

SEND Strategic Priorities 2022 to 2023



Our vision

In Bromley, we are ambitious for all children and young people to thrive, to feel healthy and happy and maintain positive physical and mental health.

Where additional support is required, we aim to meet their needs locally, enabling them to live, learn, and work as independently as possible in their local community, empowered by sustainable and inclusive support.

For children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), this means we need to:

Improve and further develop our graduated approach across Education, Health and Social Care for all children and young people (birth - 25).

Have a stronger focus on early intervention, assessment, planning and support through working with families, partner agencies, education settings and the voluntary and community sector.

Make sure that our early years' settings, mainstream and special schools, as well as post-16 settings, are effective in ensuring children and young people with SEND make good progress in their learning and in their personal and social development.

Enable all our children and young people to transfer successfully to the next stage of their education, training, or employment and to transition to an independent adult life.

Live within our means. The SEND Partnership has a responsibility to ensure resources are used sustainably.

Our priorities

We propose five main priority areas for the next year.



PRIORITY 1

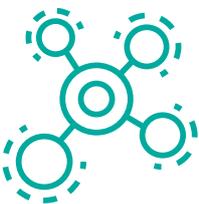
Embed effective engagement with parents, children and young people and all partners as central to the delivery of better outcomes



PRIORITY 2

Children and young people receive early support through universal and targeted provision, reducing reliance on specialist provision

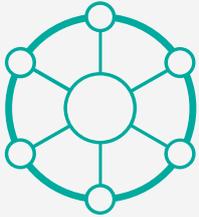
We want to improve support across the age range for children and young people who have SEND. We want to develop greater confidence, skills and competencies in mainstream schools and settings to meet consistently the needs of children and young people with SEND.



PRIORITY 3

Increase local capacity across education, health and social care for children and young people with more complex needs

We want to provide more timely high-quality provision and better coordinated support for children and young people with more complex needs and their families.



PRIORITY 4

Ensure robust multi-agency decision making processes are embedded across the SEND Partnership enabling sustainable, timely integrated support for children and young people with more complex needs and their families

Collaboration between education, health, and social care services to provide support, including enhancement of jointly commissioned services and better coordination of approaches to deliver better outcomes for children and young people with SEND.



PRIORITY 5

Enable all our children and young people to transfer successfully to the next stage of their education or into employment, and to transfer to an independent adult life in their local community



Why are we doing this?

We want all children and young people with SEND in Bromley and their families to feel valued, empowered and included in their communities.

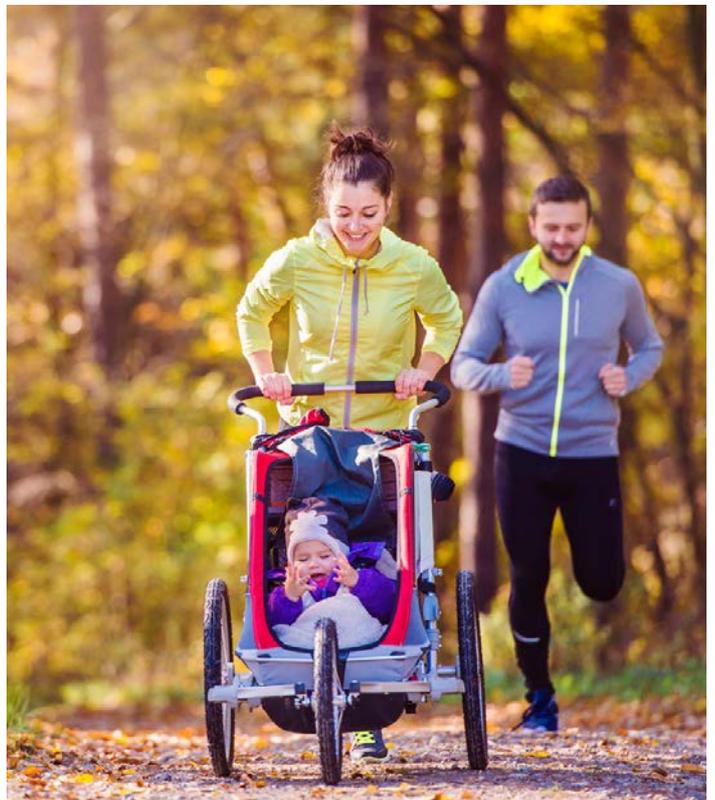
We want to continually improve our support and practice. We are doing well for many of our children and young people with SEND but we can do more to make our services more inclusive.

We must address demand pressures for which Bromley is an outlier. The number of children and young people with EHC plans is rapidly increasing in Bromley, significantly faster than nationally.

We want to make sure that multi-agency decision making ensures we have the best possible arrangements in place across the SEND Partnership to make the right plans for our children and young people.

This includes working openly and collaboratively with children, young people, and their families to support and guide them through their education and care pathways to achieve strong outcomes and become independent adults.

We need to make the best use of the resources to make a difference. As costs and demand are continuing exponential increase, we need to develop more local and inclusive provision, supporting more children and young people at universal and targeted level and reducing the dependence on specialist provision.



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