

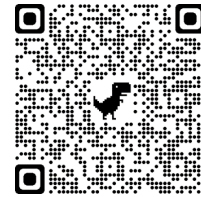


Royal Greenwich SEND Local Offer Newsletter

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For parents and young people



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The SEND Strategy for 2024-29



It is with great pride that we can share the new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion Partnership Strategy for the Royal Borough of Greenwich. This document represents our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child and young person with SEND is given the opportunity to flourish, succeed, and reach their full potential within an inclusive and supportive educational framework.



[Click here or scan the QR code to read the strategy](#)

Our young people have established five key ambitions for the strategy:

- We want to be a part of our local community and go to inclusive fun activities like everyone else.
- We want schools and nurseries to support us better and have enough places so we can go to the right school for us.
- We want to be independent and ready for work and/or college when we leave school.
- We want to be as safe and healthy as we can be.
- We want ourselves, our families and friends to understand our needs and be able to support us well.



Our SEND and Inclusion Participation Strategy 2024-2029 has been co-produced with you and your children, and our partners in the local area. We have captured views through a range of consultation activities including facilitated workshops, online questionnaires and individual meetings. This has been brought together with our recent self-evaluation for our Local Area Inspection (May 2024). Thank you to all of you for supporting us to make this a truly co-produced document and also to over 400 of your children who have given views and many more who have provided the art work and photos of themselves enjoying school, which illustrate the document and photos .



Partnership for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools (PINS)



The Greenwich PINS project (a national pilot programme led by the NHS and DfE to increase understanding of neuro diversity in primary schools) is now progressing well in the 20 schools taking part.

Colleagues from the Council, Parent Forum, Health and schools have been working with school leadership teams, parents, governing bodies and individual practitioners to create “change” plans for their schools. We will be sharing learning across our whole community of schools, so all will benefit in the long term.

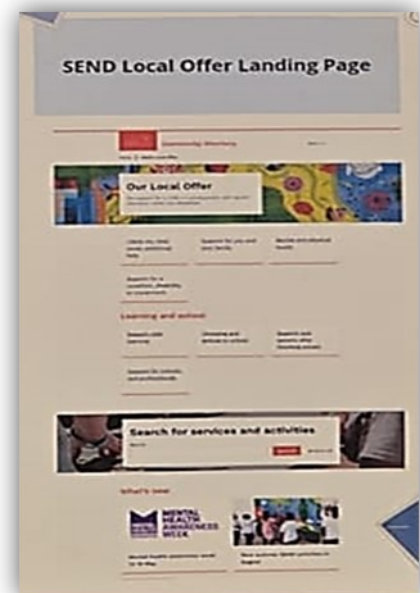
The Forum are leading the work with parents and schools and have had a great response from schools and are now starting workshop sessions with families. We will keep you all updated as the project progresses next term....

New Look Local Offer website

The Local Offer will be changing at the end of September 2024. Some of you have been supporting the Greenwich IT team to share what would make the system easier for you to use. Your children have also been involved in sessions with the team. The work with them will continue after the launch and we have been assured there is still more scope to make changes. However, we anticipate the changes will make it more accessible and “user” friendly.

You will notice more changes in the months after the launch where we will be sorting out teething problems that couldn't be anticipated, audit the Local Offer against the statutory guidance and try to **include more features that the you/ young people have said they would like to see like videos.**

Please let us know what you think



SEND Review 2024

We will be working with a highly experienced external organisation to build on our new Strategy and support us in developing our new plan over the next few months.

We are asking schools to help facilitate surveys for children and young people from 7th October but there will also be lots of opportunities for parents to be involved in a range of ways, through short online surveys being launched on 7th October, to more in depth case studies and workshops from 14th October.

Please spread the word about this project and encourage as many of your friends to be involved as possible.



If you would like to be involved please let us know and we can try to match you to a workshop.

Please contact SENDreview@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

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