

Improving Doncaster's SEND Offer

December 2023 update

City of Doncaster Council is working on a programme to change our approach to **improve lives** and **opportunities** of local children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

Some of that work includes:

- 1** Helping schools and agencies to make sure that they **all identify children's needs** in the **same way** and at the **right time**
- 2** Creating an online **Handbook and Toolkit** to help parents and people who work with children **to provide the best support**
- 3** **Providing training** to support all professionals who work with children and young people with SEND
- 4** Working closely with special educational needs co-ordinators in schools to **launch a charter** aimed at improving time spent and focus on this important role, which will benefit children in their care
- 5** **A brand new, online system** which will make it much easier for parents, carers, schools, and other professionals to contribute towards and update **Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs)**
- 6** Continuing to **grow our specialist offer** within Doncaster through the creation of the new post-16 offer at Stone Hill School and an additional class at Coppice School. We are also creating four *Enhanced Resource Centres* located within mainstream schools enabling children with social, emotional, and mental health issues, to remain in education locally
- 7** Continuing to explore ways to **increase and expand our alternative provision** offer in Doncaster
- 8** **Redesigning the Children Young People Neurodiversity pathway** through the Integrated Care Board (ICB), working alongside both Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDASH) and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust (DBTHFT).



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Get Involved!

At the core of our improvement is your voice - whether that is as a child or young person in Doncaster with a Special Educational Need or Disability, a family or wider support network member supporting a young person or a professional working within our SEND community in Doncaster. Here's a few ways we would love you to get involved to further develop this work:

Join our SEND Shadow Board

This is made up of children and young people who meet on a 6-weekly basis. Members of the group have set their own priorities which helped shape the work the SEND Transformation Programme is delivering. The group is made up of children of all ages from special and mainstream schools. Members are really engaged and provide lots of positive feedback as well as sharing their views on how we can shape the system better, following their own lived experiences. If you would like your children to be a part of this, please contact us via email: transformation.send@doncaster.gov.uk

Join our 'Making a difference' Parent Session

This group is made up of parents who meet on a termly basis and has allowed us to provide updates on the work which we are implementing. It has also provided a forum to support parents in feeding back to us the positive things which have happened to their child's journey as well as sharing areas in need of development and change. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact us via email: transformation.send@doncaster.gov.uk

Complete our Parent/Carer Survey

If you would like to provide feedback and share your views on SEND Services in Doncaster, please take the time to complete this short survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/idKZiCZjj1?origin=lprLink>

Join our 'Senior Leadership Parent/Carer Surgeries'

If you would like to discuss any of this work further with a member of the Senior Leadership team, we are looking to arrange a number of parent / carer surgeries in the near future. Please provide your details via transformation.send@doncaster.gov.uk so that we can contact you with further details of these in due course.

Doncaster Local Offer

The Local Offer is on the Council's website which provides advice, guidance and information for children, young people, and families with additional needs. This can be found on the website at the following link: www.doncaster.gov.uk/localoffer