

Local Authorities (LA) – Boroughs

Each Local Authority (LA) or Borough is like a local council and is responsible for developing childcare in their area. This means increasing access to childcare and developing childcare skills through training.

One of the major responsibilities of an LA is to promote and maintain high standards of education and learning opportunities for all residents. The LA or Borough is responsible for all funding – payroll, building and works, special programmes and many more aspects of education within their area.

LAs monitor information about all the schools in their areas, facilitate the sharing of best practice among local schools and cluster groups. In addition, it is the LA's responsibility to make sure that every child has access to a suitable school placement, or has suitable provision made for him or her outside of mainstream school.

LAs have an overriding power to see that schools are succeeding. In circumstances where they are not, LAs have a mandate to intervene in the support of that school.

Reports of failing schools come through Ofsted – www.ofsted.gov.uk
Ofsted – see inspectors reports on all schools

The link below will provide you with the details of all the Local Authorities in England.

www.dfes.gov.uk/localauthorities/index.cfm?action=address.list