes, SEND support, annual reviews, etc.) which are often promoted via Eventbrite or the Local Offer newsletter — these can be especially useful for navigating SEND systems and support

SEND Parent Survey

Thank you to the families who completed our recent SEND survey. We received a small number of responses and hope more families will contribute next time so we can continue improving our provision together.

You said:

- Children are happy, feel safe and included at school.
- School has made a positive difference for their child.
- Many families feel their child's needs are understood and supported.
- Some families would welcome clearer communication and regular updates.
- There is some frustration around EHCP processes and clarity about meetings.

We did or are doing:

- SEN Support Plans are sent home regularly for parental review and shared ownership.
- SENDCo meetings are available during Parents' Evenings.
- A half-termly SEND Family Coffee Morning has been introduced.
- Our SEND Newsletter continues and additional information has been added to the website.
- Clearer information has been published about Ordinarily Available Provision.
- We are improving how discussions are recorded and followed up so that conversations are clearly recognised as meetings.

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Update from MK Speech & Language Service

An update from the speech and language therapy team:

We are using the WHOLE Model: Working Holistically On Language through the Environment

To meet the needs of children's speech, language and communication skills we are working with schools to:

- Create a Communication-Supportive Environment: Skilling up schools to provide the best possible language-learning and communication environment.
- Offer Direct Training in Specific Approaches: Hands-on training with an identified child/ren, empowering schools to embed the strategies and identify and support similar children in the future.
- Provide Direct Intervention for the specialist caseload: Tailored direct intervention packages for children who require the uniquely specialised skills of a Speech and Language Therapist.

This may mean we will not work directly with your child but, instead, focus on working with school staff in their environment to promote the opportunities for your child to develop their speech, language and communication skills in a natural setting.

Ambitious About Autism

I would recommend exploring the Quality of Life at Home Toolkit on the Ambitious about Autism website:

<https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/understanding-autism/behaviour/quality-of-life-at-home-toolkit>.

This free resource is designed specifically for parents and carers of autistic children and young people and offers a series of short animated films that help explain emotional needs, behaviour, and practical strategies to support everyday life at home. It provides reassuring guidance, useful frameworks (like the iceberg model for behaviour), and tools to help you understand and respond to your child's behaviour in a way that supports wellbeing and family life.

Support Available To Families

- SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) - Confidential advice for families about SEND and EHC plans.
 - Phone: 01908 254518 (Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm)
 - Email: contact@mksendias.org.uk
 - Website: MK SENDIAS
- Family Support Hubs - Support for families with significant needs, including SEND.
 - Website: [Family Support Hubs | Milton Keynes City Council](#)
- Supporting Families Programme- Whole-family support to prevent escalation to statutory services.
 - Phone: 01908 253519
 - Email: strengtheningfamilies@milton-keynes.gov.uk
 - Website: [Supporting Families | Milton Keynes City Council](#)
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Young people can access crisis mental health support through:

CAMHS Crisis Line (24/7 Crisis Support): 0800 0234 650

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For urgent situations, attend A&E

Please note: there is no longer a drop-in at the Eaglestone Health Centre.