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## Welcome

Welcome to Bristol's SEND Local Offer website termly update for SENCO's.

During this challenging time, we hope the website can provide you with the information you need.

If you can't find the information you're looking for, please contact us on:

**[BristolLocalOffer@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:BristolLocalOffer@bristol.gov.uk)**

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We have a **dedicated page** on the SEND Local Offer for coronavirus information and advice.

It's regularly updated with information about council services, as well as advice and support available for families with SEND.


Please signpost parents and carers to **this page** for the latest information.

## Designated Clinical Officer

We have a new page detailing what a Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) is and how to contact them.

The DCO is the contact for LA's, schools and colleges who need to know how to get health advice for children and young people who have special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

Find out more **here**.



## Short Breaks Service Update

The short breaks team are unable to provide the usual short breaks services because of the coronavirus.

However, services have been working hard to create accessible activities for disabled children and young people at this time.

Signpost parents and carers to the Local Offer to find information on the available activities [here](#).

## Autism Support Toolkits

The Bristol Autism Team Education Hub have developed a list of toolkits, which have advice and practical ways to support and include children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition in your school.

These include advice about:

- school stress and anxiety
- the steps to avoid the exclusion of autistic pupils
- equality law

Find the full list of support toolkits [here](#).

## Top Up Funding

Don't forget the deadline to apply for top up funding is **4pm on May 22nd**.

Read more about top up funding [here](#).

## Supportive Parents

Our Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support (SENDIAS) service provide **free, independent advice** to parents and carers, children and young people with SEND.

Find out more on their [website](#).