

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Deaf Awareness Week 2023

Deaf Awareness Week starts on Monday 1st and ends on Sunday 7th May.

The week aims to:

- raise awareness of the communication needs of deaf and hard of hearing people
- advocate for greater access to communication tools and services
- encourage people and services to work together to create a more inclusive society where deaf people have equal access to communication.

The theme this year is 'Access to Communication'. In this month's SEND Families News Splash you will find a feature with resources for settings that work with children and young people. Click here to view the [April 2023 SEND Families News Splash](#)

There are various resources on the Local Offer to support Deaf Awareness Week here: [Swindon Local Offer - Search Results](#).

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

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

## Cognition and Learning Support Service (CLASS) - New Traded Offer, 2023-24

The Cognition and Learning Support Service (CLASS) will be changing the way it delivers its services from September 2023. To ensure that CLASS remains as a viable service within the current economic climate, the advisory teachers for cognition and learning will become fully traded so will no longer be providing free services to schools next academic year.

The new CLASS traded offers includes a 'daily rate' (£462) within which the school can plan with the advisory teacher a range of bespoke activities such as consultations, assessments, advice and modelling of interventions. There is also a wide range of training courses on offer (both centralised and whole school), plus a package to support schools to achieve and maintain the 'Swindon Dyslexia Friendly Schools Quality Mark'.

These new traded services are now available to book on the Swindon Hub for Education -through the CLASS main pages:

<https://hubforeducation.swindon.gov.uk/>

Or the general 'Training' pages

<https://hubforeducation.swindon.gov.uk/Training>

Please do feel free to contact us if you have any queries: [CLASS@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:CLASS@swindon.gov.uk).

## "YOU SAID, WE DID" – TIMING OF REQUESTS FOR EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

The SEND Service is continuously looking at ways to improve collaborative working with schools, parents and other partners. As you will be aware making a request for an EHC needs assessment is a legal right and you are free to do so at any time. However, following feedback that consultations (week 16-17 of the 20 week process) were falling in periods of schools closure, such as the summer holidays and other 2 week holidays we have created a calendar which indicates 'good' (colour coded in green) submission weeks that will avoid this happening for you.

To find out more and to view the calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, please view the [Swindon Local Offer page](#).

To speak to a member of the SEND Service, please call 01793 464641 (during usual working hours) and we will answer your query in 48-96 hours.

Telephone 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](#).



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