

Swindon SEND Families Voice

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SEND Sharing Service

BRANCHES







Swindon SEND Families Voice

Swindon SEND Families Voice are the parent carer forum for Swindon.
We provide support and signposting to parents and carers of Children or Young People with SEND and additional needs aged from 0-25 (with or without a diagnosis).

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COMMUNITY

- **SEND Sharing Service** - This is our lending library, which allows families access to SEND related books, toys and equipment. The SEND Sharing Service has proven itself to be an invaluable SEND community resource and it only costs £3 a year to use.

- **SEND Information Packs** - Each year we create information packs for Reception aged children who are identified as having additional needs (no diagnosis required) by their educational/childcare setting. These information packs help Parents and Carers navigate this time of transition.

- **The SEND Room** - Bringing Parents together through our online Facebook community of over 2,800 Parents and Carers of children and young people with SEND in Swindon. We share posters for all our events on our Facebook page and The SEND Room.

CONNECTION

- **Breakfast Catch Ups** - Parent and Carers tell us that one of the best forms of support they access is solid, strong connections to other SEND families going through similar lived experiences. Our Breakfast Catch Ups are a good opportunity for Carers to meet the team and chat with one another. We run our sessions once every term.

- **Coffee Mornings, Stay and Play and Social Club Sessions** - We support families through our regular coffee mornings at local Primary and Secondary Schools, Nurseries and through connecting with local community groups. We also run SEND Stay and Play sessions for children under 5 and a SEND Social Club for young people aged 13 - 25. These services provide a more informal and relaxed approach that allows Parents to access face to face support whilst connecting with other SEND families.

SUPPORT

- **Phoneline** - Our phoneline is available to Parents and Carers who might need a listening ear, an extra boost of courage or some much needed emotional support for those tricky days. As parents of SEND children ourselves, we understand how difficult the journey can be.

- **Branches** - Our support group, Branches, runs on a regular basis and alternates between daytime and evening sessions. We have guest speakers such as professionals who can provide important up-to-date information about local SEND services and experts in various SEND related topics.

- **SEND Family Events** - When we are able to do so, we run SEND family events at local places in Swindon, such as Jungle Kingdom or The Link Centre. These sessions not only allow Parent Carers time to connect with others and speak with our team, but it is also a place for our SEND children to meet one another and feel comfortable to be themselves in a safe, non-judgemental environment.

VOICES

- **Strategic Meetings and Co-production** - One of our key roles at Swindon SEND Families Voice, is championing Parent Carers voices behind the scenes, through the co-production meetings with our strategic partners. These include the Local Authority, the Department of Education and the Integrated Care Board. We work hard to improve the lived experiences of SEND families by sharing their views and experiences with key stakeholders to promote positive change, making sure that SEND is always at the heart of planning and development of these vital public services and that Parent Carer voices are always heard.

- **Reshaping Conversations** - This is our project looking to influence and improve the language of professionals and the wider public when talking to or about children and young people with SEND. We have teamed up with other local SEND groups to put together a website, booklet, video and training module. Our training module has been taken up by Swindon Borough Council and local health services and is used as mandatory training.