

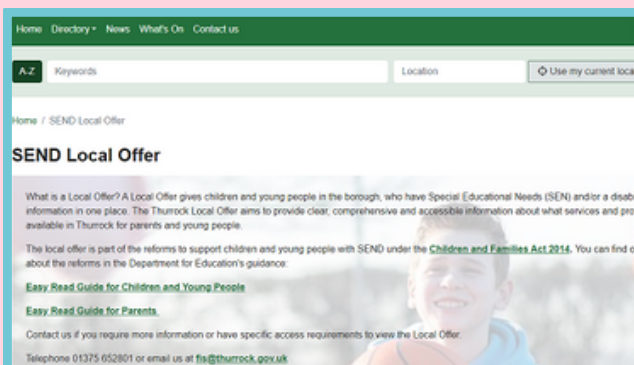
THE LOCAL OFFER

WHAT IS THE LOCAL OFFER?

The SEND Local Offer was created to help improve the lives of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), as well as their families and those who care for them. It provides information where individuals with SEND aged 0-25, as well as their parents or carers, and professionals can go to find out what support or provision they can expect to be available in their local area.

You can find Thurrock's Local Offer here [SEND Local Offer](#) | [Ask Thurrock](#)

In addition to our Thurrock Local Offer, each Thurrock school is required by the Children and Families Act 2014 to have its own individual offer, known as either the Schools Offer or SEN Information Report, which should be accessible on the school's website.



OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CHILDRENS AND FAMILIES ACT 2014

The Local Offer is part of the reforms to support children and young people with SEND under the [Children and Families Act 2014](#).

Under the Children and Families Act 2014, each local authority has a legal responsibility to publish its Local Offer.

It needs to be published online, as well as in an alternative format for those without internet access.

WHAT IS SEND?

Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can affect a child or young person's ability to learn. These challenges can impact various aspects, including but not limited to:

- Behaviour or ability to socialise
- Reading and writing, for example, due to conditions like dyslexia
- Ability to understand things
- Concentration levels, for example, due to conditions like attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Physical ability



THE LOCAL OFFER WILL..

- Provide information about education, health, and care services
- Offer details on leisure activities and support groups
- Centralise all information in one accessible location
- Ensure clarity, comprehensiveness, and accessibility
- Enhance service responsiveness to local needs and aspirations
- Encompass various local agencies, including education, health, and social care services
- Cover childcare, independent schools, care placements, apprenticeships, transport, specialist teachers, therapy services, and other support
- Include relevant regional and national specialist provisions for children and young people with rare and complex SEND.

WHO IS IT FOR

It is for:

- Children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)
- Children and young people from 0 to 25 years-old, and their parents and carers
- Practitioners and professionals



THE PURPOSE OF THE LOCAL OFFER

1. To provide clear, detailed, accessible, and up-to-date information about the provision available and how it can be accessed, including eligibility criteria. It must be easy to understand and well signposted.

2. To respond to local needs and identify gaps in the provision by directly involving children and young people with SEND and their parents or carers, in addition to service providers, in its development and review. The local authority must ensure that comments can be made about the Local Offer, and they must take these comments into account.

THE BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES

The Local Offer brings numerous benefits to the families of children with SEND. Before its creation, families encountered difficulties in accessing information about provision, as well as the provision itself. Consequently, many parents or carers felt compelled to give up work to care for their children (Working Families, 2015), leading to financial challenges. The Local Offer aims to address these issues by outlining the nearest and most suitable services available.

Furthermore, by guiding families toward high-quality provision, the Local Offer strives to ensure that all children with SEND receive the best possible support, resulting in optimal outcomes.



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Accessed via:

www.askthurrock.org.uk/localoffer

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Parent/Carer



Children and Young People



Practitioner

Education, health and care plans (EHCP)

Post 16 SEND Education, Training and Employment

We are Listening Zone

SEND Developments

Competitions and Rising Star Awards

Engagement Opportunities and Calendar of Events

Your Aspirations, Our Priority - the Thurrock SEND podcast

SEND Provision Films

Thurrock SEND Family Forum

Phase transitions: Nursery to Reception and Year 6 to Year 7 information

SEND Strategies policies and developments

Early Years Support

Thurrock GEM's

Thurrock SEND Communication & Engagement Newsletter

SEND SENCo Zone

We need your help!

We continue to develop the Local Offer with help from parents, carers, children and young people, professionals, and practitioners.

What's missing?

Tell us what you want to see on your Local Offer!
Please email QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk