



Supporting and including children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in West Sussex.

Our plans for the next 5 years up to 2024



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Front cover an image celebrating inclusion, by Grace Thompson.



We use **SEND** as short for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.



These are our plans for the next 5 years to support and include children and young people with **SEND**.

What we want for all children and young people



We believe every child should have the best chances to do well in life.



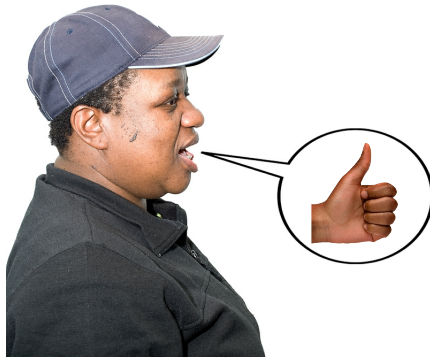
So, it is really important that we understand what learning needs children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) have.



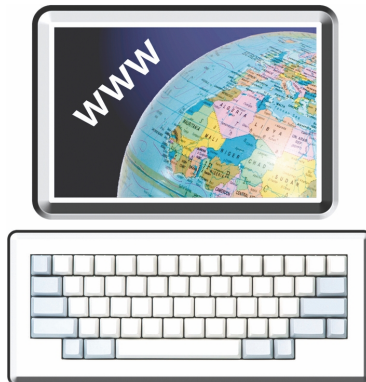
We have talked to lots of people to help us decide what are the most important things we need to do.



This is our plan of what we want to do for the next 5 years to 2024.



We want people to know what work we're doing. And to have a say about how well we are doing.



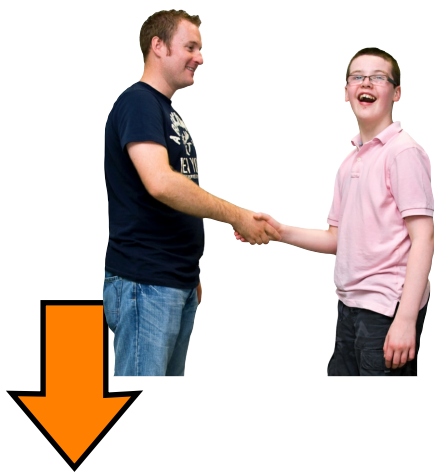
We will also be letting people know what work we do through the website called The West Sussex Local Offer:
<https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>



We have been told we need to do better with things like:

- making sure families get the right information
- making sure assessments take place on time





- a lot of families think their children do not get enough support



- there are not enough school places for children with SEND.



Our plan tries to put all these things right.



We would like to say thank you to everyone who has had a say and helped us make the plan.

We want all children and young people up to 25 years old in West Sussex to:



- be supported to take part in local learning



- feel welcome, included and that they belong



- feel cared for and supported in their health and keeping well



- feel valued and be included in making decisions.

Our SEND plans



Our plans have been made together with a wide group of people involved including:

- parent carers



- young people



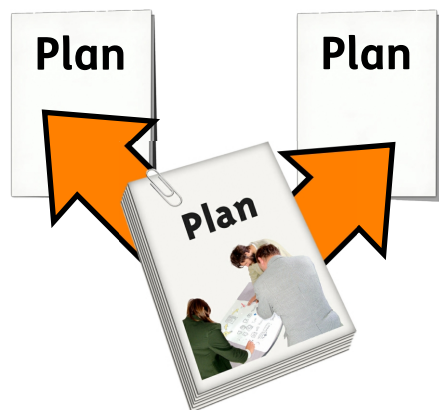
- education services including schools, colleges and early years



- other staff from social care, health and education.



They have used what we found out from our talks with people, information, old plans and inspections.



We have tried to make sure they fit together with our other plans.

The most important things to do

1. Knowing children and families well

Children and young people and their families will:



- find out what they need as early as possible



- feel they belong and are wanted



- feel they are involved and included in planning what they need, including when they are moving to new services



- understand and feel the service being offered is right for them. This is called the **SEND Offer**.



2. Children and young people having the education they need

You will have the right support at the right time.



We will have staff who:

- know what they are doing



- do their jobs well



- meet the needs of children and young people.



A choice of places to go for education that:

- are very good



- celebrate the good things that happen



- will tell others about things that work well.

3. Working together

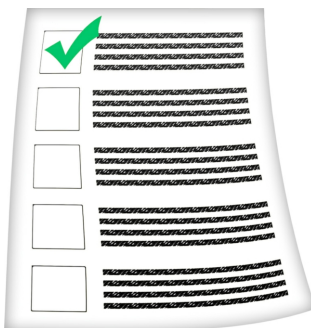
Everyone who supports children and young people will:

- find the services and systems to support them to get the information they need





- think of different ways to meet the needs of SEND children and young people



- have ways of checking that we have very good SEND services



- use good information and what we know to plan together to meet the needs of children and young people.

What will we do?



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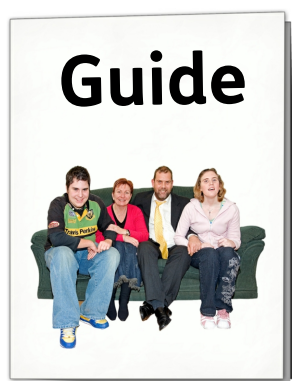
- give training and use other ways to make sure children and young people are included more



- have a guide that helps places find out what children need and meet them as early as possible



- help places know when and how to get more expert support



- have a guide for families explaining the local offer for children and young people with SEND in West Sussex



- make sure everyone understands about our plans for all children and what these mean for how we work with them in schools and colleges



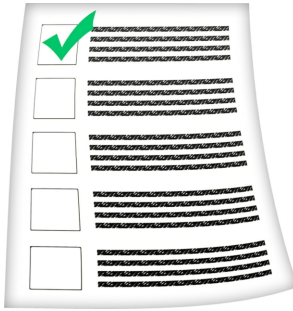
- give support to work in the best ways we know to do all these things



- have an event each year that looks at the best ways of including people



- make a guide about how to move to new services



- check how well services are doing



- check and make special services better in all areas in West Sussex

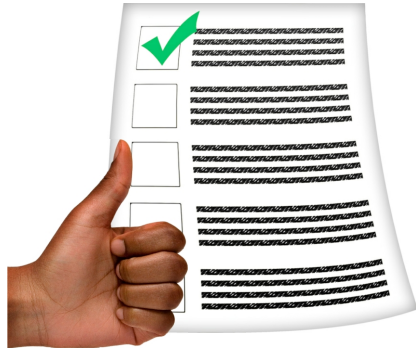


- help services work well together by sharing information



- work together with other services to find out and support the needs of children and young people.

How will we know if we are making a difference?



We will make action plans and check how well we are doing. These will be accessible.



These will be looked at each term and put on our Local Offer website:
www.local-offer.org



We will have a group called a SEND and Inclusion strategy board checking on how well we are doing.



The board will include parent carers.



We will also have meetings with children and young people so they are involved.

Do you want to be involved?



Information about our plans and how you can get involved on our website, visit **www.local-offer.org**





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