

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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2026 Survey of SEND Services

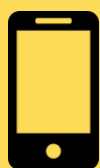
We want to hear from as many people as possible about services for CYP with SEND in Swindon. Please complete the survey here: [click here](#)

World Book Day, 5 March 2026

World Book day encourages children and young people to read books for enjoyment rather than because they have to. On World Book Day, schools often encourage children to dress up based on their favourite book, watch a play in school, and to pick a new book from the book fair.

For more information about world book week visit: [Get Ready for World Book Day 2026 - World Book Day](#)

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 Social Club for young people aged 10-25 years. Free to attend, on Thurs 12 Mar 2026, from 6.30pm-8.30pm at Punjabi Centre, Swindon, SN2 7BB

Branches support group, for all parents/ carers of CYP with SEND, on Tues 17 Mar 2026 from 10-11.30am at Immanuel Church, Main Hall, Swindon, SN3 1DH. Guest speakers include: Nicola Ponton, Head of SEND Service at Swindon Borough Council.



Kooth - online mental health support

Two free online information sessions for parents/carers about the services offered:

- Thurs 12 Mar 2026 from 7.30-8pm - <https://kooth.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d59bd9b5bcf63d9845647aa1f&id=15f7a5828e&e=b24c65d298>
- Fri 13 Mar 2026 from 1-1.30pm - <https://kooth.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d59bd9b5bcf63d9845647aa1f&id=dbc0a85581&e=b24c65d298>

National SEND Consultation

Proposed changes to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND, have been published by the Government.

The [changes](#) affect help and support provided to children and young people with SEND.

You can read the proposals in full online, and share your views in the public [consultation](#). The consultation closes on 18 May 2026.



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

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

Subscribe and give your feedback.

Supported Internship

Are you ages between 18-24, with an EHCP and would like support moving into employment?

Internships at Swindon Borough Council, Great Western Hospital or Amazon.

Scan the QR code to find out more and attend our recruitment day



Scan here to find out more!



When: Wednesday 25th March 2026

Time: starting at 9:30am and lasting for 1 - 2 hours



Location: IOT Centre, 6th Floor, New College, North Star Avenue, Swindon.



Alternatively, you can sign up using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DlxBA5R8UGRZkagELnS170ojLeK6lFNnHoKvc8vF0hUM0RZMFQ3U0MzN1ZEMDIQWFNLOVRLMUNBNy4u&origin=QRCode>