



Children's Services

Early Help and Schools Service

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Dear Headteacher/SENCo/Setting Manager

You will be aware that in September 2016 we had our Ofsted SEND inspection and that the outcome of the inspection was that a written statement of actions was issued.

The inspection highlighted, as an area of concern, the lack of awareness around the SEND Local Offer and in particular they raised as an issue the lack of working links, on school websites, to the Local Offer website. It has come to my attention through auditing all the schools' and settings' websites that your school/setting has not got the required accessible link to Rochdale's Local Offer website (<https://rochdale.fsd.org.uk/kb5/rochdale/fsd/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>)

Please can you, as a matter of urgency, arrange for the Local Offer link to be added in a prominent place on your school or setting website. We suggest either on your homepage or in your SEN/parent section.

Due to the 'notice to improve' we have to report on the progress we are making in relation to the areas of concern which the inspectors raised. To do this we are undertaking weekly audits of all schools' and settings' links as we need to have resolved this issue by 31 January 2017 at the latest.

If you are experiencing difficulties in getting the Local Offer link onto your website, please give me a call so I can try and assist you.

Yours sincerely

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