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Sheffield Special Educational Needs & Disability Information Advice & Support

How can SSENDIAS help?

At SSENDIAS we offer free impartial, confidential, information advice and support to: Children and young people (0-25 years old) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parent carers on education and related health and social care matters.

Some of the things we can help with:

- **What is Impartial Information, Advice and Support?** - Helping you understand what you can expect from Sheffield SEN & Disability Information, Advice & Support
- **SEN Support** – Explaining what ‘SEN Support’ is and how it can look.
- **Placement named in an EHC Plan** – Looking at what this means and making sure you understand your right of preference and the Local Authority’s duty
- **Support groups** – Signposting you to support groups in and around your local area
- **Funding for SEN Support** - Help you understand how schools are funded to provide support to your child
- **Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment** – What is an EHC Needs Assessment and the process.
- **After school and holiday activities** – Signposting you to activities and organisations that can help you find suitable ones.
- **Disagreements, mediations and Appeals** – Making sure you understand what options are open to you if you are unhappy with decisions about your child.
- **Understanding jargon and the words used about special educational needs (SEN)** - Helping you understand the language used by schools and other professionals when talking about your child.



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- **Checklist for visiting schools** - Suggesting some of the questions you might want to ask school to help you decide whether it would be the right place for your child or young person.
- **Preparing for Meetings** - Helping you to plan ahead, think about what you would like from the meeting and prepare possible questions.
- **Personal Budgets and EOTAS (Education other than at school)** – Helping you understand what is a Personal Budget and an EOTAS package, what they are for and when you can apply for one.
- **Writing Parental and child/ young persons views** – Making sure you understand the process of completing the Parental and child/ YP views, ensuring you can contribute to the assessment process so that you and your child/ YP views and needs are known.
- **Transition through the different school phases** – Explaining what should happen when your child is due to move to their next school.
- **The Local Offer**- Helping you access the Sheffield Local Offer website and signposting to relevant information.

We regularly update and add to our information so, if you are looking for something that isn't listed, please get in touch.

Referrals

The service can only take referrals from parents/ carers, children and young people. This can be done through:

- Phone 0114 273 6009
- Email ssendias@sheffield.gov.uk
- Website [Sheffield SENDIAS - Special educational needs and disability advice and support](http://www.sheffieldsendias.org.uk)
- FaceBook [Sheffield SEN & Disability Information, Advice & Support - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sheffieldsendias)
- Instagram [Sheffield SENDIAS \(@sheffield_ias/\)](https://www.instagram.com/sheffield_ias/)
- Sheffield Local Offer [Request Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Advice and Support | Sheffield Directory](#)