

The East Sussex SEND Strategy 2018-2021

Ensuring that children and young people with SEND in East Sussex are supported to achieve the best possible outcomes in life remains the highest priority for all services. Partners across Education, Social Care and Health have collectively agreed strategic priorities to ensure that children and young people have a good offer of local education, are kept safe, have their health needs met and are able to transition to adulthood and independence at the earliest opportunity.

The SEND Strategy sets out these shared strategic aims. In addition to input from providers and commissioners of services for children and young people, this Strategy has been co-produced with parents and carers and incorporates the aspirations of children and young people with SEND. Joint work with the East Sussex Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service (SLES) has ensured that the strategy is reflected in school improvement priorities.

The Four Strategic Aims are:

1. Building Capacity for Inclusion
2. Transition- Journey of the child
3. Delivery of High Quality Provision and Services
4. Communication with Parents, Carers, Children and Young People

This Strategy provides both reflection on our progress to date and sets clear priorities for future improvements, explaining how services will work jointly towards achieving these.

Possible area-key successes of previous strategy and remaining challenges

The Strategy: *Possible area-outline key findings of each*

- Builds on successes and learning from the previous SEND strategy (2015-18)
- Incorporates key priorities from:
 - The Local Area Inspection of SEND (2016),
 - The Amaze Parent Participation Report (2017)
 - The Strategic Review of High Needs Funding (2018)

Four operational focus groups led and populated by services and stakeholders will be tasked with a specific brief related to each of the Strategic Aims. Through tapping into their own services and networks, members of focus groups will consult on, and pilot proposals for, improving and developing provision and services to meet the 4 Strategic Aims.

Possible area-what are the briefs for each focus group? Who is leading them? Scope of membership?

The focus groups will report back findings to the ES SEND Governance and Commissioning group who are responsible for monitoring progress. This group will similarly consult with their own networks to provide strategic directives informed by feedback.