

Information For Parents

The SEND Reforms are the changes in law (effective 1st September 2014) which aim to create equal partnerships between families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) and the professional services.

Whether your child has a Statement of SEN, is approaching their annual review or perhaps you are about to apply for an Education, Health & Care Plan... this a brief overview will offer you some places to go for help, advice and support.

Where to go if you want to ask questions about the SEND Reforms:

Richmond SEND : Family Voice

Working in partnership to give families a voice...

We're a mix of individual parents, plus leads from disability specific support groups and specialist schools; we all offer our time on a voluntary basis and take responsibility for representing the views of a wider group of parents. By ensuring families voices are heard, and listened to, we empower children and young people to obtain the best possible care and services.

Telephone:	07758 305 472
E-mail:	richmondsendfamilyvoice@outlook.com
Facebook:	www.facebook.com/richmondsendfamilyvoice
Website:	www.richmondsendfamilyvoice.org (website live end-October 2014)

Kingston L.E.A.D

Listening . Engaging . Advocating for Disability

We work with parents and carers of children and young people. Our mission is to bring people together into a community to provide support, share ideas, news and contacts. We ensure that the voices of families are reflected in the policies and practises of the educational and healthcare services that are an essential part of our everyday lives.

Telephone:	0208 547 6201
E-mail:	children@enhanceable.org
Website:	www.leadkingston.org.uk

Where to go if you already have a statement (or an EHCP) and want to ask questions about the service:

The SEND Reforms are the biggest changes to SEN law in over thirty years. It's a huge task and changes the way we are all working – there are challenges and opportunities.

Simon James, Associate Director, SEND, Achieving for Children, is keen to hear from parents who would like to offer feedback on their experiences as the new and old systems merge.

Telephone:	020 8891 7599
E-mail:	simon.james@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Website:	www.richmond.gov.uk/send

Where to go if you would like help with applying for an ECHP, or converting a Statement of SEN

For families in the Kingston or Richmond boroughs, please contact the Independent Support Partnership (ISP). We provide a friendly and flexible service over telephone, e-mail, or can arrange to meet you at a place that suits you. ISP is the first point of contact for new EHCPs or conversions from Statements of SEN.

Name	Independent Support Partnership (ISP)
E-mail	independent.support@richmondaid.org.uk
Telephone	020 8831 6076
Website	www.richmondaid.org.uk/services-disabled/independent-support-partnership/

ISP will work closely with the Parent Partnership Service (now called Information & Advice Service) which is delivered by Enhanceable across Richmond and Kingston. We provide advice, guidance and support for families.

Name	Enhanceable Children's Services Richmond
E-mail	children@enhanceable.org
Telephone	020 8831 6179
Website	www.enhanceable.org/parentpartnership