



# Milborne Port SEND Bulletin

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The Max Card is designed to make days out more affordable for foster families and families of children with additional needs. It is a nationally recognised discount card for attractions, venues and days out throughout the UK.

The Community Inclusion and Activity Team (CIAT) offers the Max Card to any family with a child or young person with a disability or additional need aged 0 to 25 years living in Somerset.

The cards are free to families and one card is allocated to each household. The card lasts for 2 years.

The Max Card website has more information about the card, and where it can be used .

To apply for the Somerset Max Card, please phone the Community Inclusion and Activity Team on 01823 358117.

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the SEND bulletin at Milborne Port Primary School.

Thank you so much for the support regarding the first edition. I am so glad that you all found it so useful.

Also, I am pleased to announce the date for our first SEND coffee afternoon will be on the **5th May at 2.30pm**. The topic will be an informal chat about the SEND offer at Milborne Port as well as an introduction to the Somerset Local Offer.

Just a reminder that within Special Educational Needs we have 4 broad areas of need:

1. Communion and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
4. Sensory and/or physical needs

This is also something that we may touch on at the 1st coffee afternoon.

I would like to say a big thank you to the teachers, parents/carers and pupils who all attended the Spring target setting meetings. We had some great feedback and all of our SEND children are progressing well.

Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Miss Danyali, SENDCo

## MAX CARD



## **Requesting an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**

Recently at Milborne Port Primary School, we have had a lot of questions regarding EHCPs and requesting these for individual children. The Somerset Local Offer states that:

“You can ask your local authority for an EHC needs assessment if you think your child has special educational needs and may need **highly** personalised advice and support to access learning at nursery, school or college.”

The SEND Code of Practice (2015) sets out the factors that Somerset County Council must consider when a request for an EHC needs assessment has been made. In deciding whether an EHC needs assessment is necessary, the council should consider whether:

***'there is evidence that despite the early years provider, school or post-16 institution having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the special educational needs of the child or young person, the child or young person has not made expected progress.'***

To inform the LA's decision, the council will need to take into account a wide range of evidence, and will pay particular attention to:

- (a) evidence of the child's academic attainment (or developmental milestones in younger children) and rate of progress;
- (b) information about the nature, extent and context of the child or young person's SEN and disabilities;
- c) evidence and **impact of action** already taken by the early years setting, school or post-16 institution to meet the child or young person's SEN;
- (d) **evidence that where progress has been made, it has only been as the result of much additional intervention** and support at a sustained level over and above that which is usually provided;

## **Other helpful SEND links from the Somerset Local offer page**

**1. Community Inclusion and Activity Team:** [www.beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/the-local-offer/leisure/activities-for-families/](http://www.beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/the-local-offer/leisure/activities-for-families/)

Formally called the 'Short Breaks' group, this team help and support children and young people 0 to 18 years with a disability or additional need and their families, to try out new things, have fun and access their local community. They support grant funded activities that run across Somerset, this includes holiday activities and regular clubs.

There are also exciting **free activity day passes** for a variety of locations and the **Somerset MAX Card** for families to use.

**2. Support groups:** [www.beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/the-local-offer/find-send-services/?q=support+groups](http://www.beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/the-local-offer/find-send-services/?q=support+groups)

Find SEND services here. This is a directory of Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) services in Somerset and Nationwide.