



CLUSTER COMMUNITIES

How we're working together to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND in mainstream schools.



A 'CLUSTER' IS A GROUP OF MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS IN THE SAME COMMUNITY THAT WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

Their aim is to make sure that children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families, get the right support at the right time.

To do this, SEND Coordinators from each school in the cluster meet regularly with other professionals from the council to share ideas, knowledge, and resources.

As well as discussing individual and group needs in their schools, they have access to additional funding to help meet the needs of children in their community.

CLUSTERS HELP TO GIVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THE BEST START

Early support can stop small problems growing

Schools share information, knowledge and resources with each other quickly, so they can identify needs at the earliest opportunity. This means that children and young people who need it, can get the right help, sooner - preventing small issues from developing into bigger ones.

Cluster communities work closely together

Clusters offer improved opportunities for local schools and professionals to work together; sharing local knowledge and information. This helps schools across the area offer improved, more consistent support to children and young people with SEND, and their families.

For more information about clusters, head to our Local Offer website and search 'clusters', or scan the QR code.



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