



Government White Paper & Consultation

The Government published the Every Child Achieving and Thriving white paper, proposing major changes to the national SEND system. Due to the impact of these changes, a national consultation is now open for families and professionals in Bristol to share their views. Giving feedback is essential in shaping these services.

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Bristol Parent Carer Forum updates

Together for SEND - a BIG Thank You

Last month we took over We The Curious for an incredible day of SEND information and support. We welcomed inspiring speakers, brilliant exhibitors, council representatives, and a fantastic turnout of parents, carers and education staff. The atmosphere was buzzing and we loved every moment of it. Please share your thoughts to help us shape future events and leave feedback below.

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Coffee Mornings

Our relaxed, welcoming sessions give parents and carers space to connect, share experiences and chat with our facilitators about the support available for their child. They're also a brilliant way for schools to strengthen relationships with families leading to clearer communication and more collaborative problem-solving. Families tell us they leave feeling informed, reassured and more connected.

These sessions really do make a difference.

[Book here](#)

Schools spotlight: Places and provisions

Bristol City Council recently approved a £53 million plan to create 569 new specialist school places. Key projects include:

Trym Valley Academy: A new specialist free school in Southmead providing 164 places, expected to be managed by the Enable Trust.

Throgmorton House: A new setting under Briarwood School that opened in January 2026, offering 66 additional places.

Henbury Court Academy & St Anne's: Refurbishments are underway to provide 54 new places for neurodivergent children by late 2026/early 2027.



Let's Talk About Resource Bases in schools

Join us for a focused Let's Talk session all about Resource Bases in mainstream schools on 13th May at 10am on Zoom. Is the information out there clear? Do you know how placements are decided? We want to hear your experiences and questions. Your voice genuinely shapes what happens next. Can't make it? [Give feedback here.](#)

[Event info](#)

Your Holiday Hub: Help for your families

Children and young people in Bristol with SEND who receive benefits-related free school meals can book a wide range of fun activity sessions running during the school holidays from 6th to 17th April. Your Holiday Hub sessions are fully funded and include a healthy meal. There is lots to choose from, including sports, crafts, drama, baking and more. Stay active, try new things and get involved. Families can find out more and book their place here: www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk