

Birmingham's Local Offer can be found at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer. The Local Offer aims to provide information, advice and guidance to parents and carers to meet the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Who are the support services that can help parents with pupils who have SEND ?

This is a list of agencies that might be able to help parents/carers:

Agency	How the support parents/carers	How to contact them
Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)	<p>SENDIASS exists to provide advice and information to parents/carers and pupils.</p> <p>The information is designed to explain special educational needs procedures, to help you understand the law and procedures that affect you and your child, and to provide information on other issues that may be useful</p>	<p>Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service</p> <p>Opening hours: 8:45am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancaster Circus PO Box 16289 Birmingham B2 2XN • Telephone: 0121 303 5004 • Email: sendiass@birmingham.gov.uk
Autism West Midlands	Provide activities, events and support for families. They have an information helpline, offer training for parents/carers of children with ASD. They run support groups and advice clinics.	<p>Website: www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk</p> <p>Telephone number: 0121 450 7582</p> <p>Helpline Number: 0303 030 0111</p>
Winston's Wish (Bereavement counselling)	Winston's Wish national helpline offers support, information and guidance to all those caring for a bereaved child or young person.	<p>Website: https://www.winstonswish.org</p> <p>General enquiries: 01242 515 157</p> <p>Helpline: 08088 020 021 or contact ask@winstonswish.org</p>

<p>The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS)</p>	<p>The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) is the way citizens and professionals in Birmingham access support, advice, information, report a concern about a child and make contact with the allocated Social Worker.</p> <p>CASS offers early support from a range of partners and a wide range of services. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information for families • School admissions and pupil placements • Discussing concerns for a child or family and receive Early Help and advice on thresholds and pathways • Support from the Early Help Support team • Support to complete an Early Help assessment • Booking on to your local Early Help Panel • Family Support and Think Family • Accessing MASH to report/discuss your safeguarding concern for a child. MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding HUB) is a multi-agency team which co-locates key safeguarding agencies including professionals from social care, police, health and education to better identify risks and improve decision making, interventions and outcomes. 	<p>Telephone: 0121 303 1888</p> <p>Further information available at:</p> <p>http://www.lscbbirmingham.org.uk/safeguarding-concerns/cass</p>
<p>Forward Thinking Birmingham (FTB) – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service</p>	<p>Forward Thinking Birmingham work with children and young people with:</p> <p>Emotional Difficulties, e.g. anxiety, anger, low self esteem</p> <p>Behavioral difficulties, e.g. aggression, destructiveness, self-harm, over activity</p> <p>Developmental difficulties, e.g. concerns with eating, sleeping or communicating</p> <p>Relationship difficulties, e.g. concerns in the family, with peers, in school or the community, problems with attachment and loss.</p>	<p>A referral to FTB can be made by any professional working with a child or young person in a professional capacity. Parents/carers can also make referrals.</p> <p>Telephone number: 0300 300 0099</p> <p>Website:</p> <p>https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/</p>

		<p>FTB also offer a drop in service called 'Pause'.</p> <p>Address: 21 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 8BT - 5 minutes from the Bull Ring</p>
Edwards Trust	<p>Provide a wide range of support services to bereaved families and children.</p> <p>The offer training and consultancy services for school staff. Parents/carers or others working with bereaved children and their families.</p>	<p>Website: http://www.edwardstrust.org.uk</p> <p>Email: admin@edwardstrust.org.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 0121 454 2705</p>
Barnardo's	<p>Barnardo's is a charity that works directly with children, young people and their families. Services include counselling for children who have been abused, fostering and adoption services, vocational training and disability inclusion.</p> <p>Barnardo's can also work in the following areas: advocacy, alcohol and substance misuse, child poverty, education, mental health, parenting support and young carers.</p>	<p>Midlands Regional Office:</p> <p>Address: Brooklands, Great Cornbow, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 3AB</p> <p>Telephone: 0121 550 5271/6</p> <p>Website: http://www.barnardos.org.uk</p>
Spurgeons	<p>Spurgeons is a charity that offers support and advice to young carers under the age of 18 years old.</p> <p>Services include: telephone support, training, counselling, respite opportunities, a support worker, whole family support and work shops.</p>	<p>Birmingham office:</p> <p>Address: Birmingham Young Carers Unite, The Big Peg, 311B, 120 Vyse Street, Birmingham, B18 6NF</p> <p>Telephone: 0121 638 0878</p> <p>Email: birminghamyc@spurgeons.org</p> <p>Website: www.spurgeons.org</p>