

Help for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)

Information for families

Contact details and who's who in your locality

We are very ambitious for our children and young people with SEND - our aim is to make Dorset the best place to grow-up

*We all need
extra support
sometimes*



The SEND Local Offer - Take a look at Dorset's Local Offer which provides information, advice and support.

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Dorset's specialist teams provide information, advice and support for families with children or young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs or disabilities.

Help where you live

Our specialist teams are based in six localities, Chesil (Weymouth and Portland), Dorchester, East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck and West Dorset. Contact details are here. 

Our Locality teams include:

Portage Consultants – who visit homes and early years (aged 0-5) settings to support learning through play.

Family Workers – work with families and support them through challenges and difficulties.

Specialist Teachers – advise schools and help them meet the needs of our children and young people.

Educational Psychologists – work with families, schools and other agencies to meet the needs of children and young people.

SEND Provision Leads – they carry out Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) needs assessments. They work with families to make sure that children and young people with an EHC Plan have the right support and provision in place.

Education Challenge Leads – help schools develop, improve and meet needs inclusively.

Contact details for your locality team:

Chesil Locality (Weymouth and Portland)

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Dorchester Locality

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☎ 01305 224220

East Dorset Locality

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North Dorset Locality

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☎ 01258 474036

Purbeck Locality

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☎ 01929 557000

West Dorset Locality

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In Dorset we want children and young people included in mainstream settings with the right support wherever and whenever possible.

