

Useful Contacts – Parents/Carers of children with SEND



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General Support

SENDIASS Leicester <https://sendiassleicester.org.uk/> Tel: 0116 482 0870 Email: info@sendiassleicester.org.uk – provides advice and support for parents and carers of children with special needs.

IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice) <https://www.ipsea.org.uk/> - offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs and disabilities.

SPECIAL NEEDS JUNGLE <https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/> website providing news, information and resources for parents of children with SEND.

LEICESTERSHIRE PARENT CARERS FORUM Email: leicestershirepcf@gmail.com Tel: 07732812493 – An organisation of Leicestershire Parent Carers who work with the Local Authority, Health Services, Education and other service providers with the aim of improving SEND services.

LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL OFFER <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability> -website which provides information about support available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Leicestershire.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/child-protection-and-safeguarding/early-help> - offers a range of universal and targeted support to help tackle problems for children, young people and their families as soon as possible. Follow the link on this page to request help. [Children and Family Wellbeing Service Blaby, Oadby & Wigston Districts 0116 3055282 wigstonmagnacc@leics.gov.uk](#)

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY Special Educational Needs Assessment Service (SENA) Phone: 0116 305 6600 Email: senaservice@leics.gov.uk - for questions regarding EHCPs and Assessments

GOVERNMENT GUIDE TO SEND FOR PARENTS <https://www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs>

SCHOOL NURSE confidential parent CHAT Health text messaging service 07520 615382 <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>

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Cognition and Learning Needs

Dyslexia

Leicestershire Dyslexia Society: <https://ldadyslexia.org.uk/>

British Dyslexia Association:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/> - also has information about Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia

The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust:

[The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust - Home](#)

International Dyslexia Association:

<https://dyslexiaida.org/>

Dyslexia Assist – support for parents and children:

<https://www.dyslexia-assist.org.uk/>

Dyscalculia

<https://www.dyscalculia.org/>

The Dyscalculia Information Centre:

[The Dyscalculia Information Centre - The Dyscalculia Information Centre](#)

What is Dyscalculia?

<https://www.dyslexia.uk.net/specific-learning-difficulties/dyscalculia/the-signs-of-dyscalculia/>

Dyspraxia or Developmental Co-Ordination Disorder (DCD)

Communication and Interaction Needs

Autism

Leicestershire Autistic Society:

<https://www.leicestershireautisticsociety.org.uk/>

The Autism Education Trust:

<http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/>

The National Autistic Society: <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

Ambitious about Autism:

<https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/>

Sibs Service – (for siblings of children on the ASD Spectrum)

www.sibsservice.co.uk Email: sibs@sibsservice.co.uk

Other Speech, Language and Communication Needs

Communication trust:

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources-for-parents>

Leicestershire Children's Speech and Language Therapy:

<https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/services/help-support-resources/?v=12927>

I-Can – Information about children's speech, language and communication

<https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/>

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Dyspraxia Foundation: <https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/>

<http://www.selectivemutism.org.uk/>

Social Emotional or Mental Health Needs (SEMH)

Mental Health:

Young minds:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Anna Freud National centre for Children and Families:

<https://www.annafreud.org/>

Action Children:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-for-parents/children-mental-health/how-can-you-help-with-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/mental-health-resources-and-information/>

Very Well Mind:

[Verywell Mind - Know More. Live Brighter.](#)

Place2Be:

[Improving children's mental health in schools – Place2Be](#)

ADHD:

ADHD Solutions:

<https://www.adhdsolutions.org/>

Living with ADHD

<https://www.livingwithadhd.co.uk/index.html>

ADHD Foundation

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/>

Sensory and/or Physical Needs

Vision impairment

Royal National Institute of Blind People:

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Royal Society for Blind Children:

[Welcome to the Royal Society for Blind Children \(rsbc.org.uk\)](http://www.rsbc.org.uk)

Visual Impairment: SEN

<http://visen.org.uk/>

Hearing impairment

Action Deafness:

<https://actiondeafness.org.uk/>

National Deaf Children's Society:

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/>

Other Needs (including physical disabilities)

SEN Direct – a national website for families and carers of disabled children – but has close links to Leicestershire:

<https://www.sendirect.org.uk/>

Council for Disabled Children:

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/>

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The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service:

<http://www.addiss.co.uk/>

Attention Deficit Disorder Association:

<https://add.org/>

Downloadable Self-Help guides on a range of SEMH issues:

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/downloads>

Government Support if you have a disabled child:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-for-disabled-child>

Physical Disability Net:

[pdnet – a network for those supporting learners with physical disability](#)

For issues around sleep:

<http://www.tiredout.org.uk/>