

# LOCAL SUPPORT

SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service.)

It's a free, impartial, and confidential service offering information to young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and to their parents and carers.

**[iowsendiass.co.uk](http://iowsendiass.co.uk)**

Autism Inclusion Matters- Isle of Wight is an autistic-led charity, we are organised, run and supported by autistic adults.

**[aimisleofwight.co.uk](http://aimisleofwight.co.uk)**

The Isle of Wight Council has a website called The Local Offer to help make it easier to find information about what is available locally to help support children and young people (aged 0 to 25 years) with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) and their families.

**[iwc.iow.gov.uk/localoffer](http://iwc.iow.gov.uk/localoffer)**

Parents Voice is the parents and carers forum for parents of children with SEND on the Isle of Wight. They can be contacted via email.

**[parentsvoice@peoplematteriw.org](mailto:parentsvoice@peoplematteriw.org)**



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# GENERAL SUPPORT

The National Autistic Society are here to help the 700,000 autistic people in the UK and their families.

**autism.org.uk**

Scope, the disability equality charity in England and Wales, provide practical information and emotional support when it's most needed

**scope.org.uk**

The ADHD Foundation is the UK's leading neurodiversity charity, offering a strength-based, lifespan service for the 1 in 5 of us who live with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, DCD, Dyscalculia, OCD, Tourette's Syndrome and more.

**adhdfoundation.org.uk**

The UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people

**youngminds.org.uk**

## What is SEND?



Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can affect a child or young person's ability to learn. They can affect their:

- behaviour or ability to socialise, for example they struggle to make friends
- reading and writing,
- ability to understand things
- concentration levels,
- physical ability

## Who to talk to



If you think your child may have special educational needs, contact the SEN co-ordinator, or 'SENCO' in your child's school or nursery.

Your local Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Service can give you advice about SEND. For the Isle of Wight this is SENDIASS.

## At Cowes Enterprise College

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# INCLUSION AT CEC

Cowes Enterprise College has an excellent Inclusion department co-ordinating provision for children who require additional support with their learning. These students may have learning difficulties, difficulties involving from social, emotional and mental health issues, communication problems or physical disabilities.

The Inclusion Department has a strong team of specialist staff who support the students to overcome their difficulties and to ensure that they can achieve their potential. Students' needs are identified and met wherever possible within the classroom and the use of differentiated resources and strategies are targeted to the individual.

The Learning Support team offer a variety of clubs after school and run social skills, life skills and behaviour management groups. The inclusion area has a specific "safe haven" for vulnerable youngsters which is staffed at all times and available before school, at break, and at lunchtime.

