



Welcome to our February 2021 Parents SEND newsletter

Aiming to keep families, children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities informed of all the new developments in the service.

Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome to the February 2021 edition of our SEND Parents news sheet, which provides you with updates and useful information about our SEND improvement work.

I do hope you find the information useful. Please can I ask you to share the newsletter with any friends and family who may benefit from the information. If you would like to contact us or send any feedback please email: SENDluton@luton.gov.uk.

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[Luton Local Offer](#)



<https://twitter.com/LocalLuton>

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Sensory processing support for parents

The [Luton Local Offer](#) has a wealth of support for parents, young people and professionals, including recently updated information about how to support a child or young person with sensory processing difficulties. A new video resource includes:

- information on what sensory processing difficulties are
- what it feels like to a child with autism in a busy shopping centre
- helpful parenting strategies to support their child's needs

Other resources available include:

[occupational therapy website](#)

[sensory processing awareness training](#)

The following resource may also be helpful, which was co-produced by local parents and has a range of very practical strategies.

[Supporting your child with sensory processing difficulties](#)

Positive outcomes when preparing for adulthood

A young man who we will call Joseph has a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder, which has led to social communication difficulties. He has limited speech skills and sickle cell disease.

Joseph and his carers have been supported by the Transition team since 2015. He currently works for Luton Town Football Club and is able to get the public bus to his work placement.

[Levelling the Playing Field— Joseph's story](#)



New free online parenting course for Luton parents and carers



A new course called **Understanding your child with additional needs** has been added to the suite of free online Solihull parenting programmes available to Luton parents and carers.

The course is an adapted version of the well-established, evidence based Understanding your child course, with extra content more relevant to parents with SEND children.

[Understanding your child with additional needs](#)

Join the children with disabilities register

We'd like to develop our children's disability register and encourage more families to sign up. The Children Act 1989 requires all local authorities to keep a register of children with disabilities to help with planning and monitoring services.

All professionals working with SEND children are asked to sign-post families to sign up. Click below to find out more about:

- which children can be registered
- why parents should join
- where to find more information

[Luton's children with disabilities register](#)



Luton Children with Disabilities Register, for disabled children 0-19yrs.

Have you signed up?

The aim of the disability register is to use factual information to help improve services

If your child has physical or mental disabilities or impairments, if they have a [Blue Badge](#), or receive middle or high rate [disability living allowance](#), you could benefit from signing onto the Children with Disabilities register.

By registering you will:

- receive a photo ID card for your child, giving you access to discounts in some local and national venues
- be informed of new developments and consultations in Luton
- be providing information to local services and voluntary organisations which will enable them to improve services for children with disabilities

[Register your child here](#)

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