

For children and young people with additional needs

Discover your Local Offer - information about support and services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families



Do you or does someone you care for have Special Educational Needs or a disability (SEND)?

To help you to find out what help is available in Merton for children and young people with SEND, we have created a Local Offer with all the information in one place.

Your Local Offer helps you find out about the support and services that are available and how to access them.

What is included in the Local Offer?

The Local Offer provides details of services and support from birth to the age of 25. It includes information about:

- schools, colleges and further education
- childcare
- health services
- social care
- preparing for adulthood
- leisure activities
- work and training
- support and advice



It also tells you how to get the services you need, such as how to get a referral or an assessment, if required.

The Local Offer can help you in several ways, including:

- ✓ making it easier to find out what you need to know

- ✓ helping you to find the nearest and most suitable services
- ✓ helping you to ask for support
- ✓ helping you to provide feedback about what is needed, raise concerns or make a complaint
- ✓ helping you to make sure you are involved in decisions about the support you receive

Where to find the Local Offer

Merton's Local Offer can be found here:
www.merton.gov.uk/localoffer

Young people can also find out about things to do and support services on the Young Merton website at
www.youngmerton.co.uk

Just look out for the SEND Local Offer blue triangle. You will see this next to listings for services that are part of the Local Offer.

You will find a green circle next to some listed services. These services support children and young people's mental wellbeing. They are part of the Merton Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Local Offer.



The Local Offer is designed to be easy to use on tablets and mobile phones, as well as computers and laptops. If you don't have internet access, you can visit your local library where staff will be able to help you to access the internet on one of their computers.

We need you!

We need your help! We continue to develop the Local Offer with help from parents, carers, children and young people, professionals and practitioners.

What's missing? Tell us what you want to see on your Local Offer! Please email localoffer@merton.gov.uk

Your views are important to us. If you have any comments or feedback, please email localoffer@merton.gov.uk

Did you know about the M-card?

Merton Council offers a card for children and young people up to the age 18 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities who are registered on our Disability Database.



The M-Card provides a quick, easy and discreet method to raise awareness that a child or young person has a disability. It is accepted in a range of places and by organisations that offer concessions or assistance.

You can apply for an M-card online
Visit www.merton.gov.uk/localoffer for more information.