



Children with Disabilities Register

What is the Children with Disabilities register?

- The Children with Disabilities Register is a confidential list of names and basic information about children with disabilities, special or additional needs.
- The Children Act 1989 requires all local authorities to establish a register of children with a disability in their area. This will then be used for statistical information and to assist service planning to meet the needs of children with disabilities and their families, such as plans for accessible homes, SEND school places, inclusive community-based activities, and inclusive council services, to name but a few.
- The information held on the register is confidential and stored on our secure database. Statistical data may be shared with partners to inform local planning. No personal, identifiable data will be shared without consent.

Do all children with disabilities have to be included?

No, inclusion on the list is optional and the details can be added and removed at a parent or carer's request.

Will it affect a child's entitlement to support?

No, support is based on the needs identified as part of an assessment.

A child is eligible to join the Children with Disabilities register if they...

- ✓ Have a disability, as defined by the Equality Act as 'a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.' This must be diagnosed by a medical professional.
- ✓ Live in Telford or are the responsibility of Telford & Wrekin Council
- ✓ Are aged 0-18 years old

What are the benefits of joining the Children with Disabilities register?

The register helps Telford & Wrekin Council and partners understand more about the needs of children with disabilities across the borough. This helps services plan for the future and ensure residents needs are met.

If you have any questions regarding the Children with Disabilities register or require further information, please email shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk.