

IMPORTANT SEN REMINDERS

The SEN information Report

Summary

The SEN Code of Practice 2014 places a duty on the governing bodies of maintained schools, maintained nursery schools, and proprietors of academy schools to publish information on their website about the implementation of the governing body or proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. The SEN Information Report is the only statutory policy required for special educational needs; however some schools choose to also maintain an SEN policy or Inclusion policy.

The SEN information report should be updated during the course of the year if necessary and at least annually. It should be written in clear, straightforward language.

Detailed information about what must be included in the SEN Information Report can be found in the link to the Code of Practice 2015 and the most relevant paragraphs are 6.79 – 6.83 (starting page 106)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

A summary of the information that must, by law, be included in the SEN report is below:

- The kinds of SEN that are provided for
- Policies for identifying children and young people with sen and assessing their needs, including name and contact details of the SENCO
- Arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEN and involving them in their education
- Arrangements for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes.
- Arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood.
- The approach to teaching children and young people with SEN
- How adaptations are made to the curriculum and learning environment for children and young people with SEN
- The expertise and training of staff and how specialist expertise will be sought
- Evaluating the effectiveness of provision
- How children and young people with SEN are enabled to engage in activities
- Support for improving emotional and social development
- How the school involves other agencies in meeting children and young people's SEN and supporting their families
- Arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEN
- Arrangements for supporting children and young people with SEN who are looked after by the Local Authority

Barnet Local Offer

Summary

The SEN Code of Practice places a duty on local authorities to develop and publish a Local Offer setting out the support they expect to be available across education, health and social care for local children and young people with special educational needs. Local Authorities must work to co-produce their Local Offers with parents/carers, children and young people and those providing services

The Local Offer has two key purposes.

- To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up to date information about available provision and how to access it
- To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled young people and those with SEN, and service providers in its development and review

As part of the Local Offer, school SEN Information Reports should be in an accessible place on the website. A suggestion could be either under the schools policy section or on the schools landing page.

Schools should also have a link on their websites to Barnet's Local Offer

Barnet's Local Offer can be accessed at:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/children-young-people-and-families/the-local-offer-and-special-educational-needs.html>

See the enclosures section for a Local offer Leaflet for you to share with staff and parent/carers.

The Local offer group would like feedback from you and the children about the Local Offer website. We wish to encourage you to discuss and send us any ideas or new information entries discussed in your staff meetings or school councils about support and services that are available in Barnet for children and young people with SEND that are not identified on the Local offer website and what could be improved. These can be sent to SENDLocalOffer@barnet.gov.uk

More detailed information about the Local Offer can be found in the link for the Code of Practice 2015 and the most relevant paragraphs are 4- 4.62 (starting page 59)

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