

Special Educational Needs Organisations



NATIONAL PARENT PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

NPPN offers information, advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs. Each Local Authority has a local parent partnership service.

Website: www.parentpartnership.org.uk

INDEPENDENT PARENTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVICE (IPSEA)

IPSEA offers free independent advice and support to parents and carers of children with special educational needs on the duty of local authorities to provide for the educational needs of their children. Advice can be provided for parents appealing to the special educational needs tribunal, and in some cases representation for appeals.

General Advice Line: 0800 018 4016

Tribunal Help Line: 0845 602 9579

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (OIA)

OIA hears complaints from past and present students against institutions for higher education which are members of OIA. Complaints can relate to a course or a service, or to a decision by a disciplinary body, but cannot relate to academic performance. Students must exhaust the university or college's internal procedures before contacting OIA.

Address: Fifth floor, Thames Tower, Station Road, Reading, RG1 1LX

Website: www.oiahe.org.uk

Tel: 0118 959 9813



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Education Legal Advice



Education Law covers a range of issues affecting children at school including:

- ✓ Special Educational Needs
- ✓ Exclusions
- ✓ School Admissions
- ✓ Making a Complaint

Legal aid no longer covers education law, except Special Educational Needs. This means that for most education issues, you will not be able to obtain legal advice for free unless you contact specific providers of legal advice

Anyone needing access to **legal aid** in relation to an issue related to **special educational needs** must do so by ringing a telephone gateway (**Civil Legal Advice**).

Civil Legal Advice (CLA)

The CLA Education Service can be contacted in the following ways:

Telephone*: **0845 345 4345**

Mini-com*: **0845 609 6677**

Monday to Friday: 9am to 8pm

Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm

Online enquiry form is available at
<https://claonlineadvice.justice.org.uk/>

*The cost of phoning the CLA Education Service depends on your phone provider and whether you use a landline or a mobile.



Other places where you can get advice



ISLINGTON LAW CENTRE

We offer advice, assistance and representation to anyone who lives, works or studies in Islington on matters including exclusions, admissions, formal complaints, bullying, school attendance, getting extra help with learning, etc. Our reception will take your details and the caseworker will call you back to provide initial advice and discuss any further assistance that is needed.

Address: 38 Devonia Road, N1 8JH

Email: info@islingtonlaw.org.uk

Tel: 020 7288 7630

Postal address: ACE Education
Advice & ACE Education Training, 72
Durnsford Road, London, N11 2EJ
Website: <http://www.ace-ed.org.uk>

ACE Education Advice supports parents and carers of children aged 5 – 16 in state funded education in England and Wales, providing online advice and information on issues that include admissions, exclusions, especial educational needs, bullying and attendance.

ACE EDUCATION ADVICE

CORAM CENTRE

Coram Children's Legal Centre provides free legal advice and sometimes representation. CCLC also produces a number of useful factsheets that can be accessed from their website: www.childrenslegalcentre.com
Website for young people: www.lawstuff.org.uk

Address: University of Essex, Wivenhoe
Park, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3SQ

Child Law Advice Line: 0808 802 0008

Migrant Children's Project Helpline:
020 7636 8505 (Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday)

Address: PO Box 89, Welwyn Garden
City, Herts, AL8 6AN
Tel: 01707 371 85

The Home Education Advisory Service is a registered charity offering advice, information and support to parents/carers who are educating children at home. They also produce publications and leaflets and a quarterly magazine for subscribers.

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE