

Kent County Council – Review of Policy and Provision for Children with Special Educational Needs

Information for Parents

What is happening?

Kent County Council is carrying out a review of Kent's Special Educational Needs (SEN) Strategy and Policy. This could potentially affect all children and young people in Kent with special educational needs and all disabled children and young people in Kent.

Why is SEN policy being reviewed?

The Local Authority (LA) is required by law to keep SEN strategy and policy under review. It also learned from the evaluation of the Lead School Pilot that it was important to consider the entire spectrum of provision for children and young people with special educational needs and consider how all providers can work better together.

The purpose of the review is to improve outcomes for all children and young people with special educational needs across the age range -0-24. The review also aims to enable suitable transition into adulthood and to improve parent confidence in SEN processes and provision.

How can I get involved?

Parents and carers are key partners in the review.

The Kent Parent Partnership Service is co-ordinating opportunities for parents to be involved. You can give views in person at an information session or as part of a focus group, in writing through surveys, letters and emails. You might also wish to participate in a parent reference group.

However you get involved, your views will be welcomed and valued.

If you have an email address you can sign up for updates about the progress of the review and the latest participation opportunities.

What's in it for me and my children?

The review aims to ensure that the LA can continue to provide appropriate provision to meet the special educational needs of all children and young people in Kent. By sharing your views about what's working well and what's not working so well you can help shape provision for the future.

Who can I contact for more information?

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