

PARENT PARTICIPATION AND CO-PRODUCTION IN SEND

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SEND Support Plans in School:



SEND stands for special education needs and Disabilities.

Special education needs is where a child or young person needs some extra help to be able to take part in lessons at school or at college.

What is this plan about?

Department for Education

Department of Health

Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years

Statutory guidance for organisations who work with and support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

The SEND Code of Practice says that children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their parents should have more say about the support they need.

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This is called participation. Participation means people are listening to your views about what matters to you.



This plan is about how we will get participation right for children and young people with SEND and their families.

This plan will make sure that children and young people with SEND and their parents and carers:

- are listened to.
- have good information to help them.
- can communicate in the way that they want to.
- are involved in decisions decisions are choices people make about what happens in their life.
- Are involved in co-producing services. Co-production is when children, young people, parents and workers all make decisions together.

At St. Mary's we will:

- Have Information that is easy to get and easy to understand.
- Listen to your views.
- Make sure you get the support you need to make decisions.
- Help you to understand the importance of participating.
- Teach you skills to help you have your say.
- Make it easy for you to have your say.
- Train our staff so that they can help you participate.
- Always include you when services for children and young people with SEND are being developed.
- Recognise your contribution.
- Tell you what difference you made.