

## SENDIASS news, events and information items – 24/4/26

### News and information items

#### 1. SEN support in early years settings – information for families



The graphic features a circular image of two young children, a girl and a boy, sitting together and clapping their hands. To the right of the image, the text 'Early Years SEN support' is written in a bold, blue font. Below this, a paragraph of text explains that the service has information and videos to help with SEN support and funding in early years settings. At the bottom left, it says 'Links in the post..' and at the bottom right, there is a small 'sendiass' logo with the full name of the service above it.

**Early Years  
SEN support**

We have information and videos to help explain the process of SEN support and SEN funding in early years settings.

Links in the post..

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice & Support Service  
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We have information to help you understand the process of SEN support in early years settings -

#### Web information:

- [SEN Support - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Early years funding - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

#### Videos:

- [What is a special educational need or SEN?](#)
- [SEN support in early years settings](#)
- [Choosing an early years setting for children with additional needs](#)
- [Sensory processing difficulties in the early years](#)

## 2. SEN support in schools – information for families



**SEN support  
in schools**

If you would like to find out more about the process of SEN support and funding in schools we have recordings and information which may help you.

**Examples and links  
in the above post..**

Special Educational Needs  
and Disability Information,  
Advice & Support Service  
**sendiass**

We have information to help you understand the process of SEN support in schools –

### Web information:

- [SEN Support - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Working with school - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Schools funding - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Suffolk Support Services - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

### Videos:

- [What is a special educational need or SEN?](#)
- [SEN support for pupils with special educational needs \(SEN\)](#)
- [Inclusion of pupils with special educational needs or disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

### 3. Centre based access arrangements – information for families

Some young people with SEND will qualify for extra support for exams called 'Access Arrangements'.

Some arrangements can be organised at the school and do not require a formal request to the Joint Council for Qualifications in the spring term.



**Some students with SEN(D) may qualify for extra help with exams.**

Some arrangements do not need to be formally requested by the school.


Links to information to help you in post..

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These 'centre-based arrangements' include:

- Extra time for pupils who demonstrate slow speed of reading, writing or processing
- Rest breaks for pupils who need a break during an exam
- Sitting the exam in a small room for pupils who may need more quiet
- Use of technology like a laptop or exam reading pen for those with difficulties processing information
- Modified test materials like large print or braille if the pupil has specific visual or auditory needs
- A scribe or reader
- A prompter



These arrangements are at the discretion of the school and do not require formal approval from the exam board. However, schools must ensure that these arrangements are necessary and reflect the candidate's normal way of working.

The following information may help you:

- [Support for exams for pupils with SEND](#) – SENDIASS video
- [Access arrangements - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – SENDIASS web information
- [Working with school - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – SENDIASS web information

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) produces guidance each year for adjustments for pupils with disabilities and learning difficulties:

[Access Arrangements, Reasonable Adjustments and Special Consideration – Joint Council for Qualifications](#)

## Events

While we're reviewing the best ways to deliver our service to families (and supporting our newest team members), we continue to have a limited offer of live training sessions:

[View our summer sessions flyer](#) (opens PDF flyer).

### 1. Supporting children and young people to manage their emotions



A relaxed online session for parents and carers, hosted by SENDIASS, where specialist teachers from the [Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service](#) will explore ways to help children and young people to understand and manage their feelings and strategies schools may use.

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**10am – 11:30am**

[Click here to register](#)

## Other events

1. [Belonging Together in Suffolk for SEND families](#) – events arranged by the local authority.



**Register interest here:**

[Belonging Together in Suffolk for SEND families - Register your Interest – Fill in form](#)

We're pleased to be supporting these events, and we will be available to listen to you and offer information and advice:

The Battery in Lowestoft – **29th April**, 1pm to 6pm

Kesgrave Community Centre – **6th May**, 12pm to 5pm

## 2. [Suffolk Parent Carer Forum](#) – open events



We're pleased to be supporting these events, and we will be available to listen to you and offer information and advice:

United Reformed Church in Hadleigh – **13<sup>th</sup> May**, 10am to 1pm

United Reformed Church in Stowmarket – **17<sup>th</sup> June**, 10am to 1pm