

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## REACH Newsletter

The first Reaching Excellence and Ambition for all Children (REACH) newsletter is now available. The REACH consortium is the delivery partner to the Department for Education (DfE), working with DfE and local areas to test the proposed changes to the SEND and AP System, as set out in the Improvement Plan.

You can read the newsletter here:

<https://bit.ly/REACHNews>

Don't forget to subscribe and stay up to date with what is happening across the Change Programme:

<https://buff.ly/47AWHFc>

## The Swindon Local Offer

In order for the successful migration of the Local Offer to a new platform, we are currently in a two week content change freeze from 15th January until 29th January 2024. We will not create or update any pages on the SEND Local Offer site during this period.

The current platform will be decommissioned on the 31st March 2024. The new Local Offer site, which will replace it, will be hosted on the current Swindon Borough Council platform.

More information about the new site will follow in due course.



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday.



Alternatively, you can email [SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk).



For more information, please [visit the Meet the SEND Service page](#) on the Local Offer.

## The Advisory Teachers for Cognition and Learning

The Advisory Teachers for Cognition and Learning consist of two teachers Lisa Tew and Rachel Williams who work across education settings in Swindon.

They can support your school to help identify cognition and learning needs linked to: reading, writing, spelling, mathematics, planning and organisation as well as concerns about memory and processing.

All recommendations can be used to support new and ongoing graduated response

You can book an advisory teacher for:

- A whole day (£462)
- half day (£231)
- and/or an hour of our time for £77.

For £462 you could choose from one of the following options:

- An extended visit with a report where they work with the child or young person (CYP) and spend time with the school and parents understanding the needs of the young person, producing a record of recommendations
- Two short visits where they observe the child in your setting and spend time talking to you about how best to support needs, producing a short record of recommendations
- 3 virtual consultations which include notes
- 6 virtual consultations where the setting make notes

For £231 you could choose from one of the following options:

- A short visit and record of recommendations
- 3 virtual consultations (without notes)

For £77 you can get:

- A virtual consultation (without notes) where they can support you to identify and plan how you would like to support CYP

The Advisory Teacher's are committed to developing their training and would love to hear from you. By completing this short survey, it will help them develop training that works for you!

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/QRNY40/>

All of their services are able to book on the Hub for Education, or why not get in touch by emailing [class@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:class@swindon.gov.uk) to discuss your settings needs and what support you need.

**[Please subscribe to the Local Offer YouTube channel here](#)**



**CONTACT THE LOCAL OFFER ON [LOCALOFFER@SWINDON.GOV.UK](mailto:LOCALOFFER@SWINDON.GOV.UK)**

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# MY Future

An event for young people aged 14 plus with additional needs, and their parent / carers.



***“Becoming an adult can be confusing!!!”***

Thursday  
1st February  
2024  
10am to 4pm  
@ New College  
Swindon,  
North Star  
Campus

**Come along and find out what's available to help young people get ready for adult life.**

For more information email: [myfutureevent@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:myfutureevent@swindon.gov.uk)

or text / call 07989 387810



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