




Local Offer

Perhaps you're concerned that your child isn't developing in the same way as other children you know of the same age?

Or maybe you have just been told that your child needs a bit of extra help?

This leaflet sets out some **frequently asked questions** and explains where you can **find more information:**

-  to help you understand what 'extra help' means
-  to help you make decisions, working with our Early Years Team
-  to introduce you to friendly local parent support groups

Who gets extra help?

Lots of children and young people need a little bit of extra support to help them develop healthily.

About 5,000 children and young people across Blackburn and Darwen need some *extra* or *different* help while they are still pre-school or later on at school. Often, this extra help is only needed for a short time, but sometimes it may need to continue for several years. This help is recorded on the Blackburn with Darwen 'SEND Register'.

Who decides who gets extra help?

If you or any of the professionals involved with your child thinks that some extra help is needed, your health visitor, doctor, nursery teacher or SENCo will discuss ...



- Why extra help is needed
- What that extra help will look like



What does this extra help look like?

Professionals supporting your child will arrange help to focus on any specific areas of concern.

A member of nursery staff or a specialist may set some slightly different work/activities to be done in class or outside the classroom.

This work may be with a small group of other children or directly with one adult.

The staff in nursery may change the way they work with your child to help them make progress.

The Child and Family Assessment (CAF) process will make sure that all the professionals involved with your child work together **with you** and regularly review **with you** how your child is progressing.



Working Together to Get Things Right

More information

If you would like to find more information about what help is available and how to help your child, take a look at our **Local Offer** .

The website sets out the range of **Special Educational Needs** and **Disabilities** services available in the local area and provides information to support children and young people with SEND and their families.

www.bwd-localoffer.org.uk

We do this to ...

- help children, young people and their families know what's available,
- so that they can be involved and make decisions about the support they need.

The Local Offer includes a list of services, information, advice and guidance:

- Education and Childcare
- Health
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Social Care
- Support and Mediation
- Things to do



The Local Offer is regularly reviewed with children, young people, parents and carers.

You too can have your say on how the Local Offer can be improved by emailing us: local.offer@blackburn.gov.uk .

Someone else to talk to

Both of the parent support groups below are experienced local SEND parents. In every case, contacting them is free and confidential.

Find them on the **Local Offer** or contact them on Facebook.

