

Helping Children and Young People with SEND



Our plan to support children with SEND better



This plan is about helping children and young people with **SEND**. SEND means Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It will last for the next **three years**. The goal is to give help early, close to home, and make children feel included.



Children and families want help without long waits. They want clear information and to stay in schools near home. Teachers want better training and support.



We will make changes in **five key areas**. First, all schools will get more tools, training, and guidance to help children better.



Second, there will be more **specialist places** in regular schools. These places have smaller, quieter rooms with trained staff for children who need extra help.



Third, there will be more **special school places**. This means children who need a lot of help won't have to travel far.



Fourth, special schools will support more complex needs. Some schools will have new names, like **Complex Cognition and Learning** schools.



Fifth, we will improve how we make decisions about school places. Adults will focus on what each child really needs.



A group of professionals will check how the plan is going. The council will share updates every year.



We will keep asking children, young people, families, and schools for their thoughts on our work. This helps us improve.