

Spotlight on SEND



January 2026

Happy New Year

Welcome to our new look Spotlight on SEND with PIASS. The new format will share regular updates on what is on offer from the team and SEND focussed topics.

What/Who is PIASS?

We are Plymouth Information, Advice and Support for SEND service (PIASS). Our role is to provide impartial, information, advice and support on SEND related matters to children and young people with SEND and their families.

Every Local Authority is required to have a service like ours and are sometimes called SENDIASS or IAS.

We are free, confidential and impartial.

The team of Case Officers are experienced in all aspects of SEND law, policy and practice and have extensive training provided by Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA).



Find out more on You Tube – [What is an IASS?](#)

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Last year we received over 2,500 enquiries from families and professionals in Plymouth.

If you would like any information, advice or support, please complete our online enquiry form: [Contact Us](#)

If you need any support in doing this please call the team on 01752 258933 and let us know how we can support you to get in touch.

Our website also has information and resources which you may find helpful.

Our office is also open for you to drop, please check our website and Facebook page for the most up to date information.

Step-by-Step Groups

In January and February, we will be out and about visiting the Step-by-Step groups and your local Family Hub.

Venue	Day	Date	Time
Nomony Family Hub	Tuesday	13 January 2026	10:00-11:15am
Highview Family Hub	Wednesday	14 January 2026	1:30-2:45pm
Lark Family Hub	Tuesday	20 January 2026	9:30-10:30am
Barn	Monday	26 January 2026	10:00-11:15am
Green Ark Family Hub	Thursday	29 January 2026	10:00-11:00am
Fourgreens Family Hub	Thursday	15 January 2026	10:00-11:15am
Morice Town Family Hub	Monday	2 February 2026	9:30-10:30am

Workshops and Drop-in Sessions

PIASS also provides regular SEND focussed workshops both in person at our office and virtually via team. Visit our website to book a place: [Workshops](#)



Workshops for Jan and Feb

Workshop	Day	Date	Time	Venue
How to have successful meetings	Wednesday	4 February 2026	9:30-11:30am	Face-to-Face
How to have successful meetings	Friday	6 February 2026	9:30-11:30am	Virtual
Understanding how schools can support my child – Reasonable adjustments, GATI and SEN support	Wednesday	11 February 2026	9:30-11:30am	Face-to-Face
	Friday	13 February 2026	9:30-11:30am	Virtual
	Wednesday	11 March 2026	9:30-11:30am	Face-to-Face
	Friday	13 March 2026	9:30-11:30am	Virtual

Drop-in Session – 30 Minutes with a SENDIASS Case Officer

Drop-in	Day	Date	Time	Venue
For parents of children with EHCP moving to the next phase of education	Wednesday	25 February 2026	More information on our website in the coming weeks	

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) Parent Forum

Helen Huntley will be attending the [Plymouth Parent Carer Voice \(PPCV\) Parent Forum](#) on Wednesday 21 January 2026, 12:00-1:00pm asking for feedback on our website resources.

We look forward to meeting you and supporting families in 2026.

Helen