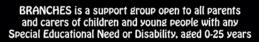
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Local Offer content freeze

In order for the successful migration of the Local Offer to a new platform, there will be a two week content change freeze from 15th January until 29th January 2024. We will not create or update any pages on the SEND Local Offer site during this period.

The current platform will be decommissioned on the 31st March 2024. The new Local Offer site, which will replace it, will be hosted on the current Swindon Borough Council platform.

More information about the new site will follow in due course.

New Year message from Lisa Savage, Head of SEND



Happy New Year, I do hope that you all managed to enjoy your festive break whatever that looked like for you all. I love Christmas but had a very quiet day which was welcome following a mad run up to the festivities. Here, in the office, we are back into routine, and it feels like an age ago that we had a break.

We are anticipating significant snowfall across the region this coming week, according to current Met Office forecasts. Please do keep checking your school website and the Council's website for updates on School Closures and Travel Arrangements. Schools will make their own decisions following a risk assessment which will include a number of factors including staffing levels; safety of site; local factors including local weather forecasts and road conditions. Decisions to close schools are not taken lightly but please do ensure that you keep updated with your schools information, but more importantly please do keep safe and warm.



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