



To all Parents and Carers

**Children, Young People and
Education Directorate**

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are currently reviewing how we deliver support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Part of this work includes revising our county strategy for SEND.

The strategy sets out our ambitions to make sure that all children in Kent have equal access to support and education that meets their unique needs and that they and you, as their family, are supported to live their best life. It also explains how we will shape our services in a way that improves wellbeing, resilience and learning in our communities.

We have developed the strategy jointly with the NHS and in partnership with children and young people, parents and carers, Kent PACT and other key stakeholders and we are now **keen to hear your views and opinions**.

The strategy can be found at: www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategyconsultation

You can tell us what you think about the strategy and share your views about it by clicking the link. Responses are welcomed from all parents/carers not just those with children and young people with SEND. The consultation is open from Wednesday 2nd December and will remain open until midnight, Thursday 4th February.

The strategy is an important part of the improvement work we are doing with the NHS, following an [inspection](#) of services carried out by OFSTED and CQC in 2019 which found that too many children and young people with SEND do not get the support they need in Kent.

Yours sincerely

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