

**SEN and Disabled Children's Team**

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**Please ask for: SEN Team**  
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8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent / Headteacher / Professional,

**West Berkshire draft SEND Strategy 2018 to 2023: Consultation**

West Berkshire Council and partners across the health, education and voluntary sector, together with parents and carers, have developed a new draft strategy for children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The draft SEND Strategy sets out our vision for children with SEND in West Berkshire, the outcomes we want to see for our children and young people and the actions we plan to take to achieve this over the next 5 years.

Please read the draft SEND Strategy which you can find by following this link:  
[www.westberks.gov.uk/sendstrategy2018](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/sendstrategy2018) .

We would really like to hear your views about our draft strategy. We are therefore launching a consultation which will begin on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** and ends on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** (midnight).

*We would like to request that schools provide a copy of this letter for all parents of children with SEND who are resident in West Berkshire.*

*If you have received this letter as a representative of an agency or team, please feel free to forward it to other members of your organisation who may wish to respond.*

**How can you be involved in helping to shape our strategy?**

1. You can complete our questionnaire by using the link below. This should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.  
[www.westberks.gov.uk/sendstrategy2018](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/sendstrategy2018)

2. You can also attend one of our strategy consultation events being held on the following dates and at the following locations:

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June - 9.30am-11.30am and 7pm-9pm**

The Phoenix Centre, Newtown Road, Newbury, RG14 7EB

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June - 9.30am-11.30am and 7pm-9pm**

Best Western Calcot Hotel, 98 Bath Road, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7QN

Everyone is welcome to attend the consultation events, but we need to know numbers attending due to venue size and so that we can provide enough refreshments. You can register your interest to take part in these consultation events by visiting [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk), and following these steps:

- Search in the search field for 'SEND Strategy Consultation'
- Select the meeting that you would like to attend and then click on the green 'Register' on the right hand side of the page.
- Select how many people attending and click 'Checkout'. You will then be asked to provide your details.
- Once you have filled these in click on the green 'Complete registration'.

Please let us know if possible by 19<sup>th</sup> June which event you would like to attend.

3. The draft strategy and questionnaire are also available in paper format; if you would like to receive the documents in this format, please either telephone 01635 519713 or email [SENTeam@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:SENTeam@westberks.gov.uk)

*If you would like help to complete the questionnaire please contact the West Berkshire Parent Carer Forum on: 07860942280 or [wbpfcf@roseroad.org.uk](mailto:wbpfcf@roseroad.org.uk)*

### **What happens after the consultation?**

When the consultation has closed, we will publish an anonymised summary of comments received, explaining where we have changed any proposals. Where we have not made changes to our proposals, we will explain why. We will make this available as widely as possible. We will then publish our final SEND Strategy in autumn 2018.

This is your opportunity to help us shape our draft strategy into a final plan, setting our commitment and direction for SEND in West Berkshire for the next five years.

We hope that you will complete the questionnaire and / or attend one of the consultation meetings. We look forward to hearing your views.

Thank you in advance

Yours sincerely,

**Nina Bhakri**  
**SEND Strategy Officer**