

SENDIASS news, events and information items – 13/3/26

News and information items

Important service notice:

Our response times have recently only just within our published five-day standard, and we're exploring ways to build capacity so we can provide timely information and advice to families.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

1. Home to school travel for children with SEND



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for children
with SEND**



Links to information to
help you in the post.



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- [Travel - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – SENDIASS webpage information
- [Post 16 travel to education for young people with additional needs](#) – SENDIASS video
- [Suffolk-SENDIASS-Travel-and-transport-16-easy-read.pdf](#) - our easy read leaflet
- [SEND Travel - Suffolkonboard](#) – local authority information
- [Home - Independent Travel Toolkit](#) – toolkit coproduced with children and young people, Suffolk Parent Carer Forum and the LA Engagement Hub.

2. Secondary school places for children without EHC plans – not got the school you wanted?



Secondary school admissions for children without EHC plans.

If you are unhappy with the school you have been offered for your child, we have information to help you understand your options, including appeals.

Links in the above post ...

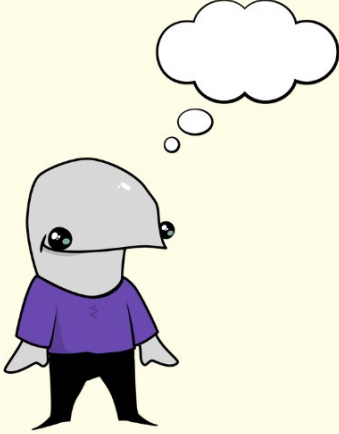
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- [Advice around appealing for a school place - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – our web information.
- [School admissions: Appealing a school's decision - GOV.UK](#)
- [Advice for parents and guardians on school admission appeals - GOV.UK](#)

The process is different for children and young people with EHC plans. We have information to explain the process, including appeals:

- [Choosing and naming a school \(or setting\) in an EHC plan - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Appealing to the SEND Tribunal - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [School/setting \(or that no setting\) named in a plan - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – info about educational setting appeals.

3. EHCNA myth-bust



Did you know that there is nothing in law that says certain steps must have happened before an EHC needs assessment can be requested?

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- [EHC needs assessments and plans - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – web information
- [EHC needs assessment leaflet](#)
- [What is the purpose and threshold of an EHC needs assessment?](#) – short video
- [Requesting an EHC needs assessment - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [What is an EHCP or Education, Health and Care plan?](#) – short video
- [Education, Health and Care needs assessments webinar recording](#) – webinar recording

Local authority information: [Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments - Suffolk SEND Local Offer](#)

4. Refusal to assess



Has the local authority refused an EHC needs assessment for your child?

Links to information explaining your options in the post.

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- [Refusal to do an EHC needs assessment](#) – short video
- [Refusal to assess leaflet](#)
- [Preparing for a mediation meeting regarding a LA refusal to do an EHC needs assessment](#) - video
- [Deciding whether to proceed with assessment - Suffolk SENDIASS](#) – web information

5. Easter inclusion



Easter inclusion for pupils with SEN(D)

Different school activities can take place near Easter.

We have information about inclusion and adjustments for children and young people with additional needs.

[Links in the post..](#)



Our web information includes:

- [Equality and inclusion - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [Inclusion of pupils with special educational needs or disabilities \(SEND\) – SENDIASS video](#)
- [Reasonable adjustments - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)
- [SEN Information Report - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

Other news

[Healthwatch survey](#) - reminder

How well is Suffolk preparing young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for adulthood?

Poster attached.

A promotional poster for a Healthwatch survey. The poster has a white background with a dark blue border. On the right side, there is a photograph of a young Black woman with braided hair, wearing a colorful patterned top and orange pants, sitting in a wheelchair. On the left side, the text reads: "Take part or share..." in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this, in smaller black text, it says "How well does Suffolk support young people with SEND into adulthood?". At the bottom left, there is a logo for "SUFFOLK LOCAL OFFER" with a star icon. To the right of the logo is a blue mouse cursor icon pointing towards the text "Explore on the Healthwatch Suffolk website".

Take part or share...
How well does Suffolk support young people with SEND into adulthood?

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Explore on the Healthwatch Suffolk website

Please take part **before 31 March 2026**.

Help to take part is available from Healthwatch



Events

While we're reviewing the best ways to deliver our service to families (and supporting our newest team members), we continue to have a limited offer of live training sessions:

[View our spring sessions flyer](#) (opens PDF flyer).

1. [Comic Strip Awareness](#) (opens PDF flyer)

A relaxed online session for **parents and carers**, hosted by SENDIASS, where specialist teachers from the [Communication and Interaction service](#) will explore how comic strip drawing can be used in school and at home to help children and young people develop social understanding.

17th March 2026

10am – 11am

[Click here to register](#)