

Edwards Hall Primary School's SEND Report 2017-18

Southend Borough Council's Local Offer

In September 2014 a new Special Educational Needs Code of Practice came into effect. Local Authorities must now publish a Local Offer, setting out in one place information about provision that is available for children and young people in their area who have Special Educational Needs. (SEN)

The Local Offer has two key purposes:

- To provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the provision available to support disabled children and children with SEN and their families.
- To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people with SEND, parents/carers and service providers in its development and review.

Further information on what is available from Southend Borough Council can be found at www.southendinfopoint.org

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Additionally, schools have to provide details of the school-specific offer, which we are calling the School Offer. This should reflect the Local Offer and elaborate on it.

Southend schools are committed to adopting a similar approach to meeting the needs of all pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs. There is a shared expectation that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, should be offered inclusive teaching which will enable them to make the best possible progress in school and to feel that they are a valued member of the wider school community.

As part of the changes to the Code of Practice, the main areas of SEND have been slightly altered and now encompass the following four broad areas:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning