

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Trauma Informed Practice Training

We are pleased to share that we are offering schools Trauma Informed Practice Training sessions. This half-day online learning opportunity will explore recovery from trauma and the power of our everyday interactions in improving outcomes for children.

The session is designed to:

- Explain the core principles of Trauma Informed Practice
- Strengthen staff confidence in responding to children and young people
- Offer practical, classroom-ready strategies
- Explore how even small every day interactions can help provide safety and recovery to a student.

These top-up sessions will be delivered online and are suitable for all staff members.

Upcoming session dates:

- 3rd February 2026 12:30pm – 15:30pm
- 5th March 2026 12:30pm – 15:30pm

For further details and to register click [KCA: Reg form: Swindon Trauma Informed Schools Half Day Online](#)

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



For more information, please visit the
Meet the SEND Service page on the
Local Offer -

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20208/what_is_the_local_offer/1462/meet_the_send_service

Events:

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

Swindon SEND Families voice are running a series of community events from now until February covering a wide range of topics.

The next session is: **Branches and PINS**

Tuesday 10th February 6:30-8pm
Pinetrees Community Centre,
Main Hall,
The Circle, Swindon, SN2 1RF

PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

Branches and PINS
We are combining our February Branches with our PINS project. This is open to all parents and carers, not just for the schools involved with the PINS Project.

WHEN?
Tuesday 10th February

WHERE?
Pinetrees Community Centre,
Main Hall,
The Circle, Swindon,
SN2 1RF

TIME?
6.30pm-8pm

Who is this event for?
-Parents of children with diagnosed or undiagnosed conditions.
-Professionals or volunteers who work with children or young people with SEND.

In attendance:
- Kirk Anderson who is a Learning Disability Nurse with 30 years' experience of working with autistic young people and those with a learning disability
-Jodie Clarke who is an independent specialist working with autistic children, their families and their schools.

Swindon SEND Families Voice

SEND SOCIAL CLUB!

**For young people aged 13-25 years with SEND
FREE to attend!**

Email: sendsocialclub.ssfv@outlook.com to book a place

When: Thursday 12th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: The Meadow, Leigh Road, Swindon, SN2 5DE
Parents and carers are responsible for their young people and are expected to stay for the session

Swindon SEND Families Voice

SEND Social Club

Swindon Send Families Voice is running a SEND Social club for young people ages 13-25 with SEND.

Thursday 12th February 6:30-8:30pm
The Meadow, SN2 5DE

Survey of SEND Services 2026

The Survey of SEND Services 2026 opened on 05/1/26, and closes on 27/3/26. To complete the survey [click here](#)

Please take the time to complete the survey and let us know your thoughts and opinions about the strategic direction for services for children and young people with SEND for the next 2 years.

Survey of SEND Services 2026



Check out our useful bite-sized videos on the **Local Offer YouTube channel**.

<https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364>

Subscribe and give your feedback.

The Platform Project

Crowdys Hill School pupils, aged 16–19, were invited to a series of sessions focused on content creation, website development and graphic design.

Organised by Sara Witham from The Platform Project, the session aimed to help young people with SEND build confidence and try out new learning opportunities.

Pupils joined in a range of practical tasks and workshops. The session helped them explore ideas, understand how these skills can be used in everyday life and feel more prepared for future pathways.

To find out more click here:

<https://swindonlink.com/education/platformcrowdys/>

Sibling Group Leader Training



Do you want to run group support for young siblings? This online session will give you all the information you need to plan, run and evaluate your own local siblings group.

The session will equip participants with information about how to structure sessions and run suitable activities, giving them the confidence and knowledge needed to set up a sibling group for children aged 7 upwards.

Our next training session is taking place on:

- Wednesday, 25th March 2026, 9.15am - 1.15pm

Places cost £195 for Statutory sector or £175 for Voluntary sector

Places are limited - booking early is recommended.

For more information on the training and booking, please click here: [Young sibling group leader training](#).

Children's Mental Health Week

From the 9th -15th of Feb 2026 we commemorate Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for 2026 is "This is My Place," this highlights the importance of feeling belonging, finding your identity and having a support system. This awareness week was first introduced in 2015 by Place2be, who's aim is to ensure that no young person or child has to face mental health difficulties alone.

Research from BBC Children in Need and NHS Mental health service shows that: Over 1 million children (under 18) were in contact with NHS mental health services in 2024-25 and approximately 32% of children and young people, have expressed they do not feel comfortable asking for support.

On the Local Offer webpage, you can find mental health support and information via the links below:

Local Offer Service directory- [Mental well-being | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Local Offer Mental health webpage - [Mental health | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Further support with mental health services is available from:

BBC Children in need - [The results of our mental health survey - BBC Children in Need](#)

NHS Mental health service - [Mental health services - NHS](#)

Mind - [Information and support](#)

CAHMS - [Guide to CAMHS | Mental Health Services | YoungMinds](#)

Place2be - [Place2Be's mission, vision and values](#)