

SEND - National organisations offering support and information

National Organisations	Telephone	Email	Website
<p>ACE Provides independent advice for parents/carers of children aged 5-16 in state schools in England. Aim is to help parents and carers understand an increasingly complex education system so that they can help their children to achieve the best possible outcomes.</p>	0300 0115 142	enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk	www.ace-ed.org.uk/
<p>British Dyslexia Association (BDA) A national charity that aims to influence government and other institutions to promote a dyslexia friendly society that enables dyslexic people of all ages to reach their full potential.</p>		helpline@bdadyslexia.org.uk	www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/
<p>Civil Legal Advice Free legal advice on education law matters paid for by legal aid. SEN, discrimination and judicial review (e.g. for children not receiving education/unlawful exclusions etc.) remain in scope.</p>	0345 345 4345		www.gov.uk/check-legal-aid
<p>Council for Disabled Children (CDC) CDC aims to make a difference to the lives of disabled children and children with special educational needs. They do this by influencing government policy, working with local agencies to translate policy into practice and producing guidance on issues affecting the lives of disabled children.</p>	020 7843 6000	cdc@ncb.org.uk	www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/
<p>Contact Provides advice and information to families with children with special educational needs and/or disabilities across the UK to enable them to get the right support. Brings families together to support each other, and helps families to campaign, volunteer and fundraise.</p>	0808 808 3555	helpline@contact.org.uk	www.contact.org.uk/

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<p>Down's Syndrome Association The aim of the DSA is to help people with Down's Syndrome to live full and rewarding lives.</p>	0300 1212 300	info@downs-syndrome.org.uk	www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/
<p>Henshaws Society for Blind People A specialist service for children (from birth to 18 years) who have a visual impairment, and their families.</p>	0300 222 5555	info@henshaws.org.uk	www.henshaws.org.uk/
<p>IPSEA Independent Parental Special Education Advice is a charity which offers legal advice, support and training to ensure children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) access the right education.</p>	01799 582030		www.ipsea.org.uk/
<p>National Autistic Society Leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome) and their families. Provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for people with autism.</p>	0808 800 4104	nas@nas.org.uk	www.autism.org.uk
<p>National Deaf Children's Society The National Deaf Children's Society is the leading charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people.</p>	0808 800 8880	ndcs@ndcs.org.uk	www.ndcs.org.uk/
<p>Sense Give legal advice and assistance to deafblind individuals or their family members and supporters.</p>	0300 330 9256	info@sense.org.uk	www.sense.org.uk/
<p>SOS SEN A national charity aiming to empower parents and carers of children and young people with SEN and disabilities to access the help they are entitled to, particularly in the education system.</p>	0300 302 3731 or 0208 538 3731	admin@sossen.org.uk	www.sossen.org.uk/

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<p>Young Minds Young Minds is a charity leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges. They make sure young people get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties.</p>	<p>Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544</p>		<p>www.youngminds.org.uk /</p>