

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

CHOICE ADVICE SERVICE
County Hall
Taunton, Somerset TA1 4DY
Tel: 01823 356903
Email: choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk

- Advice on how the Admission system works
- Help with filling out on-line or paper application forms
- Support with the School Appeals process
- Information on transport

How you can contact us:

Somerset Parent Partnership Service
County Hall, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4DY
Tel: 01823 355578
Email:
enquiries@somersetparentpartnership.org.uk
Website:
www.somersetparentpartnership.org.uk

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'Working in Partnership'

Somerset Parent Partnership Service

A free impartial service for all parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs

Impartial

Confidential

Statutory

Free

Who are we?

Somerset Parent Partnership is a statutory service which provides impartial information and support for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

Local Authorities must take whatever steps they consider appropriate to make Parent Partnership Services known to parents, head teachers, schools and others they consider appropriate.

Section 332(A), Education Act 1996

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Key Principles

All parents of children with Special Educational Needs should feel that they are treated as partners, able and empowered to:

- Play an active and valued role in their child's education
- Have knowledge of what they can expect for their child
- Have access to information, advice and support during assessment and any related decision-making process about educational provision.

What is our Role?

The overall aim of Parent Partnerships is to provide a service for parents to enable them to play a more active and informed role in their child's education.

Our core activities are:

- Working with parents
- Information and publicity
- Training, advice and support
- Networking and collaboration
- Helping to inform and influence local policy and practice.

Source: Section 2, SEN Code of Practice



How can we help you?

- A telephone enquiry line
- Impartial information through our website and leaflets on a range of topics relating to Special Educational Needs
- A trained Independent Parental Supporter (IPS) to provide practical support to you personally when considering your child's educational needs and provision
- Advice and support on the Statutory Assessment process
- Information about the Special Educational Needs Disagreement Resolution and Tribunal arrangements.
- Training and support for groups on topics relating to Special Educational Needs, as requested.
- Provide opportunities for parents and carers to influence national and local policy.