

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Mountford Manor Primary School

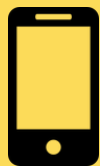
Mountford Manor Primary School has expanded its provision for children with SEND by creating four new places.

In total 24 places will be created by September. This is following a £3.4 million grant allocated to the council by the Department for Education.

This funding is expected to support the creation of up to 158 new SEND places across Swindon.

The provision is helping more children with SEND access more tailored support while still being in a familiar setting of a mainstream school.

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:



SEND Family Fun Evening

Swindon SEND Families voice is running a SEND Family Fun Evening for 6-10 year olds.

Monday 16 February 6pm-8pm
Jungle Kingdom Soft Play, SN25 5AY

To book a place email:
swindonsendfamiliesvoices@outlook.com

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:

Jodie Clarke - Neurodivergent Burnout
Monday 23rd February 6:30-8pm
Microsoft teams
Meeting ID: 936 742 756 852 4
Passcode: sv6pH3



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.



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

<https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364>
Subscribe and give your feedback.

Alternative Provisions at Oliver Tomkins

Oliver Tomkins Infant and Junior CE Schools have been running three units to support pupils with SEND.

The Nest

The Nest is a nurturing, communication-rich environment where pupils follow a curriculum designed to help them thrive socially and interactively. Staff teach the same core content as in mainstream classes, but every element is carefully adapted to meet each child's unique needs. Progress is understood through the Engagement Model, allowing pupils to shine in the ways that suit them best.



The Den

The Den offers a supportive SEMH-focused curriculum that helps pupils rebuild confidence, develop emotional resilience, and prepare for a successful return to full-time mainstream learning. Reintegration is gradual and purposeful, with progress closely tracked across all areas of the SEMH curriculum to ensure pupils are ready for each new step.



The Meadow

In The Meadow, pupils follow highly personalised learning pathways tailored to their stage of academic development. The focus is on strengthening the essential foundations that make future learning possible. Pupils are assessed using age-related expectations and spend most of their week learning alongside their peers in mainstream classes, supported by the skills they build in The Meadow.



We would welcome visits from anyone interested in visiting any or all the provisions. Please contact admininf@olivertomkinsschools.co.uk