Kent's Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities 2021-2024

Working together to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND







Hello,

We would like to tell you about our strategy for children and young people with SEND in Kent.



This strategy tells you what we plan to make happen in Kent.



This is an easy read version of the strategy. It gives you an idea of our plans. But there is much more in the full strategy which you can find on our website



https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs/send-strategy/strategy-for-children-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities

About the strategy



This strategy has been written with the help of a lot of people.

We have listened to what children and young people in Kent have told us is important to them.



We will work with a lot of people to make things better for children and young people with SEND.

This includes schools, health and social services.

Our Vision



We want children and young people with SEND in Kent to:

- ✓ Be well cared for and have happy lives
- ✓ Get help when they need it
- ✓ Do they things they want to do

Our Priorities



There are 5 parts or priorities in the strategy. These explain what we plan to do over the next 3 years.



Priority 1: Improve the way we work with children and young people, parents and carers.

We want to work better with children, young people and their families.



Priority 2: Ensure families have positive experiences at each stage of their journey including a well-planned and smooth transition to adulthood.

We want children and young people to have the best possible future.



Priority Three: Identify and assess children and young people's needs earlier and more effectively.

We will help children and young people as soon as we can and in the best way that we can.



Priority Four: Improve education, care and health outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

We want children and young people to be healthy and happy, to get a good education and the skills they need.



Priority Five: Ensure children and young people with SEND are included in their local community.

We want children and young people to have lots of things to do where they live.

How will we check we are keeping to our plans?

We will use a tool called an Outcomes Framework to check that we are doing the right things.





Conclusion



We hope you have enjoyed reading about our SEND strategy and plans.

You can find information relating to our strategy, and support in our SEND Information Hub – Kent Local Offer on our website -

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-

children/special-educational-needs