

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Multiple sclerosis (MS) Awareness Week 2023

MS Awareness Week 2023 runs from 24–30 April. This year's campaign will encourage people to keep talking about how MS makes them feel, think or act. Whether you have MS yourself or care for someone who does MS charities and organisations want to hear from you.

Share your #MSMakesMe story by email stories@mssociety.org.uk. You can also look on the Local Offer for the following services for people with MS:

[Swindon Local Offer - Search Results](#)
(mylifeportal.co.uk)

Delivering Better Value

Swindon Borough Council are committed to working with key partners from across the local area to improve services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

We have been participating in the DfE's Delivering Better Value (DBV) programme, which provides us with an opportunity to submit an application to the DfE for a one-off grant to support reducing the high needs deficit position, whilst continuing to improve outcomes for our children and young people. The grant application and detail will be submitted for consideration in June 2023.

We want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan, and your views as either a parent carer or a professional working within the SEND arena are

SEND Travel application window

Swindon Borough Council SEND Travel team would like to inform you that the travel application window is opening Monday 17th April 2023 and closing on Sunday 4th June 2023, for the start of the Autumn term. It may take up to 6 weeks for the application to be processed. A delay in applying during this window could result in a delay in your application being processed. Please note the closing date of 4th June does not apply to EHCPs where Section I states 'type' and not a specific provision name.

You need to apply if:

- You are applying for transport for the first time
- You went through the appeals process last year
- Your child has gone from age 7 to 8, meaning the eligibility criteria changes from 2 to 3 miles
- Your child is changing schools
- You have changed address

All applications from Swindon Borough Council residents are assessed fairly and equitably according to the Home to School Transport Policy 2023/2024, the policy is available from: Swindon Local Offer - Swindon transport policy

For all families wishing to apply please use: Swindon Local Offer - Applying for school travel assistance.

For any questions please email the relevant travel hub
travelsouth@swindon.gov.uk
travelnorth@swindon.gov.uk

fundamental in identifying and shaping opportunities for us to do better. To this end, we have two surveys that we are asking as many school based colleagues and parent carers as possible to complete.

This will help us to understand how the Local Authority can support the local area to improve your ability to support children with SEND, the practical changes needed and some of the barriers that we face to deliver change. The survey opens on Monday 17th April and closes on Friday 28th April.

The survey for school based staff can be found here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/tf2qh1SwpJ>

The survey for parent carers can be found here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/UrX8Yf6dTQ>

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