



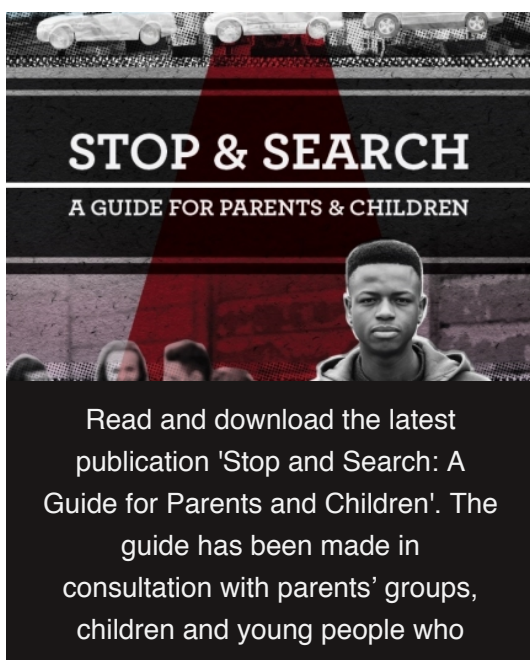
The Local Offer is a valuable resource for families and professionals offering information on the services and provisions available in Southwark for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25.

Cygnet for Parents

The Cygnet parenting support programme is for parents and carers of children aged 5-18 who are on the autistic spectrum.

The programme aims to increase parents understanding of autistic spectrum conditions and guide them through practical strategies they can use with their child.

To find out more or book your place please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer



Read and download the latest publication 'Stop and Search: A Guide for Parents and Children'. The guide has been made in consultation with parents' groups, children and young people who



Autism: Next Steps

Autism 'Next Steps' is a course for parents of children with a diagnosis of Autism under the age of 5.

'Next Steps' is delivered by the Early Years Autism Team in Southwark.

What could you achieve through 'Next Steps':

- Be empowered.
- Increase your knowledge of how to support your child in the very important days of early years development.
- Meet other parents.
- Be supported in the time between diagnosis and school placement

have been stopped and searched. Using a harm reduction approach, this guide focuses on keeping children as safe as possible during interactions with the police. It outlines what should happen during a stop and search and contains key information and tips to help support children and their parents.

To download the guide, please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer.

To find out more about the 'Next Steps' course, [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

Don't forget to check out the Weekly Opportunities Bulletin for the latest education, employment or training opportunities for young people aged 16-25.

[Click here](#) or visit the Local Offer

The MahaDevi Yoga Centre offers 1:1 sessions of yoga therapy to children with special needs to help them build balance, strength and confidence.

The sessions are open to all families with children with special needs including Autism, Down's syndrome, epilepsy, Prader-Willi syndrome, Hemiplegia, ADD, ADHD, eye impediments, ME, sciatica, cerebral palsy, speech impediments, behaviour issues, wheelchair users and many more.

For more information please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer.



BIRTH TO FIVE: FREE INFORMATION WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

contact will be hosting a series of workshops throughout November for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 with additional needs.

The workshops will provide information on the provision and support available in the early years, as well as give helpful advice around supporting young children with additional needs.



Well Connected is a new exciting programme funded by Big Lottery Funds in partnership with *Three Cs.

The programme will provide activities that are friendly, and accessible for people experiencing mental distress, to gain confidence, learn new skills, socialise and build relationships with each other.

For more information about the workshops, including how to book your place please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer.



St Giles Trust

The **Your Path** project aims to support Southwark young people 16 – 25 to increase their employability and gain jobs and apprenticeships.

Young people will be supported to improve their employability, undertake work experience, relevant training to increase skills and take up opportunities including paid employment or apprenticeships.

To find out more including how to access the service, please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer.

DISABILITY SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Get involved in activities for disabled people in Southwark



You can now download the latest [Disability Sport and Activity Programme](#) on the Local Offer

Well Connected are currently offering a number of short term courses starting this Autumn.

For more information or to get involved please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer.

INFORMAL EXCLUSIONS

If a child or young person is excluded, it means they are not allowed to attend school for a fixed amount of time.

The decision to exclude is made by the head teacher and they must carefully consider the law when deciding to exclude a child or young person.

Informal exclusions are illegal, for example sending a child home to 'cool off' or only allowing a child or young person in for a reduced amount of time.

Find out more about the processes involving exclusions, including the rights of the parents and child/young person by [clicking here](#) or visiting the Local Offer.

SIAS (Southwark Information, Advice and Support) Team survey

A national survey is being conducted to assess the effectiveness of services provided by SEND Information Advice and Support teams throughout the country.

This survey is aimed at parents and young people who have received support

EDUCATION HEALTH AND CARE PLANS

Want to find out about how the Local Authority decide whether to proceed with an EHC needs assessment?

Why not look at the EHC assessment criteria on the Local Offer by [clicking here](#) to get a better insight into the decision process.

from the SIAS team who have had an issue resolved on or after 05/06/2017.

The survey is anonymous and if you have any queries regarding its completion please do let us know. You can contact us on telephone number 0207 525 3104 or email: sias@southwark.gov.uk

Tell us how we're doing by [clicking here](#) or by visiting the Have Your Say section of the Local Offer



Students with a learning difficulty, health problem or disability can apply for **Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)** to cover some of the extra costs they have because of a mental health problem, long term illness or any other disability.

Statistics show that disabled students receiving DSA have a higher rate of success in their studies.

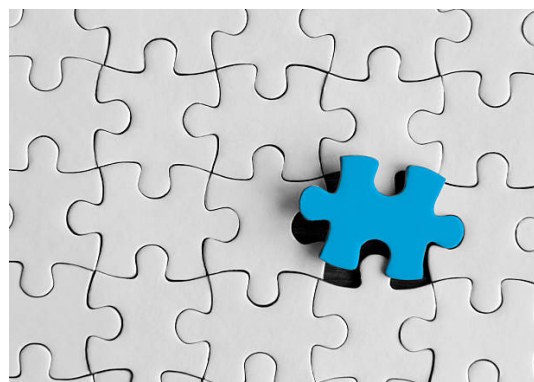
You can find out more about DSA by [clicking here](#) or visiting the Local Offer



The St Giles Trust are running free interview skills and techniques workshops aimed at young people aged 16-25 who are not in education, employment or training.

The workshops run every Friday from 10am-4pm

To find out more, including how to book your place please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer





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Can't find what you're looking for on the Local Offer website? Why not send us an [email](#) with the information you are looking for and we will do our best to find it for you localoffer@southwark.gov.uk

NEW DATES AVAILABLE

The **SEND Masterclass** is a 90 minute training and information session on SEND in Southwark. Attendees will learn about the law around SEND (inc. the SEND Code of Practice), the Local Offer, provision and much more.

To find out more or to book your place please [click here](#) or visit the Local Offer

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