



Northamptonshire Local Offer

Quick Guide:

School Listings on the Local Offer Website

All children are entitled to an education under the Children and Families Act 2014. The education must enable them to achieve their best outcomes, become confident individuals, live fulfilling lives, and successfully transition into adulthood. Schools must ensure children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) get the support they need (and can engage in school activities alongside other pupils).

The Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) advises on (and contributes towards) the SEND support provided by the school. Schools must have a qualified teacher employed as a SENCo. This is to ensure the careful management of SEND support within the school. SENCos will inform parents if their child is receiving a special provision. Schools should also have a nominated governor with specific oversight of the school's SEND arrangements. Schools receive dedicated grants along with their budgets to support children with SEND. If the SENCo feels that the school needs further funding to support an individual child, they can apply for additional High Needs Funding from Northamptonshire County Council.

Schools have to produce an Information Report (or SEN/D Policy), which includes how children with SEND will be supported. It will also describe the school's arrangements for assessing and identifying pupils with SEND, and explain how their Accessibility Plan will improve access over time. The Information Report should be published on the school's website.

Schools must support children with medical conditions. Medical conditions are not necessarily a special educational need. Guidance on supporting children with medical needs can be found here, and IASS can provide additional support.

The Local Offer website lists every school in Northamptonshire. It also lists some schools where children with very specific needs have been placed, which may be outside of the county borders.

When searching for schools on the Local Offer website, there are several ways to find information. If the name of the school is known, then it can be used in the Keyword Search. Schools and education providers can also be located by using the website's predefined filters. They refine schools by their stages of education (infants, juniors, primary, and secondary). The results generated can then be refined further, if necessary.

Each school listing has a description, contact details, a link to their website, a link to their Information Report (or SEND Policy), the name of their SENCo. There is also a map showing the location of the school, and the date that the listing was last updated. If a school has any specialist facilities known to the Council, they will be included in the listing as well.

The Local Offer website lists full details of all special schools and specialist provisions. Some mainstream schools have specialist provision or resourced units on their premises. Details of these can be found via the schools' individual listings or the SEN Unit and Resourced Provision Specifications Portfolio (PDF 1.7MB).



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