

Developing the new SEND Strategy 2021 – 2023

In February 2020 we launched our “Time to listen....about SEND” campaign, to provide a way to work across Suffolk with everyone with an interest in SEND, to develop a new SEND strategy for 2020 – 2023.

We also developed a one-page infographic to support conversations with parents and carers, practitioners across education, health and care and children and young people. Supporting everyone to have conversations and gather valuable ideas and suggestions that could be used to develop our new strategy.

In the early stages of this work we had over 35 schools representatives signed up to be SEND champions, received 53 responses to the online survey, attended forums and events to gather ideas, ran drop in sessions, attended team meetings, distributed posters and flyers across Suffolk and worked closely with our young person’s network and Suffolk Parent Carer Network to ensure views could be captured.

Unfortunately, in March the COVID pandemic meant we had to pause the development of the new strategy that we had made such a great start on.

Having reviewed the current situation, we believe that we should now re-start the work on the strategy, because we need to have a new shared plan to take forward our work on SEND in 2021, and we cannot be certain when the pandemic will end. The plan is to follow a very similar process to the work we started in early 2020. Obviously, this will need to be a more virtual process. We hope that you will want to contribute.

How to collect feedback and be part of the strategy development during November, December and January:

- Use the updated [infographic](#) to support conversations with your teams, colleagues, families, children and young people during.
- Complete the feedback information included in the [infographic](#).

The feedback provided from across the SEND system will be used to develop a draft strategy document, that will then be shared via a wider public consultation process in February 2021. At the end of this process we will incorporate any additional feedback and produce a new SEND Strategy for 2021 – 2023, live in April 2021.