



South Tyneside Parent Partnership Service

Offering independent support and information for parents whose children have or may have special educational needs



Working in Partnership with
South Tyneside Council



Introduction to Parent Partnership

South Tyneside Parent Partnership Service offers free information, advice and support to parents and carers of children with special educational needs (SEN).

The service operates on an outreach basis across the Borough and aims to enable parents to make informed decisions about their children's education.

The PPS plays a role in making sure that parent's views are heard and understood and that these views inform local policy and practice.

All Parent Partnership Services are statutory services which operate at 'arms-length' from the Local Authority (LA), meaning that, the services they provide are confidential and impartial (i.e. they are not in place to represent the views of the LA).

What services does South Tyneside PPS offer to parents?

The service offers parents and carers information and advice about the following:

- How special educational needs are identified and assessed by schools and the Local Authority (LA)
- Who to talk to in school about your concerns
- The SEN Code of Practice, Statutory Assessment and the Statementing process.
- Parents/carers rights and responsibilities
- Meetings and Reviews about a child's needs
- How progress is monitored and reviewed
- What to do if you are not happy with a decision made about your child's SEN
- Details of local and national organisations, which may be able to offer help and support in relation to their Childs SEN.

The Parent Partnership Officer can also provide help with filling in forms and expressing your point of view in writing.



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Braille and in large print.