

A GUIDE FOR: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our vision



All children and young people have excellent and inclusive experiences and outcomes across education, health, and social care, from birth to adulthood.”

This means that we want you to get the best care and support for any special educational needs and disabilities to achieve your full potential as an adult.

What is one thing you need to know?

We want to make sure you get the right help, as early as possible, to meet your needs. We want your schools, anyone you see about your health, and other adults who are there to support you, to work together to make your life easier. We want you to know that you matter to us and will listen to your ideas. This means you will be able to tell us what you think about us, and how we can help you feel prepared for the future.



► To find out more about **SEND services and support available to children, young people and families**, please visit the [Local Offer](#).

What the priorities mean for you

Inclusive and sustainable provision: You will get the right support you need in school as early as possible. Schools will have support to make sure that you are getting the most out of your education.

Effective partnership working: All the services we offer in Lambeth will work together more closely so it feels like you're being supported by one service. You and your family will be able to get the help you need more easily, find clear information on available services and how to access them, making it simpler to get the right support.

Smooth transitions with early preparation: Moving into any new school or college should feel less stressful. Schools and other services will work together from the beginning of your school journey to make sure they have the right support in place for you. Your families will get clear information about what to expect and how to get help during these changes.

Earlier preparation for adulthood: From the start of secondary school, you will get help to plan for your future, like finding out about future jobs or going to college, as well as how to be involved in the community. You will be able to learn important life skills to be more independent and stay healthy.

Developing our workforce across the partnership: Workers in Lambeth who you meet will receive more training to make sure you get the best advice and support.

Amplifying the voice of children, young people, and families: There will be more opportunities for you to be involved in making decisions. For example, paid opportunities to inspect and improve services you use. This will also help you to develop professional and life skills along the way.

Timely re-integration to mainstream for those in Alternative Provision: If you attend Alternative Provision, like Evolve Academy, we will all work together to make sure you have access to the best opportunities, and support to help you go back into your first school, or another that will help you to achieve your potential.

A GUIDE FOR: FAMILIES

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What is one thing you need to know?

We want to make sure your child gets the right help as early as possible, to meet their needs. We want schools, health, and other practitioners to work together to support your child and make your lives easier. We want to make accessing support as easy as possible and give you the opportunities to shape our services to make them better for your family.



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What the priorities mean for you

Inclusive and sustainable provision: Your child will get the right support they need as early as possible. Your child’s school will be supported to make sure that your child is getting the most out of their education.

Effective partnership working: Services across Lambeth will work together more to improve your experience. You will be able to get the help you need more easily, find clear information on available services and how to access them.

Smooth transitions with early preparation: We want to make transitions to new schools less stressful for your child. Schools and other services will work together to make sure they have the right support in place for your child. You will get clear information about what to expect and how to get help during these changes.

Earlier preparation for adulthood: You and your child will get help to plan for their future education and employment, as well as how to be involved in the community. Your child will be able to learn important life skills to be more independent and stay healthy.

Developing our workforce across the partnership: Those providing support in Lambeth will receive more training about SEND, to make sure you get the best advice and support.

Amplifying the voice of children, young people and families: There will be more opportunities for you to be involved in making decisions, in a structured way. You will be able to feedback on services and see how this is acted on.

Timely re-integration to mainstream for those in Alternative Provision: We will all work together to provide the best quality of education and prioritise integration where this can lead to better outcomes for your child.

A GUIDE FOR: SCHOOLS

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This strategy focusses on providing support to frontline staff, including to you in schools, so you can feel confident in meeting the evolving needs of children and young people. We want to make sure that all staff are suitably trained and have resources to support learners as early as possible and prepare them for their futures.



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What the priorities mean for you

Inclusive and sustainable provision: We want our children and young people to be able to access mainstream education as far as possible. Where needs are more complex, we will work with schools to deliver more specialist provision, in a financially sustainable way.

Effective partnership working: We want you to be able to have the most up-to-date information about who you can speak to from across the partnership, whether it be a case worker, social worker, or therapist, to provide the best support to learners.

Smooth transitions with early preparation: We will aim to provide resources and training to help make transitions between different education settings as smooth as possible for a range of learners, so they are ready to access education in any new place of learning.

Earlier preparation for adulthood: We will provide you with the information you need to have conversations with young people and their families about their futures, including about education, employment, and life skills to promote their independence.

Developing our workforce across the partnership: You will be able to access the right training to help identify and support a wider range of needs. In schools, this will be for senior leaders, teachers, SENCos and teaching assistants.

Amplifying the voice of children, young people, and families: Decisions around a child or young person's education should include their opinion, as well as their families. Learners should be able to contribute to the process and feel heard and respected.

Timely re-integration to mainstream for those in Alternative Provision: For students attending Alternative Provision, we will provide clear pathways back into mainstream education. We will provide students with wraparound support to ease their transition back into mainstream settings.

A GUIDE FOR: OUR WORKFORCE

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You will better understand your roles and shared responsibility for improving the outcomes of children and young people with SEND and those attending Alternative Provision (AP). By enhancing knowledge, resources, and training, you will be better equipped to provide early, sustained support and smoother transitions.



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What the priorities mean for you

Inclusive and sustainable provision: You will have the capacity and confidence to identify and support a wide range of needs, as early as possible. Decisions made will consider value for money, and how to promote the best outcome for children and young people.

Effective partnership working: You will know how to work with across the council, NHS South-East London Integrated Care Board (ICB), and schools to provide the best support.

Smooth transitions with early preparation: You will benefit from targeted SEND training and access key information and resources to develop positive pathways for children, young people and their families through every stage of transition.

Earlier preparation for adulthood: We will enhance your understanding of Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) outcomes and SEND career pathways, so that you can better help young people, and their families navigate future opportunities, including post-18 transitions.

Developing our workforce across the partnership: A universal SEND training programme will refresh your knowledge and develop your confidence, with ongoing support from the Designated Social Care Officer (DSCO) and Designated Clinical Officer (DCO).

Amplifying the voice of children, young people, and families: You will regularly engage with children, young people and their families in a meaningful way, ensuring feedback is acted upon and co-production is embedded in decision-making processes.

Timely re-integration to mainstream for those in Alternative Provision: You will work collaboratively to provide wraparound support for children and young people in Alternative Provision, ensuring timely re-integration into mainstream settings where appropriate, and supporting them to achieve positive educational outcomes and access to the opportunities they want.