

Special Schools across Oxfordshire are working with the County Council to develop a continuum of local provision through outreach support to help schools improve outcomes for our children and young people

What is Special School Outreach?

This project aims to partner mainstream school staff with special school staff to deliver a package of bespoke support focused on developing professional knowledge and confidence.

Who has provided funding for this project?

Oxfordshire County Council are funding this project initially from the Autumn term 2023 to Summer term 2026.

What support can the project provide?

The Special School Outreach project will offer specialist expertise to mainstream school staff to improve outcomes for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. Staff from special schools will work alongside existing teams in Oxfordshire to provide additional skills, knowledge and guidance where it is needed most.

What will Special School Outreach look like in practice?

The support from special schools aims to build a bespoke package around your needs and may include one or more of the following:

- **Leadership** - Develop a SEND/Behaviour and relationship strategy that focuses on principles of good teaching, building an inclusive culture in your school.
- **Key worker development** - Tailored support to meet the needs of the school which may include specific training focused on developing effective strategies for a specific group of students with identified needs/barriers.

SEND Clinics - visit a special school for advice and guidance. Special schools will send dates out advertising these clinics in SENDCo Bulletin and School's News. Booked directly with schools.

Special School Outreach is not intended to provide support for individual pupil cases. The packages of support will concentrate on sustained improvement, rather than short term fixes, with a focus on leadership and key worker development in schools to ensure cultural change.

Referrals will be triaged every week, term time only, and may be discussed with you to ensure the right package of support is allocated at the right time.

To access Special School Outreach please visit the [SENDCO Helpdesk](#)