

What we're doing to increase and improve education provision for children and young people with SEND

These are the ten areas we're working on to ensure that children and young people with SEND have access to provision in early years, schools and further education.

Enhanced Early Years <i>Making sure there are enough places in nurseries, preschools and childminders that can support children with complex needs.</i>	Primary SEN Units <i>Creating SEN Units in mainstream primary schools to support children with communication and interaction needs.</i>	Mainstream Autism Bases (MABs) and Enhanced MABs (EMABs) <i>Increasing the amount of suitable support in schools for autistic children.</i>	SEMH Special School provision and Secondary SEND units <i>Creating SEND units in schools to support young people with Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) needs.</i>	Special Schools and Alternative Provision (AP) <i>Making sure there are enough special school places and different types of alternative provision to suit different needs.</i>
<p>What we've done: Dingley's Promise has opened an Enhanced Early Years setting in Droitwich that offers up to 15 nursery places for children with complex needs. (Feb 2025)</p> <p>What we're doing: Dingley's Promise to open another setting in Worcester. (Mar 2025)</p> <p>Further Enhanced Early Years setting will be commissioned for Evesham/Pershore (April 2025) and in North Worcestershire (Summer 2025).</p>	<p>What we've done: Honeywell Primary School in Worcester has opened a Primary SEN Unit to support up to 10 pupils with Communication and Interaction needs. (Sep 2025)</p> <p>What we're doing: Look at options for supporting children with complex needs by creating additional SEN Units (to open for Sep 2025)</p>	<p>What we've done: Christopher Whitehead Language College EMAB opened offering 12 secondary school places. (Sep 2023)</p> <p>Tudor Grange Academy Redditch EMAB expanded by 25 secondary school places and now offers 10 places in its MAB and 45 places in its EMAB. (Sep 2023)</p> <p>What we're doing: Look at options for expanding existing MABs and EMABs or creating new ones.</p>	<p>What we've done: Unity Academy in Kidderminster is offering 30 places for primary-aged children with SEMH needs (Sep 2024)</p> <p>What we're doing: Finding out which Secondary age schools could deliver or host SEMH provision.</p> <p>Looking at options to increase and improve access to SEMH Special School places in the South of the county.</p>	<p>What we've done: A total of 178 additional places have been made available across eight special schools from 2023.</p> <p>What we're doing: Identifying options for special schools to run satellite sites.</p> <p>Looking at options to expand existing special school places.</p>

Enterprise Academy – new Autism (ASD) Special Free School <i>Opening a new special school to support pupils who have an EHCP with Autism as their primary need.</i>	Early Years and School Age Language Classes <i>Allowing more pupils to access Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) support in mainstream schools and settings.</i>	Post-16 and Post-19 Provision <i>Improving the choice, options and what’s on offer for young people with SEND to access further or higher education.</i>	Medical Education Provision <i>Offering stable and accessible support and education for pupils who can’t attend school because of their medical needs.</i>	Mainstream School Accessibility <i>Allowing more children and young people with SEND to access the right support so that they can remain within mainstream schools.</i>
<p>What we’ve done: Department for Education (DfE) announced in March 2024 that Macintyre Academies Trust will run the new Autism Special Free School in Malvern for pupils aged 5-19 years. This will provide 120 places when fully open, with capacity to expand to 160 places.</p> <p>What we’re doing: Continue working with DfE and Macintyre Academies Trust on the design and construction of the school – planning to open Sept 2027 to the first cohort of pupils.</p>	<p>What we’ve done: 117 pre-school children and 63 school-aged children received support and part of their education from language classes in 2023/24.</p> <p>What we’re doing: Work in partnership to transform this support and the services provided to reach more children within their local area.</p>	<p>What we’ve done: The Warwickshire College Group at Pershore College opened a Preparation for Adulthood Centre (Sept 2024), offering 12-16 new places for young people with complex needs.</p> <p>HoW College in Worcester, with National Star College, opened a new course to support young adults with building independence and life skills. Opened Sept 2024 for 5 students, with space to increase to 12 places.</p> <p>What we’re doing: Post-16 SEND provision to open at Kidderminster College for 16 students in Sept 2025, increasing to 32 students in Sept 2026.</p> <p>Chadsgrove Specialist Independent College is expanding provision locally to support more Worcestershire young people.</p> <p>Looking at opportunities to create additional Post 16 provision for SEND learners across the county.</p>	<p>What we’ve done: Improved accommodation at the Medical Education base in Redditch so more of the curriculum can be taught – including both inside and outside spaces.</p> <p>What we’re doing: Find options for improving the facilities to deliver Medical Education in Worcester/Malvern and Wyre Forest.</p>	<p>What we’ve done: In 2023, made four mainstream schools more accessible – including bathroom areas and a stair lift.</p> <p>Added new ‘Accessible Schools Matrix’ information on the school admissions web pages to help parent carers better understand which mainstream schools will be able to support their child’s needs.</p> <p>What we’re doing: Identify more mainstream settings that require adjustments to the accommodation and environment to support more children with SEND.</p>