



SEND newsletter- autumn term



Welcome back, we hope you all had a good summer break. We are back to writing our termly newsletter to provide information about SEND provision in our school as well as any signposting to events/ information that may be useful to you as parents. We hope that you find these newsletters useful.

Miss Kealey (EY and KS1 SENCo) and Mrs Groves (KS2 SENCo)



Annie Lennard Primary is a school with a huge HEART.

Fun and laughter are at the HEART of all we do.

We believe anything is possible! Dream it, believe it, Become it!

Useful dates

- Drop in SEND coffee morning (to meet SENCOs or to discuss any concerns you may have) as well as a workshop about Supporting Challenging Behaviour with Amanda Barrie (information and question and answer session). Wednesday 1st October- 9-10am- school hall.

What's going on in school?

Our 'Sensory Room' is used regularly throughout school, which is timetabled. This is to provide a calm, stimulating space that allows our children to regulate and meet their sensory needs as well as providing comfort to them during the school day.



We are working hard in school to deliver high- quality provision to all of our pupils. All of our children with SEND are identified and we have clear provision mapping in place to support their needs across school. SEND children (as much as possible) are taught alongside their peers and our teachers embrace the responsibility for creating a safe, engaging and supportive environment to suit the diverse needs of all of our pupils. Staff are trained to identify and support children with SEND in order for early identification of need. We provide timely and holistic interventions in school that are specific to a child's area of need. Some of our current interventions in place across school are: Krunch therapy, Creative play therapy, Lego therapy, Diagnostic spelling and Speech and Language therapy.

Staff in school have extensive experience in supporting a wide range of SEND needs, and this year, all staff will receive training in supporting children with ADHD.

How We Support SEND here at Annie Lennard

Annie Lennard Primary School is an inclusive, supportive environment that tailors its curriculum to support all pupils.

All pupils follow the National Curriculum at a level and a pace that is appropriate to their abilities; however, when it is felt appropriate, modifications to the curriculum may be implemented.

To successfully match pupil ability to the curriculum we may:

- Ensure that children have access to all school activities (including extra-curricular activities)
- Support pupils in gaining confidence, improving self-esteem and achieving their full potential.
- Support staff to become aware of and sensitive to the needs of all pupils as well as teaching pupils in a way that is more appropriate to their needs.
- To work in partnership with parents/ carers, pupils and relevant external agencies in order to provide for children's special educational needs and disabilities.
- To identify a Special Educational Need as early as possible to ensure the correct support can be put in place.
- To ensure suitable provision for children with SEND to fully develop their abilities, interests and aptitudes and gain maximum access to the curriculum.
- To give every child the entitlement to a sense of achievement.
- To regularly review our policies and procedures in order to achieve best practice.

Useful agencies

Helping Hands – Autism & ADHD Behaviour Support

Helping parents navigate the world of additional needs through understanding behaviours, creating strategies and sharing lived experiences

Who can access this service

Parents/carers of little/young people with ASD/ADHD diagnosis or being assessed by a professional on an official diagnosis pathway. 0-25 years where a diagnosis of ASD/ADHD is present.

✉ helpinghandsbc@family-action.org.uk

☎ 07881 265320

Click the link below to find out more.

[Family Information Service Hub | Family Action Black Country](#)

Sandwell Parents Voices United

Formed in January 2021, We are an independent group of parents and carers working together to raise awareness of, and aspire to improve outcomes, for children and young people with SEND in Sandwell.

We aim to do this by organising events, coffee mornings, information sessions and training events.

Our parent carer representatives attend meetings with various organisations within Education, health & social care as well as offering support to other local voluntary organisations.

We have a parent/carers representation on both Sandwell SEND operations Board and Sandwell SEND Strategy Board



We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We are completely independent of the local authority and health services which allows us to share the lived experiences and ideas of our parent carer members, giving them a voice and effecting positive change. We are currently building relationships with Sandwell Children's Trust and Black Country NHS trust.

We have representation on West Midlands Parents/Carers Forum, and are a national member of National Network of Parent Carer Forums.

This means the voice of parent carers in Sandwell help influence service provision for people with SEND locally, regionally and nationally.

Whilst the forum is not a support group, we aspire to work with all support groups across Sandwell to ensure our collective voice is heard. The forum is passionate that the collective voice is heard.

We welcome any parent, carer or foster parent of any CYP regardless of disability, this may range from complex medical issues to learning or physical difficulties.

The forum does not require a diagnosis for you to become a member and is open to all families in Sandwell or those living outside, who access schools in our area.

Telephone

07306 364 106

E-mail

admin@spvu.org

Useful information

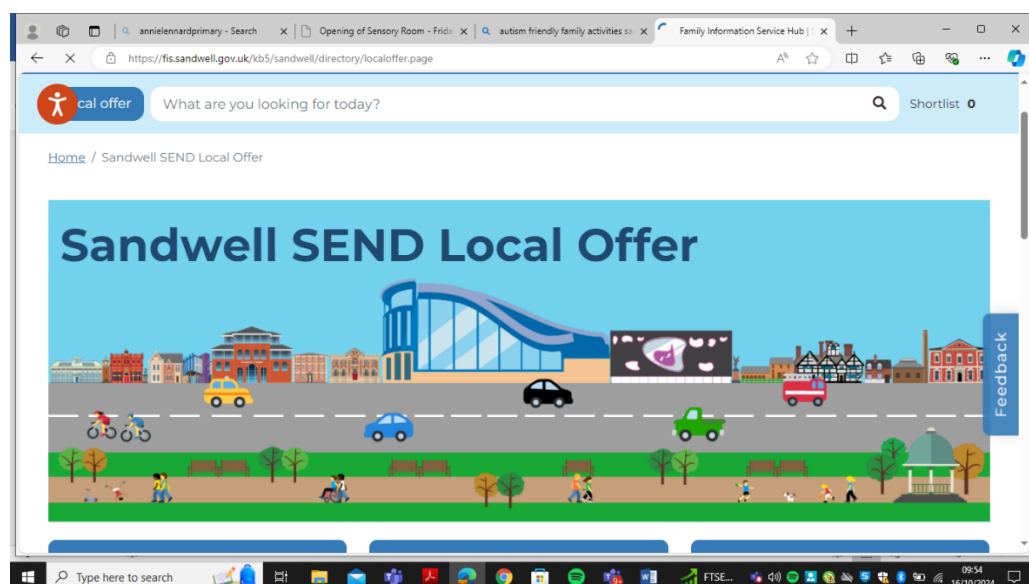
[SEN Provision \(annielennardprimary.co.uk\)](http://annielennardprimary.co.uk) please click on the link to see all of our SEN provision on our school website. There will be links on there with our school policies for SEND, a breakdown of our needs and any other relevant information. **Outside Agencies.**

We are supported in school by a fantastic inclusion support team from Sandwell Local Authority. We can access support from Educational Psychologists, Behaviour Support team, Learning Support team, Complex Communication and Autism team, Visual or Hearing-Impaired team, NHS Speech and Language Team and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team. Support from these teams is requested with consent from parents.

Sandwell SEND:

Sandwell LA Local offer for SEND children is available via this link

[Sandwell Local Offer | Family Information Service Hub](#)



What is the Local Offer?

Our vision for children and young people in Sandwell with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is that they will be able to achieve their aspiration for a healthy ordinary life through meaningful employment and fulfilling relationships within the community of their choosing.

To help with achieving this vision the Local Authority has produced, as required by law, a 'Local Offer' which sets out the support they expect to be available for children and young people in Sandwell with special educational needs and disabilities.



Watch this video to find out what is contained within the Sandwell SEND local offer: [Family Information Service Hub | What is the Local Offer? \(sandwell.gov.uk\)](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/family-information-service-hub/what-is-the-local-offer)

Contacts for Inclusion Support

Telephone: 0121 569 8240

Email: sen_team@sandwell.gov.uk

Address:

Special Educational Needs Service
Connor Road
West Bromwich
B71 3DJ



The above service offer impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The service is impartial, confidential and free. [Sandwell Sendiass :: Home](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/family-information-service-hub/parents-carers-siblings)

[Family Information Service Hub | Parents, Carers & Siblings \(sandwell.gov.uk\)](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/family-information-service-hub/parents-carers-siblings)

Watch the video below by the Council for Disabled children which explains more about the role of SENDIASS:



Contacts for School SENCos

Please be advised that both Miss Kealey and Mrs Groves work as full-time teachers as well as SENCos, so you may have to contact us via the school office if needed where we will phone back as soon as we possibly can. We offer an open-door policy and will always try to speak to parents on the same day.

Please always speak to your child's class teacher first if you have any concerns regarding SEND.

For any queries either contact the school office on 0121 429 4284

Or email Miss Kealey for EY and KS1 enquiries at elle.kealey@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk or Mrs Groves for KS2 enquiries at Sophie.groves@annielennard.sandwell.sch.uk