



SEND – KENT LOCAL OFFER

Every local authority must provide a service for parents of children with special educational needs and children with disabilities.

Information, Advice and Support Kent (IASK)

IASK support families of children and young people (0 – 25 years) with special educational needs or disabilities. They hope to empower children/young people and their parents to make informed choices about their children's education, other outcomes and communicate confidently.

Their advice and support is confidential and impartial. They are not on anybody's side.

IASK is overseen by a steering group, half of which must be parents.

They also support schools in working with parents.

Support for parents/carers and young people

Their experienced team will listen and discuss any issues around your child's education and development in complete confidence. They can:

- help you make informed decisions
- help you plan how to communicate your views or concerns in meetings or on paper
- come with you to meetings as a neutral person
- provide face to face support
- provide information about other agencies and processes
- help you prepare paperwork
- provide independent support for the statutory assessment process and at annual reviews
- offer you training and workshops.

We can't:

- support you with issues that aren't directly related to special educational needs and disabilities
- make decisions for you
- speak on your behalf.

For more information or to get support, visit the [IASK website](#).

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Kent's Local offer is all about making it easier for people to find out about services available to 0-25 year olds with special educational needs and disabilities.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational- needs>

