

National Legislation and Statutory Guidance

These documents form the legal foundation for how children and young people (aged 0–25) with SEND are supported:

Document Name	Year Published	Purpose	Link
Children and Families Act	2014	Education, health and care assessments and plans. The Act provides a framework for how these should be provided for children with special educational needs and disability.	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/6/contents
SEND Code of Practice (0–25 years)	2014 Last updated 12 September 2024	The essential statutory guidance that all schools, local authorities, and health services must follow when identifying and supporting SEN.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25
Equality Act 2010	2013 Last updated 16 June 2015	Requires schools to make "reasonable adjustments" to prevent disadvantaged treatment of pupils with disabilities.	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance
SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan	2023	A recent roadmap aiming to create a single national system with consistent standards across the UK.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-and-alternative-provision-improvement-plan