

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## SEND and AP Improvement Plan

On 2nd March 2023, the Department for Education published the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan: Right Support, Right Place, Right Time.

This paper proposes a number of reforms to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP) system.

You can download the full version, an easy read version and a video with British Sign Language translation of the SEND and AP Improvement Plan (with audio) by visiting the [Local Offer page - SEND and AP Improvement Plan](#).

## Contact the SEND Service

To speak to a member of the SEND Service, please call 01793 464641 (during usual working hours) and we will answer your query in 48-96 hours.

Telephone 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](#).

# Neurodiversity Week 2023 (March 13-19th 2023)

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2023 is an event designed to recognise and celebrate the strengths of people who are neurodiverse, as well as challenge preconceptions of what they can or cannot achieve.

Between the 13th and 19th March 2023, [NeurodiversityWeek.com](https://neurodiversityweek.com) will be hosting 24 free virtual events across 7 days. These virtual events are being led by over 70 speakers who will be sharing their lived experience and professional expertise while having inspiring, educational and thought-provoking conversation around neurodiversity.

According to the [Evening Standard](#), the week, founded in 2018, has had 2,600 schools, 200 universities, 1.4m students, 1,200 organisations, and 150 charities from around the world support the campaign.

Every year, people and organisations join together to create a more accepting, inclusive, and equal society for neurodiverse people.

For more information to support Neurodiversity Celebration Week, please click on the links below:

[Swindon Local Offer - Information and advice ADHD menu](#)

[Swindon Local Offer - Autism: Information and advice autism menu](#)



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