

DIRECTORS' REPORT SPRING TERM 2019	ITEM NO 24	FOR INFORMATION	ATTENTION OF: All governors
TITLE	Local Offer (LO) information and participation opportunities		
SUMMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Offer (LO) website promotion • Parent LO focus group opportunities • Invitation for schools to set up own parent coffee morning groups with support from Family Information Service (FIS) with planning and setting up • LO Notice Board and the suggested components for schools. 		
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The Local Offer (On-line)

We are very keen to share and promote Ealing's special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) Local Offer (LO) website, www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk. The LO website is a one-stop-shop for children, young people and families with SEND. It's everything you need to know about local services and provision including, childcare and short breaks, support in education, education, health and care (EHC) plans, health and wellbeing, specific conditions, family support, travel assistance, money and benefits, preparing for adulthood (for ages 14-25), parent and young people forums and events.

The LO website is continuously undergoing development to ensure it responds to the needs of the families that use it. Parents and young people are actively encouraged to give feedback and to respond to consultation opportunities which are promoted on the website and Facebook page, **Enable Ealing Families**.

For more information contact the Family Information Service on 020 8825 5588 or email: children@ealing.gov.uk

Greenfields Children's Centre Local Offer parent focus group

To ensure that the Local Offer serves families well and continues to develop in the right way (responding to the views and the needs of the families it serves), we are inviting parents to come together to share ideas, discuss issues that affect them and together shape the continued development of Ealing's LO. The group is hosted by Ealing Council and Impartial Support, Advice and Information on Disability (I.S.A.I.D) and is open to any parent of a child with additional need. The session runs at Greenfields Children's Centre, Recreation Road, Southall UB2 5PF at 12:45-13:45 on the following dates 12 February, 9 April, 11 June, 13 August, 8 October and 10 December.

For more information contact Izra Bernard (FIS SEND Officer) 020 8825 5588 or email: children@ealing.gov.uk

Setting up Parent SEND Coffee Mornings within Schools

Following parent consultations earlier in 2018, parents of children with additional needs had raised the need for more local parent support within schools. To this end, schools have been encouraged to set up parent coffee morning groups and will receive initial support with their planning and setting up by a FIS SEND Officer. Schools can expect the following, a list of local SEND organisations/services that can be invited as external guest speakers to support focused information sessions, pairing/buddying with other schools with successfully established parent coffee groups, LO website training and advice on how this resource can be used during sessions to inform and support parents.

Local Offer Notice Board

We would like to encourage all schools to display a **Local Offer Notice Board**. This would be located in a prominent place within the school and be accessible to both parents/carers and staff alike. Maintaining a LO Notice Board has many positive functions but most of all it provides a focal point that showcases all the important services and support available to families as well as communicates news/notices in a timely way, all easily accessible and located in **ONE** place.

To ensure uniformity and quality, a bullet point list has been put together detailing the key components we might expect to find on any LO Notice Board.

Key components of the Local Offer Notice Board:

- LO Poster
- Photographs/images of the LO
- Information on how parents struggling to access the SEND LO can be supported i.e. FIS SEND Officer contact details
- What specialist provision/support is offered by the school (school's Local Offer)
- Name/contact details of school/setting's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo)
- Name/contact details of setting's Education, Health and Care Co-ordinator (EHCCo)
- Specialist/additional SEND related training undertaken by staff
- Communication of key notices
- Parent workshops/training
- SEND news/events
- Local support groups