

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## New SEND Early Years Specialist Centre

A new Specialist Early Years Centre has opened at the Everleigh Centre site in Penhill. The dedicated team includes early years practitioners and two family support workers.

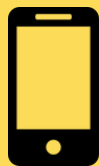
The centre provides essential support for families, with an admissions process that prioritises those in greatest need. The facility promotes an engaging, calming, and inclusive environment, featuring:

- A soft play area
- A specialised sensory room
- A main playroom with age-appropriate books and activities
- A space for parents to connect and share experiences

To learn more, visit:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/news/article/1257/council\\_expands\\_early\\_years\\_send\\_support\\_thanks\\_to\\_new\\_centre\\_in\\_penhill](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/news/article/1257/council_expands_early_years_send_support_thanks_to_new_centre_in_penhill)

## Contact the SEND Service



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641

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 -

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20190/send\\_local\\_offer](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20190/send_local_offer)

## Events:

### Neurocircle

Third Friday of every month during term-time  
9:30 - 11:30am  
In person: The Junction, Town Hall | Online: Teams

Neurocircle is a space for the friends, family, and carers of neurodiverse people to learn more about neurodiversity. It is an opportunity to expand your understanding of neurodiversity and talk to other people who have a neurodiverse loved one.

The sessions will vary from month to month, including guest speakers and open discussions. All are welcome to drop-in. Guest speaker sessions will require you to register via Eventbrite - you can book your spot by scanning the QR code on the right.

Upcoming Sessions:

	Next month	December
Date	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Topic	ADHD, Accident/Restrictive food intake disorder with Kik Anderson	Winter Warmer Coffee and Cake Drop in

For more information: [autism@cpmind.org.uk](mailto:autism@cpmind.org.uk)

### Neurocircle

Held on the third Friday of every month. For friends, family and carers of neurodiverse people. The next one is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of October 9:30 - 11:30 am The Junction, Town hall

To sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/swindon-and-gloucestershire-mind-autism-service-111015570041>

## Down Syndrome and ADHD Awareness month

October is Down Syndrome and ADHD awareness month. To find out more please see the resources below.

### Down Syndrome Resources:

- <https://downsyndromeuk.co.uk/support-us/down-syndrome-awareness-month/>
- <https://www.swindondownsgroup.org.uk/>

### ADHD Resources:

- [https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20226/adhd/1519/getting\\_help\\_with\\_adhd](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20226/adhd/1519/getting_help_with_adhd)
- <https://adhduk.co.uk/>

## Send Provision Expansion

Swindon Borough Council has increased its support for children with SEND by establishing 20 new specialist school places at Eldene Nursery & Primary School and Robert Le Kyng Primary School for September 2025. This follows the creation of 60 places in September 2024.

Funded by a £3.4 million grant from the Department for Education, the aim is to create up to 158 additional SEND places. More places are planned this year at Mountford Manor Primary and Oaktree Nursery & Primary School.

To find out more:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/news/article/1250/swindon\\_expands\\_send\\_provision\\_with\\_20\\_new\\_school\\_places](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/news/article/1250/swindon_expands_send_provision_with_20_new_school_places)



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