



Does your child start school in September 2026?

There is a **new** countywide offer for pre-school children ,with identified Special Educational Needs and or Education, Health & Care Plans, starting in reception classes of a mainstream school from September 2026.

- ❖ Meetings will take place with you, your child's school and other professionals working with your child before they start school.
- ❖ The LA will support schools to meet the needs of all children using the EY Starting Strong Document & Mainstream Core Standards Document.
- ❖ The Autism Education Trust will continue to offer training to all mainstream schools, on supporting children with Autism.
- ❖ Training will be offered to Year R colleagues in Terms 5&6 2026 around meeting the needs of children with significantly delayed progress.
- ❖ EY Specialist Teachers will support Year R staff, through modelling strategies, offering advice and guidance and working alongside colleagues, where appropriate, throughout the time your child is in reception.

April - May 2026

District planning meetings take place with Early Years and School SEN Support & Inclusion Team with EY Specialist Teachers, and Specialist Outreach Intervention Managers. A lead person will be identified.

June 2026 – May 2027

Training delivered to schools as required including "Meeting the needs of children with significantly delayed development"

June – July 2026

Transition planning meetings with schools and parents to consider individuals and cohorts of children starting in September '26 and what schools themselves feel they need for a successful transition.

September 2026 – July 2027

Ey Specialist Teachers support Year R staff in the classroom, with training, modelling and coaching.