

# Young Person's explanation to go alongside the Accelerated Progress Plan/SEND Improvement Plan

In Kent we are working hard to make things better for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We have written a plan which is called an Accelerated Progress Plan listing everything we need do to make sure that everyone is working together to improve support and services to young people and their families.

We want to make sure that if you are a young person with SEND living in Kent you:

- Feel happy, safe and able to learn at school
- Feel like you belong at school and feel part of your where you live
- Feel you are supported and prepared as you get older to become an adult

Kent County Council and NHS Kent and Medway, your schools, education settings and other organisations that support you are all working together to make sure we meet your needs as a young person with SEND.

We want to make sure that everyone who supports you (your teachers, support staff, NHS and KCC workers) understands your needs, and can support you and your family.

There have been some things that we haven't been doing very well at, and we now have a plan to change this situation and start to do things in a much better way. You will then be able to see how things are improving for children and young people in Kent, both in and out of school.



## In school:

### We will make sure that:

- You feel understood and that your identity is valued and respected
- Your views about school are listened to, and that people act upon what you say
- You can access everything you need to learn and to make progress
- You feel well supported when you move schools and can settle in more easily
- You don't have to wait for a long time to receive the support and services you need
- You get extra help and tuition where you need it



## Out of school:

### We will make sure that:

- You feel part of where you live
- You know what sports, hobbies and social activities are available
- You can get the extra services and support you need for your happiness, health and wellbeing.

## Preparing for being an adult:

### We will make sure that:

- You are encouraged to 'dream big' and supported to reach your aspirations
- You feel prepared for adulthood, are confident to think about being independent and in control of your life, managing your money and making decisions
- You are fully supported to apply to further and higher education or become an apprentice
- You receive the right information, advice and support to help you get a job.



We are determined to make things better for children and young people with SEND in Kent. If you want to tell us your views and give feedback on areas you think we need to be better at, please contact [yourvoice2@kent.gov.uk](mailto:yourvoice2@kent.gov.uk).