

Tribunal Service

Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunal Service is an independent body which considers appeals against the decisions of Local Authorities (LA) about a child's special educational needs, when parents/carers cannot agree with the LA. There is a two month time limit for making an appeal, which starts when the LA gives parents their final written decision. Parents and LA should try to resolve disagreements and carry on doing so even after an appeal has been registered with the tribunal.

The Lewisham Parent Partnership Service leaflet contains information for parents/carers can download PPS leaflet here:

To access your form from the Tribunal Service, How to appeal against a SEN decision download from:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/global/forms/hmcts/tribunals/send/index.htm>

IPSEA

IPSEA is a registered charity offering free and independent advice to parents of children with special educational needs in England and Wales. They have a tribunal helpline to support parents/carers to contact them telephone: 0845 602 9579 or click the following link.

<http://www.ipsea.org.uk/how-we-can-help/tribunal-helpline.aspx>

KIDS London Special Educational Needs (SEN) Mediation Service

The service aims to settle disputes that arise between parents and local authorities/schools about the special educational needs of children, and how best to meet those needs. To contact them telephone: 020 7837 2900 or visit the website: www.kids.org.uk/mediation