

## ***Special Educational Needs in Leicestershire Working with Children, families and schools***

# **CONFIDENTIALITY**

**In the interests of your child, the information contained in his/her statement, appendices and any annual reviews, will be made available to his or her school teachers and any other supporting agencies, such as the Educational Psychology Service. The LEA has to adhere to the following guideline, namely that:**

***'A statement shall not be disclosed without the child's parents consent except to persons to whom, in the opinion of the authority concerned, it is necessary to disclose the statement in the interests of the child'***

**Special Educational Needs Regulation 24(1)(a)**

**There maybe some other specific circumstances related to certain legal proceedings when a statement may also be disclosed. We must consult with all parents who we understand have parental responsibility for a child undergoing statutory assessment. We send Copies of letters to parents who are living apart so that they are aware that we are also consulting both parents at the same time. Such letters will therefore, divulge to parents living apart each other's address.**

**A parent's/child's address is not confidential. Therefore, if you are aware of a relevant Court Order which would mean that we should not release your address to the other parent, then you must inform your Casework Officer straight away so the LEA can prevent this from happening.**