# Our strategy for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Our vision for children and young people with SEND

‘Our vision is to champion and improve the experiences and outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and to ensure that they are listened to and heard; they are the healthiest they can be, are safe and feel safe, accepted and valued, able to enjoy, have fun, and prepared for their futures.’

Partners are committed to:

* Understanding SEND being everyone’s responsibility.
* Placing children, young people and the family at the heart of the SEND system.
* Actions that make sense to all stakeholders.
* Responding to new and emerging issues.
* Measuring and monitoring the delivery of key priorities.
* A governance structure with clear challenge and assurance.
* Working together as a partnership across the local area.
* Strong communications across the partnership.
* Learning from the lived experience of, and demonstrating the impact on, children and young people, and their families.

Our outcomes for children and young people with SEND

* **I need to be listened to and heard.**
* **I need to be the healthiest I can be.**
* **I need to be safe and feel safe.**
* **I need to be accepted and valued by people I trust.**
* **I need to be prepared for my future.**
* **I need to enjoy life and have fun.**

The partnership’s commitment to working with children and young people, and their families:

* Listen and learn.
* Build/re-build trust and relationships.
* Ensure feedback influences and informs our improvement activity.
* Enable as many people as possible to understand, and contribute to, our improvement journey.
* Work with children, young people and families to evidence progress and impact.
* Respect and recognise the range of different experiences felt by children, young people, and families.

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Useful resources

* [The local area partnership SEND strategy 2024-2027](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/nottinghamshire-local-area-send-strategy)
* [Nottinghamshire’s SEND local offer](https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/site.page?id=ByiSH1_KndU)

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