

# SEND Weekly Newsletter 19 June 2018



Issue 2

## Understanding local area SEND priorities



### Hearing everyone's voice

We want to make sure we listen to the voices of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their families.

The Engagement and Participation team has been working alongside young people and parent carers to create a plan on achieving this and we need your views so please take part in a short survey about the plan on [this link](#).

Following our first 'new look' newsletter focusing on the national picture for SEND we now want to look a little closer to home.

#### Have you seen the Local Area SEND strategy?

The local area partners are committed to making the needs and provision of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) a high priority.

Somerset's Local Area SEND Strategy for Children and Young People aged 0-25 has five key commitments:

- inclusive local education
- early accurate identification
- a positive experience
- partnership working
- effective transitions at key points in the young person's life

Everyone involved in SEND needs to ensure they work together with the child or young person and their families to achieve these commitments.



# What is available?

Do you want to know more about what schools can offer to support SEND?

All schools should have information on their websites including a SEND policy, SEN Information Report (separate to Governors' report), Accessibility Plan and a link to Somerset's Local Offer.

**If you are a parent**, please speak to your school to find out how you can be involved in co-designing the SEN information report.

**If you are a school** who would like support in developing this content, please email [infoandadvicewebsite@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:infoandadvicewebsite@somerset.gov.uk)



## Community Connect



Community Connect is a partnership between you, community organisations, Adult Social Care and health services.

It is for adults who think they will benefit from advice either in their community or through other agencies. You don't need to book to attend, just [click here](#) to visit the website for details.

## Fun and support...

Families with children who have special educational needs and disabilities, you are invited to the Short Breaks family fun day on Saturday 7 July 2018 at Brookside Academy in Street from 10am until 2pm.

Activity providers and support organisations for families of a child or young person with SEND will be at the event.

There will be taster activities, so you can try something new and help providers showcase what they offer. For more information, phone 01823 358117.

