

## Children's Centres

Your local children's centre can offer support and guidance.

To find your nearest children's centre visit:

[www.oldham.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/childrenscentres)

## SEND Information and Advice Support (IAS) Service

The SEND IAS Service aims to promote effective working partnerships between parents, schools, local authority, voluntary and private sector organisations, local and national charities, health and social services.

SEND IAS Services are statutory services which provide information, advice and support to Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities; and Young People 16+ about their own Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Our Service is free of charge and is operated independently of the Local Authority by POINT Services. This means that we can provide the most effective information, advice and support, which will focus on the needs of the child or young person.

[www.point-send.co.uk/oldhamsendiass](http://www.point-send.co.uk/oldhamsendiass)

## Local colleges, schools and childcare providers

Your child's college, school or childcare provider can provide you with information on their Local Offer. Speak to their Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

Oldham Parent Carer Forum



# Special Educational Needs and Disability

## Oldham's Local Offer



Oldham's Local Offer is an online resource that provides support and guidance to families with children and young people aged 0–25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It also has information about local and national organisations and services. Visit: [www.oldham.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/localoffer)

#### Oldham's Local Offer includes information on:

- Information, advice and how to access support services and find local support groups.
- How to find out about activities for children, young people and families.
- How to find childcare providers.
- Information on Social Care provision
- Health Care Services, which includes speech and language therapy and mental health services.
- Eligibility criteria that may apply to any of the provision set out in Oldham's Local Offer.
- Special educational needs provision provided by every school in Oldham, whether they are a mainstream or specialist school.
- Specialist school provision outside the Oldham area where this is being used by local children with SEND.
- How Special Educational Needs are identified at each individual school or early years provider.
- Teaching approaches – including how the curriculum will be adapted, arrangements for assessment and monitoring, how effectiveness will be measured and extra-curricular activities children and young people can access.
- School transport in and outside Oldham.
- Information on eligibility to access funding and benefits.
- Information on the Graduated Approach (four stages: assess, plan, do and review) and SEN Support
- How Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) needs assessments are carried out in Oldham.
- Support available to children and young people to help them prepare for adulthood.
- Employment, volunteering and training opportunities.
- How to give feedback including suggestions, compliments and complaints.

#### Get Involved

Oldham's Local Offer is for you and we want to make sure that it is meeting your family's needs. If you want to be involved in the ongoing shaping of Oldham's Local Offer contact: POINT (Parents of Oldham in Touch).

**T: 0161 503 1555**

**Forum@point-send.co.uk**

**facebook.com/pointoldham**

**www.point-send.co.uk/oldhampcf**

#### To give feedback on Oldham's Local Offer

To share your views and ideas about how the Local Offer can be improved email: **local.offer@oldham.gov.uk**

#### For service providers

To list your service/activity visit:

**www.oldham.gov.uk/addservicelisting**

or email: **onlinedirectory@oldham.gov.uk**

### Further information and links

If you have limited access to the internet or need support to use it you can visit the following places for help:

#### Oldham Council Libraries

All our libraries have computers which are free to use. To use them you need to be a library member. Joining the library is quick, simple and free of charge.

All our libraries are UK Online Centres. Every library has at least one computer with Supernova (software for people with a visual impairment).

For more information and to find your nearest library contact via email: **oldham.library@oldham.gov.uk**

**T: 0161 770 8000**

#### Access Oldham – Civic Centre, West Street

There are various facilities within Access Oldham which include:

- Free phone (to access Council services).
- Internet (to access Council services).
- Interview rooms with wheelchair access.
- Loop system.