

The Core Standards are part of the Local Offer and will help to make sure all children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) get the same education opportunities no matter where they are within Somerset.

You can find all the documents on [Somerset's Local Offer](#) by searching what to expect from education.

The Graduated Approach



The SEND (0-25 years) Code of Practice (2014) sets out that education settings should develop a Graduated Approach. This is a cycle of assessment, planning and reviewing what is being put in place for your child or young person so they can identify the best way for them to make progress and have good outcomes.

Further information

All nurseries, pre-schools, schools and colleges explain more in a document called the SEND Information report. You can find this on their website. The Local Offer also has lots of useful information about what is available for children and young people in Somerset.

Having concerns about your child's provision

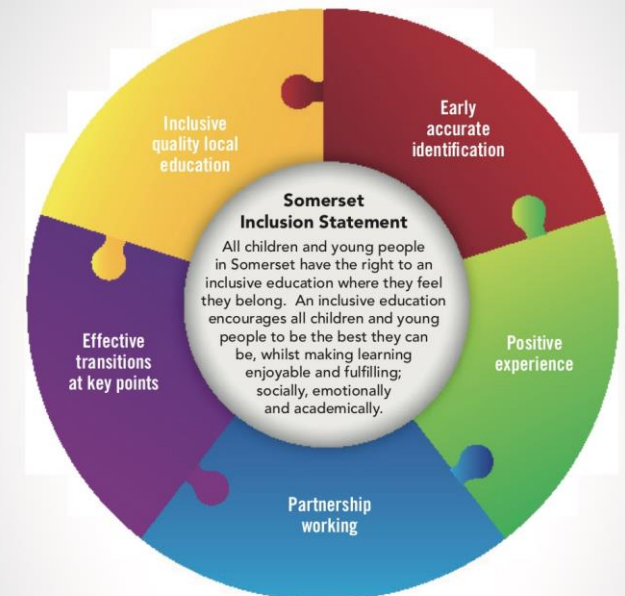
If you don't think that your child is receiving the help as outlined in the core standards the first thing to do is to have an open talk with your child or young person's teacher. They will be able to show you where your child is within the core standards provision and discuss any concerns.

You can also get advice and information from **SENDIAS** on 01823 355578 or www.somersetsend.org.uk or **Somerset Parent Carer Forum** on 01458259384 or www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk

What can I expect from my child or young person's education setting?

Somerset Core Standards for SEND

These education standards describe what all Somerset schools, settings and colleges can do for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND).



- ✓ SEND is everyone's business
- ✓ All teachers are teachers of all children/young people
- ✓ The right support in the right place at the right time

When your child or young person is attending pre-school, nursery, school or college, it is natural to want to know what you can expect to be provided for them. This leaflet will provide you with the basic information to answer that question and show you where you can find out more details.

Somerset Inclusion Statement

Groups across Education, Health and Social Care came together and agreed the following statement which shows how they feel about inclusion.

“All children and young people in Somerset have the right to an inclusive education where they feel they belong. An inclusive education encourages all children and young people to be the best they can be, whilst making learning enjoyable and fulfilling; socially, emotionally and academically”.

To help make sure inclusion is a reality for all children in Somerset, including those with Special Educational Needs and /or Disabilities, **Core Standards for Education** have been developed.

Somerset County Council worked with:

- Nurseries and pre-schools
- Schools
- Colleges
- Support Services for Education(SSE)
- Parents



Young people' s champions involved in the core standards project.



Somerset Core Standards is a set of documents which describes what children and young people in Somerset nurseries and pre-schools, schools and colleges should get.

The documents are split into:
Universal - All children will be able to access this including those with additional needs and/or disabilities.
SEND support- This is when a child or young person needs additional targeted support.
High Needs- This is when a child or young person needs support for complex and long-term difficulties.