

We also offer advice and support to all parents on the school admissions and appeals procedures through the:

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The Holway Centre
Byron Road
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Somerset TA1 2JD
Tel: 01823 356903 or 07775 027442
Email: choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk

For more information visit our website:
www.somersetsend.org.uk

How you can contact us:



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Portuguese
Estes documentos também se encontram disponíveis em Braille, letras grandes, fita ou disco e podem ser traduzidos para Português.

Polish
Ten dokument jest także dostępny w wersji Braille´a, pisany dużym drukiem, na kasecie lub dysku kompaktowym i może być przetlumaczony na język polski.

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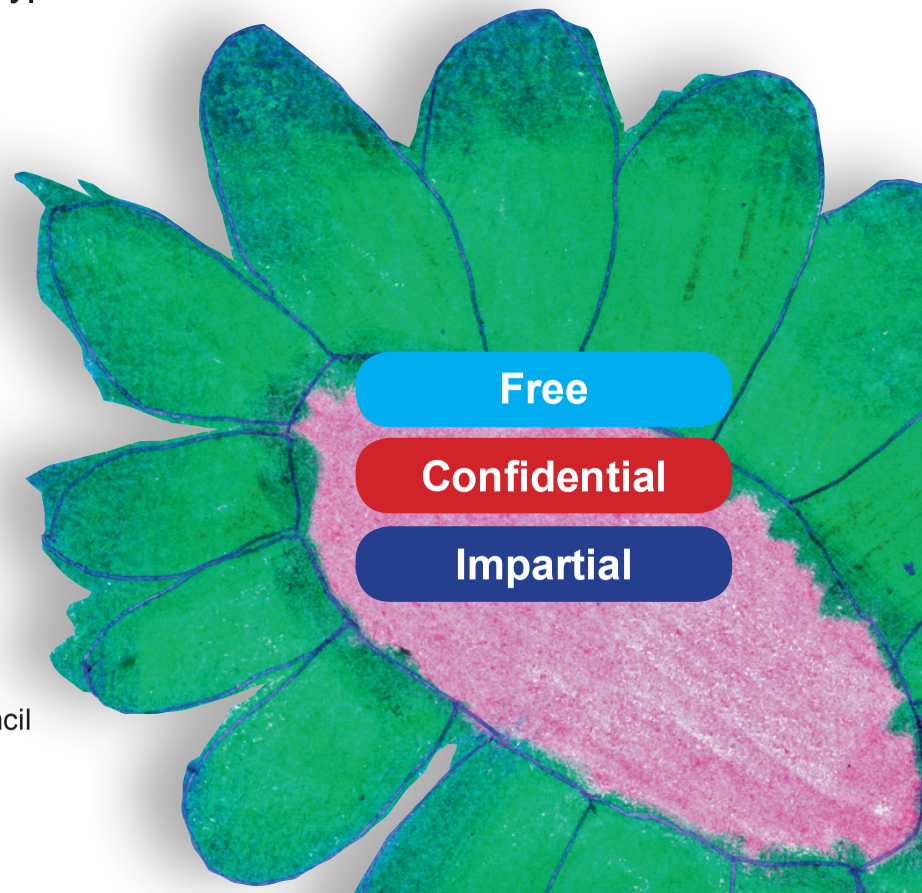
'Working in Partnership'

Somerset

Special Educational Needs and Disability

Information, Advice and Support

SENDIAS



What do we do?

Somerset SENDIAS provides information, advice and support about special educational needs and disability (SEND) for parent carers, children and young people (up to the age of 25).

The service is free, confidential and impartial. We encourage partnership working with schools, colleges, early years providers, the Local Authority and other statutory and voluntary services, so that parent carers children and young people can be part of decision making.

*"Local Authorities **must** arrange for children with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, and their parents, and young people with SEN or disabilities for whom they are responsible, to be provided with information and advice about matters relating to their SEN or disabilities."*

Source: Children and Families Act 2014, Chapter 2.

How can we help you?

- General SEND support by email or telephone.
- An Independent Supporter to help you through the Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment and advice on EHC Plans.
- One to one support to help collate, understand and interpret information; help with letter writing and to prepare for and/or support at meetings.

Delivering independent support



- Information on:
  - Educational law relating to EHC Plans;
  - Somerset's SEND policy and practice;
  - Resolving disagreements, mediation and complaints procedures;
  - Support for young people on the transition process (16-25);
  - Somerset's 'Local Offer';
  - SEND Personal Budgets and Direct Payments.
- Support in preparing for a SEND Tribunal;
- Signposting to legal services for representation;
- Providing informal information sessions or training on SEND.
- Signposting to other services.
- Leaflets on a range of SEND topics.

For further information please visit our website:
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