

# SEND Advisory Team: Hearing, Visual, SpLD and SEND Early Years Support

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Information about our team and who we work with across Walsall, to support and develop inclusive practice for Early Years Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



**Walsall** Council

## Who are we?

The SEND Early Years Support Team is made up of three Specialist Teachers and three Senior Learning Support Practitioners who are experienced in working with children with Special Educational Needs.

We offer a wide range of support to children with Special Educational Needs from birth.

Support may take place in a variety of different settings i.e. homes, assessment groups, pre-school settings, day nurseries and transitions into schools.

Alongside Team Around the Child (TAC) we support Multi-Disciplinary Assessments of children under 5 years old and signpost to other partners to ensure we are meeting the needs of Early Years Children in Walsall.

The team works closely with Walsall Child Development Centre and has regular ongoing contact with support services, i.e. Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Paediatricians, Health Visitors and other agencies.



## What we do

Through the Area SENCo Role and Practitioner Assessments, we offer advice and support to Early Years provisions on all issues relating to the inclusion of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities including:

- Advice on an inclusive curriculum and differentiated learning environments.
- Face to face support through the consultation process in relation to identified individual children (always with parent's written consent).
- Play-based assessments to inform teaching, learning and next steps.
- Support and advice on the Early Years Funding Pathways and the Education Health And Care Plan process (EHCP, Statutory Assessment).
- Supporting staff, individual children and parents through direct teaching, modelling techniques and strategies.
- Attending TAC reviews, contribute to discussions on your child's progress and give advice in formulating SEN Support Plans and fulfilling the requirements outlined in the SEND Code of Practice as part of the SEN graduated response.
- Facilitating/providing a range of bespoke or core training opportunities.
- Giving advice around appropriate differentiated early attention toys, specialist equipment and resources.

## Contact us

To make a referral or contact the Early Years SEN Team for further information, please contact our Admin Team on:

Tel: 01922 652860

Email: [edcadmin@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:edcadmin@walsall.gov.uk)

# Further Information and Support

Parent Information	Setting Information
<p><b>SENDIAS</b> – Walsall’s Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information and Advice Support – service provides free and impartial support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their parents and carers. Tel: 0808 802 6666 walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk www.walsall-sendiass.org.uk</p> <p><b>Contact</b> – for Families with Disabled children <a href="https://contact.org.uk/">https://contact.org.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Autism West Midlands</b> Helpline: 0121 450 7575 info@autismwestmidlands.org.uk</p> <p><b>National Autistic Society</b> Telephone: 0808 800 4104 www.autism.org.uk</p> <p><b>Early Years Team</b> (information about Nursery provision and nursery entitlement) Tel: 01922 652860 <a href="http://www.mywalsall.org/fis/">www.mywalsall.org/fis/</a></p> <p><b>SEN Team</b> (EHCP Support or advice) SEN@walsall.gov.uk Tel: 01922 652871</p> <p><b>SEND Code of Practice 2015</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25</a></p>	<p>All of our <b>SEN Paperwork</b>, funding pathways and guidance can be found by accessing the Family Information Services website on <a href="http://www.mywalsall.org/fis/">www.mywalsall.org/fis/</a></p> <p><b>NASEN</b> <a href="http://www.nasen.org.uk">www.nasen.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Transition Matters</b> – Walsall Council</p> <p><b>Council for Disabled Children</b> <a href="https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk">https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Contact</b> – for Families with Disabled children <a href="https://contact.org.uk/">https://contact.org.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Early Years Team</b> (information about Nursery provision and nursery entitlement) Tel: 01922 652860 <a href="http://www.mywalsall.org/fis/">www.mywalsall.org/fis/</a></p> <p><b>SEN Team</b> (EHCP Support or advice) SEN@walsall.gov.uk Tel: 01922 652871</p> <p><b>Admissions Team</b> Tel: 01922 652585 Switchboard: 01922 650000 <a href="http://www.walsall.gov.uk">www.walsall.gov.uk</a> Primary.admissions@walsall.gov.uk</p>

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