

Clare Brewster

Advisory teacher for pupils with physical and/or medical needs

Part of the Swindon Borough Council Advisory Teacher team which covers:

- ASD
- Cognition and Learning (CLASS)
- SEMH
- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment (deaf) pupils
- Assistive Technology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

More information available on **Swindon's Local Offer**

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Role:

- To support pupils with medical and/or physical needs aged 2-25 with a Swindon postcode, across all settings, including special (except Uplands and Brimble Hill), with and without an EHCP-long-term or one-off input
- To support inclusion by supporting the setting to best meet the needs of the child/young person with any physical and/or medical needs, working within wider support team and with parents
- Caseload of around 180 pupils currently, with huge range of needs and issues
- Working closely with OT's, physios, school nurses, medical staff, inclusion team, etc.

Support offered:

- Provide equipment and resources advice and specialist equipment from Swindon stores- toilet frames, changing beds, specialist chairs, etc.
- Advice on classroom organisation, curriculum access, lesson adaptations, etc.
- Input into EHCP/Annual Review/ EH processes
- Attend TAC's/TAF's/CHIN/MAM meetings
- Provide advice on PEEP's, fire evacuation resources, adapted PE, adapted equipment for cookery, loop scissors, Risk Assessments, etc.
- Moving and Handling, Disability Awareness and other relevant training as required
- Support with transition across settings
- Advice on accessible sports and clubs in Swindon
- Whizzkidz training and Swindon Access Days
- Recording issues- looking at alternative methods of recording to handwriting
- Environmental/ access audits for LA and site adaptations advice e.g. ramps and toilets
- Medical management support, advice and information
- Advice on specialist settings

Referral process:

- Often referred through physio/OT or through EH or EHCP process from LA
- Initially email me for a discussion and I will send you referral form-needs completing and signing by parents. I will then book in initial visit and go from there
- Pupils do not have to be referred to get information or advice-often worth emailing me first to discuss, e.g. may just need equipment, some advice on recording, medical management advice, and if long-term input not needed may not need referring
- **Best contact: cbrewster@swindon.gov.uk**